

# FCSCC Meeting Minutes

8/05/08 – 7:09 pm

## *Member Attendees:*

Erica Bonomi	Tom Bracci
Jim Jaffe	Keith Scala
Stan Marceiwicz	John Williamson
Mary Williamson	Dennis Polio Sr.
Dennis Polio Jr.	

## **I. Treasurer's Report**

- 64 paid members at this time
- Income for last 3 events: \$11,186.00 (August outstanding not taken out yet)
- Dennis is preparing tax return for income (Form 990) for 2007. Must put in exempt purposes for form
- Purchased: 2<sup>nd</sup> laptop – IBM ThinkPad with Windows XPPro

Motion to purchase replacement tech tape – get several skinny rolls of blue tape, some white masking tape for blue cars – motion passed

Motion to purchase all-in-one printer that can copy results, work list, motion to purchase QuickBooks for accounting – motion passed

## **II. 7/6, 7/13, 8/3 Debriefing**

- Currently still using unique numbers
- All cars are numbered AND classed during tech
- Calling number and class for workers is not working – trailer requests no class as overlapping radio traffic was confusing
- Would be best if class letters were called at start (starter calls these when car pulls up), separate channel (13) for starter

### Unique Numbers Issue

Unique numbers are troublesome only for the pre-registration – however, next year we can fix this through the My Auto Events (MAE). For the next event, and the rest of this year, the President proposes we continue to use unique numbers for cars, but also to continue labeling cars with number AND class. However, calling in the class from workers isn't working well. So, only the starter should call in class.

As a result, for the rest of this year, you have to pre-register early to get your desired number. As soon as one event happens, the next pre-registration opens.

There has been a huge benefit in the past 2 events from entering registration information with the laptop computer at the registration table – things are going well earlier in the morning, faster moving for walk-ins, as the people filling out walk-in forms are available for clarification, class assignment, etc.

Motion from the group: charge a separate fee for walk-ins for members/non-members (like a train – buying before or on the train) Group recommends somewhere from \$5-15. We will need to increase the cap of members because there will be more no-shows. This is meant as an incentive to pre-register to make the preparation work easier.

Motion passed for fee. Motion passed for \$5. (Note: Eventually we can raise this fee if we want to.)

New fee will begin at the next event (9/14/08) – the President will email member list, pre-registered list, and FCSCC yahoo group. A note will be placed on the FCSCC site as well.

Motion to add 2<sup>nd</sup> armbands to list work shift, car#, car class at registration table. Motion passed. John Williamson to order bands.

Heard around club: Work schedule is unsavory – 2 hours is a lot, repeating is a pain, too many people at workstations. Due to required number of positions, this will continue for the rest of the season. However, we will change the numbers for work shifts to be numbered consecutively 1-8 instead of 1-4 repeat for armband/novice ease. We can look to change this for next season.

#### Instructors for first timers/rookies

Work shift will now make a position of instructors for first session (subsequent sessions will require a request). The only problem with this is that our Flag Start system makes it more haphazard – instructors must be ready to hop into cars and stay near the grid.

- Motion to create instructor list: passed.
- Educate first timers also – they need to use 2<sup>nd</sup> driver lane
- Grid person needs copy of list of instructors/car numbers
- Current instructor list:
  - Erica Bonomi
  - Tom Bracci
  - Mark Daddio
  - Jim Jaffe
  - Mike Lodsine
  - Stan Marceiwicz
  - Dennis Polio Sr.
  - Dennis Polio Jr.
  - Keith Scala
  - John Williamson

Please contact us if you have instructed/would like to instruct.

#### Website

Results – if we set up blank pages for the rest of the results for the year, someone else can upload for a speedy results posting. Blank pages can contain, “not posted yet,” then anyone designated can rename the file and upload it in.

- 3 additional people will have access: President, Secretary, Stan Marceiwicz
- Secretary still needs to get graphics for site modernization

#### Flag System Issues

People are not paying attention to flag person.

- Boomboxes or small, *quiet* PA near the results LCD – closer to fence.
- Flagger should have radio.
- Possible: Specific color post-it workers put on their cars so that flagger doesn't have to wait? This may be too confusing/circumvented. We need to add this to the safety meeting list.

### III. 9/14-28/08 Event Planning

9/14/08: Keith Scala to design course – needs help to set up on Saturday 9/13/08

Chair: Keith Scala

9/28/08: Course design: 9/28/08

Chair: Jeff Guerrero

### IV. Additional Notes, Suggestions, Information

Jim Jaffe/Stan requesting members' only event in August – lower pressure, August 24<sup>th</sup>

It is possible to save money piggybacking a Saturday Test & Tune to a Sun event is possible, but for now,

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> is a go for a FCSCC Test & Tune event.**

- President to check with Stratford/AVCO on this
- Stan Marceiwicz/Jim Jaffe to organize – donations will be smaller than normal, as event is last-minute

Trophies: the club needs to order more trophies – 1<sup>st</sup> place is out. Vice President to handle this.

Runoff car: Bill Rainey has multiple cars – Brown bobcat is available, but he is concerned because he is familiar with it and drives it at most events. Tires will need to be purchased.

Meeting adjourned motion passed: 9:38pm.

**REMINDER: Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: TEST AND TUNE EVENT AT THE STRATFORD NORTH LOT. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**