

SSSCC February 2007 Club Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2007

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm by Lynn Rogers, President. 16 members present.

Old Business

- There were two weekend Winter Heat events since last meeting. The January event was cold but 45 cars showed up to autocross on Saturday and 35 stuck it out on Sunday. The Saturday event in February was beautiful weather for the 77 drivers making their appearance and even the wind on Sunday couldn't keep 66 drivers away. Great course designs for these events, lots of driving fun.
- The classing decisions made in January took effect and were well received. The Ladies class seems more fair since ST classes were allowed. The Street Tire class is not showing any sign of negative effect from the changes.
- Membership is starting off strongly with JoAnn Hare taking over for Tom Case as Chief of Membership. We currently have 72 active paid members equaling \$1260 in dues.
- The new online registration service is working well. More enhancements are on the way.
- Treasurer's Report- The January event grossed \$1500 from registration and \$870 in membership dues. Outgoing monies included insurance \$700, site rental \$300, trophies \$200. Total net was a loss of \$200. The February event brought in \$2750 at registration and \$320 in membership dues. Cost of operation included lot fee \$300, insurance \$250, trophies \$200 with a net profit of \$2300. The current bank account balance is \$6000, pre-paid insurance is \$1900 and \$150 in cash box bringing the cash equivalent to \$8200. We currently hold \$19,000 worth of capital equipment. The club's total net worth is \$27,100.

New Business

- Discussion opened on the topic of purchases needed before Points Season opening events in March. Promo cards with the season schedule printed on them will be ready to print when the last events are 100% secured. Approximately \$500 of new timing cables needed as old ones broke and are showing bare spots. Bob will be ordering a new supply of wrist band waivers releases. Within the coming couple of weeks Lynn will be purchasing more blank timing cards and season awards. Labels for the label printers are also needed as we are printing more since using the barcode as well as timing card labels. It was suggested that the club might be in need of a few more cones, especially green ones. Lynn will look into costs for cones. Estimate these purchases to amount to \$2000.
- Lynn brought up the issue of the number of unclaimed novice trophies from last year. The question was raised whether to continue doing the nice novice trophy for first through third place each event. The thought is that the nice trophy encourages novices to stay and come back, making it a quest to receive a trophy, however, several novice trophies were not claimed last year. It was suggested that the nice big trophy be give for first only and paper certificates for second through fifth. The winning solution came from a member who proposed we continue to provide the nice big trophies for first through third but eliminate the writing of the event name/date on the trophy therefore making it possible to use again at another event if becomes unclaimed. Unanimous agreement with this idea.
- The club purchased 4 season passes for the Dust Devils home schedule as part of the deal for the use of the lot. Lynn proposed giving them out as extra awards to class winners. There are enough games to give out four tickets to the winner of 12 classes each Saturday event. Since we have 14 classes we would exclude Novice class and K2 (Junior Kart) from eligibility and thus have the 12 classes.
- Lynn has set a date of March 24th for a chief meeting to review event jobs and discuss chief roles.
- The club will be doing annual tech inspection where a comprehensive tech inspection that is passed will allow that car to run all season without event day tech inspections. Class changing modifications void Annual tech approval. Tech chiefs may do random tech inspections during the season. To qualify for Annual tech a driver must have at least two full seasons of SSSCC participation and must be an active member of the club. Proposed date is March 24th following the chief meeting. The tech sheet that Allen Hare created will be posted on the website and available at registration.
- The 2007 fee structure will be in effect starting the March event.

Non-member/ Not pre-registered	\$30 one day / \$50 two day
Non-member/ Pre-registered	\$25 one day / \$40 two day
Member/Not pre-registered	\$25 one day / \$40 two day
Member/ Pre-registered	\$20 one day / \$35 two day
Non-member Student	\$20 one day / \$35 two day
Member Student	\$15 one day / \$25 two day

- Event Calendar

2007 Season

March 31/April 1	TCR
April 28/29	Yakima Sun Dome
May 27/28	Dust Devils
June 16/17	TCR
July 7	TCR-Night event with double points
Sep 1/ 2/3	Dust Devils
Oct 13/14	TCR-Two day combined time event

Aug date TBA
June

Rally
Drivers School

The April 28/29 event at Yakima Sun Dome is an event planned with YVSCC car show that is to be held at Bob Hall Mazda on Sunday. Autocross participants are encouraged to visit the show at lunch Sunday to show their support. Probable Saturday evening gathering of autocross and show participants somewhere for dinner and socializing. Vehicles traveling in for the show may participate in autocross on Saturday only. Bob Hall Mazda is considering assisting SSSCC with site fees as well as promotional efforts. If no assistance is provided, the site costs will be around \$2000 for the weekend. Total event costs could reach \$3000. The worst case estimate needs nearly 200 participants over two days to break even. Our February events had 144 participants over two days. If Bob Hall Mazda is willing to provide assistance of \$1000 then we should be able to make it work. Lynn is waiting for final confirmation. We have offered to pay back all or a portion of Bob Hall's assistance if our income exceeds our costs. Even if we only break even or lose a little, we stand to reach a number of new people who may attend future events. Long term benefits must be considered. If this does not become a viable option, the club event will be held at TCR.

- Drivers School is set tentatively for May 26th. There is a 40 student limit with 10 instructors. The entry fee is \$50 which includes lunch. A challenge format is planned which will focus on helping novices and intermediate level autocrossers fine tune their skills. This is a fun format with a competitive aspect that pits the instructor against the student. A long, highly technical, course design is planned. The course will be more difficult than typical event courses forcing students to memorize certain elements and to learn to look ahead. This will also provide instructors with more to critique. It is a slower format with fewer runs which should keep the instructors from getting exhausted.
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- Course Design volunteers needed

January - Lynn Rogers
February - Victor Livengood
March -
April - Lynn Rogers
May -
June -
July -
September - Lynn Rogers
October -

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm