

Sports Car Club of New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2007

Start Time: SCCNH Vice President, Howard Roundy brought the SCCNH monthly meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Members Present: Paul Giblin, Howard Roundy, Elaine Roundy, Donna Stevens, Bill Bennert, Dave Burden, Diane Burden, Gary Brundrett, Josh Pearl, George Young.

Treasurer's Report: George Young addressed the Treasurer report. The last Auto-X event made \$484.00 because of the attendance and new members. The checking account balance is currently \$3,418.34. Expenses for last month included the renewal of the internet access, postage and the registration of the trailer. Howard made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Dave Burden seconded.

Paul asked George if he would like to continue as Treasurer for next year. Josh Pearl said he would be interested in shadowing George for 2008.

Secretary's Report: Paul Giblin distributed minutes of the June meeting. Gary asked if we have copies of the minutes from past meetings. Paul said that they probably only exist electronically. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Howard Roundy and seconded by Gary Brundrett.

Membership Report: Paul reported that our membership is at 96! We would like to break 100. We have members from all 6 New England states - Howard said that the email addresses are not always valid. Paul also thanked Jaime for the wonderful job of keeping the membership up-to-date. Bill asked if our insurance rate would break based on membership count.

Old Business:

Autocross: Bill and Howard reported on the #3 event. Overall the Auto-X event was great. No negative comments from anyone on the new course and we got in 6 runs each and that worked out really well. We also tried doing more than 2 cars on the course at the same time but we have to keep a very close eye on it if we try that again. We even had a kart show up for the event. The course was slower and longer but we still got 6 runs. Work assignments were handed out and every participant got a session off which was really nice. Comment was made that if we got a tech tag team, we should be able to get started sooner. The next event (#4) will be August 19th at NHIS. Trailer has been registered – thank you George.

Cones: Howard stated that we definitely need cones for the Hobo event. It was suggested that we use 18" that go for \$4-6.00 each. Howard proposed that we get 100 cones at a budget of \$600.00. Motion made to purchase the cones at no more than \$600.00 made by Howard and seconded by Gary. Discussion – do you want orange or green? Orange. We can stencil SCCNH on them to assure that they are ours.

Concord Airport: Howard distributed aerial views of Concord Airport. At the last Auto-X event, Mr. Ferno invited Howard to visit the Concord Airport site. Last Saturday Josh, Bill and Howard visited Concord Airport while they were conducting an AAA teen driver training session.

It is at least 100 yards from the National Guard fence. The entire grass area is dedicated to butterfly conservation. The runway is roughly 1000' length and 150' wide, with a hanger (4 bays). If you pick the wrong weekend you could be interrupted by the airplanes that have to have access to the hanger. Howard is suggesting the weekend of October 21st. Howard still needs to contact the airport manager. What should we do about access control and insurance? Do we need EMT or ambulance coverage? We may need to go through several levels of city government to make this happen. The biggest problem we will have is that we only have 7-8 weeks to get this finalized. Access is kind of funky – you have to put someone at the gate at all times to open the electronic gate from the inside. George asked if this doesn't go through, should we still invest in \$600.00 of cones? Suggestion was made by Donna Stevens to look into Laconia Airport in Gilford also. Gary made a motion for Howard to find a suitable site for an October event and to only spend \$1000.00 including the cost of insurance and if it happens to exceed \$1000.00 Howard will notify the rest of the Board. George Young seconded the motion.

RoadRally: Don Taylor was not present to discuss.

New Business:

2007 SCCNH Fall Mt. Ascutney Hillclimb: Dave Burden has offered to be the chair and we also need a more seasoned person as back-up too – Dave has contacted Don Taylor and we will know this weekend. Diane Burden will do registration. (**July 23, 2007 Update:** Don Taylor has agreed to serve as the Co-Chair with Dave Burden for the Fall SCCNH Mt. Ascutney Hillclimb.)

Discussion on fees: We lost money on the entry fees in the spring. Should we increase the fees? Denise Patten is not a fan of the cancellation fee and others at the meeting are not so maybe we should consider increasing the entry fee. If we have an early-bird fee, then 2 weeks prior to the event it increases, that might help get folks to register earlier. Dave Burden mentioned that in the past we were supposed to include \$5.00 in the fee for lunch and drinks for the corner workers and he didn't see that happen in the Spring. Paul suggested that the entry fee be increased to \$135.00 and after Tuesday, September 4th, 2007, the entry fee would increase by \$25 to \$160.00. Dave Burden suggested that lunches be provided for drivers in the entry fee for both Saturday and Sunday – those in attendance agreed. In addition, Paul suggested the possibility of presenting the winners of each Class with a \$10.00 bill as a way to say thanks and to help defray fuel expenses. Those in attendance agreed with the suggestion. In addition, SCCNH will continue to buy the "beverages" for the wire crew and for workers at the end of day Saturday and Sunday. Dave & Diane Burden will also be cooking dinner on Saturday night and everyone at the event is invited to enjoy the meal at no additional charge!

The other issue discussed was that some vehicles were unable to be towed at the spring hill climb – primarily the Limo. In the future, if a vehicle is not able to be towed as determined by the Chief of Tech, it will not be allowed to compete. Don Taylor's concern was that there wasn't enough chassis strength and it might flex breaking the windshield. Technical inspectors will have the final say at Mt. Ascutney as to whether or not a vehicle should be allowed to compete. The group in attendance agreed to insert this new requirement in the flier for the fall hillclimb. Paul stated that appreciated everyone's contribution – he felt it was a very good discussion.

Marketing Promotions: We need to market the club. Josh was wondering if we could do some marketing and advertising and/or pass out flyers, set up a booth somewhere – Josh offered to help out when he could or possibly ask one of the drivers (ie: Dave Patten) to have his car at an event on display. We could have some flyers at the Auto-X for the Hillclimb and flyers at the Hillclimb for the Auto-X with some incentive – "try 3 and get one free". Maybe if you win your class – you get a gas card and cash back. Killington does a worker raffle too (but we don't usually have any problem with workers at Mt. Ascutney). Paul will make the flyers for the fall hillclimb and get them to Dave Burden.

Paul brought up the possibility of creating a marketing committee in 2008 that deals with the promotion of SCCNH events and suggested that he may want to get involved with it as well.

Other Business:

Safety issue at Auto-X: Josh has a concern about what is required to be removed from the car for an Auto-X. If it's secured, it can stay in the car. Regarding helmets – all helmets must have Snell 2000 or better to be used or an FIA Standard 8860-2004 sticker. We will post a notice at the trailer regarding the helmet requirements as well as on the SCCNH web site.

Christmas Party: We're on for Saturday, December 8th at the American Legion in Loudon. Corinne Wait has offered to chair the event. Planning the same buffet style and Yankee Swap.

Josh made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; Bill seconded. Paul Giblin called the meeting to a close at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Stevens (on behalf of Corinne Wait, Executive Secretary)

NOTE: The next Club Meeting will be held Friday, August 17, 2007 @ 7:30PM at the Windmill Restaurant, Loudon Rd. Concord, NH. SCCNH VP Howard Roundy will chair the event.