

Sports Car Club of New Hampshire
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Meeting called to order: 7pm.

Members attending: David Girardo, Terry Murphy IV, Dan Francis, Dave Burden, Diane Burden, Charlie Parsons, George & Maureen Sherbeck, Donna Stevens, Gary Brundrett, Dave Estey, Terry Murphy III, Howard Roundy, John Stevens, Dan Aundrey, Drew Young, George Young, Dana Boyd, Brian Gunner,

General Administration:

The minutes of our January meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Membership report:

Dan F. reported we have 21 regular and 14 life memberships. You can renew your membership online.

Treasurer's report:

George reported on the current balances of our accounts.

We reviewed the club's 2011 appointed positions from the January meeting. We have an opening for our points keeper position. Mark would like to step down. Dave G. will search for a volunteer for this position.

Autocross report:

Terry reported we have a wintercross coming up on February 27th. Rules and regs are on our website. Set up for the event will be early Sunday morning if people want to volunteer to help. It will be a simple course with a thin layer of snow. A pallet of cones will be available if we need them. We will need a vehicle for timing if they don't bring the trailer. The event will be run with autocross safety rules, no SUVs because of the tipping danger. No studded tires of any kind.

Terry is continuing to research club trailer tires. The trailer could use two replacements. Discussion took place about making changes to the trailer windows, such as possibly using plexiglass for example.

The proposed autocross budget was handed out tonight. We will have 7 autocross events at NHMS and 1 hobo event. We averaged 53 participants per event last year. Dave G pointed out we have a sponsor for each event so we added \$1200 to the budget for sponsorship. Motion was made to accept the budget with sponsorship. Seconded. Vote carried.

Winter cross is not in the points for the season.

Discussion of the Rumble came up and how there were 9 out of 10 teams from SCCNH and only 1 from another club. The original thought of the Rumble was to get other clubs involved. The thought for this year is to have a run-off for 5 teams from SCCNH and leave 5 teams open for other clubs. How this is going to work will be left to the Autocross and Rumble chairs.

Hillclimb report:

Drew proposed the budget for the Spring 2011 Ascutney event. Howard made a motion to accept. Terry seconded. Discussion began. \$150 was added to the insurance and \$800 was added for handheld batteries. Other numbers were the same as the previous year. Our goal is to get sponsorship to earn a net gain. This event may have a number of entries warming up for the Mt Washington hillclimb. Entries in the Fall were 37 and in the Spring were 52. Dave G. added that we are still looking for sponsorship for this event. Discussion ended. Motion was made to approve the budget. Vote carried.

2011 Events/NHMS schedule/NHMS website – Howard:

Howard will ask Kevin if he could move the Sept 10th Drift event to Sept 11th – the same day as our autocross. Howard will check with NHMS to make sure all our events are listed on their web site.

Karting/Scavenger Hunt report:

Dan F. & Dave G. reported. One team entered the scavenger hunt portion of the event. 20 drivers entered the karting event and everyone had fun. We lost \$200 on the event, but gained a sponsor for one of the autocrosses. There are videos of the event in the news section of the club website.

Mt. Washington Hillclimb report (June 24-26, 2011):

Drew reported that according to Paul G they have filled the 12 vintage car spots and have 31 entries for the regular cars. The NEHA classes are under-subscribed so they may open it to other hillclimb groups (PA hillclimbers mentioned). Paul G is continuing to work on logistics and other events throughout the weekend.

George reported: we are providing insurance for the event on the race course itself. We will have spectator marshalls. We will be down at the start, at the half way point, Cragway turn (VIP area) and the finish line. We need people from our club to work these areas. Hikers need to be kept off the road. Corner workers will help too as defined later. Signs will be posted at trail crossings. The major trail at Cragway needs to be monitored. The goal of the marshalls is to keep spectators safe. Someone other than our club will be handling trail crossers. They will need 30 workers. Two have signed up so far.

We will need at least 8 people at the base working the booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8am-8pm. George is our contact person for signing up to work. People who are organizing the event are soliciting volunteers, corner workers and trail people. If you work all three days you get two t-shirts from Vermont Sports Car and SCCNH volunteers will get one from our club. We are hoping for a good mix of car people working the booth young and old, women and men to appeal to all ages of car enthusiasts. Paul G. will be at the NEHA banquet.

TSD Rally report:

Howard reported he has permission to use a TSD rally all set up in the Loudon area. He would like to run it in late July. Howard will talk to Don Taylor about equipment and get it set up.

New Business

Dave Burden proposed buying a wireless PA system that can be used at Ascutney as well as other events. It can come with 2 remote PA speakers and 2 walkie talkies. It would be very useful at the hillclimb to communicate back to the Oak lean-to area and the drivers in line. The proposal was tabled. Dave will bring a final proposal with price and options to the March meeting.

The NEHA rules meeting and awards banquet is this Saturday. Final rules proposals are up on the www.hillclimb.org website.

Dave E. issued a press release detailing upcoming events and is looking for reporters to cover them. We are listed on several calendars including www.where2race.com. We are the first east coast club listed on the west coast calendar site.

Sponsorship programs

Concord Motorsports is sponsoring our Winter rallycross coming Feb 27th.

Terry Murphy III will sponsor the Rumble as well as the first event of the year.

November 2010 minutes approved tonight since copies were not available at January's meeting.

Dave B changed the monthly meetings to the 2nd Friday of each month. Next meeting will be March 11th, same time and place.

George S asked if we could drop one score on the autocross events. Terry said it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Mtg ended 8:09p.

Executive session:

Howard, George Y., Dave G., Charlie P., Dave B., Diane B.,

We discussed the appeal from Jamie M over the actions taken after the Sept 2010 Ascutney event. After reviewing the information provided by Jamie M the board agreed to overturn his ban. We will amend the October 2010 minutes to reflect this action, send him a letter and post this decision in the Feb 2011 minutes.