



Sports Car Club of New Hampshire

Minutes of the Meeting – June 5, 2019 Makris Lobster & Steak House, Concord NH

Call to Order: SCCNH President, Nick Wilson called the sixth business meeting of 2019 to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members attending: (President) Nick Wilson, (Vice-President) Rob Widdick, (Treasurer) Brittni Widdick, (Corresponding Secretary) Charlie Parsons, (Executive Secretary) Calvin Demerath, (Past President) Paul Giblin, Drew Young, Gary Brundrett, Gary Smith, George Young, Howard Roundy, Ian Cook, Art Heath, John Santos, Rick Staley, Jason Hopkins, David Singer, Jay Madnick

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed from the SCCNH meeting on May 1st. Motion was made to accept as submitted. (Charlie/Art)

Treasurer's Report: Brittni reports that accounts are in good standing and outstanding bills have been paid. Drew is still authorized on the account and will be responsible for writing any reimbursement checks if Brittni isn't available, as she is due in the coming weeks. (Paul/Art)

Membership Report: Rob on behalf of Katie states that we have 177 total members, 160 regular and 17 life. Membership cards will be going out this week with the sponsor branding. (Art/Jason)

Programs

Autocross Report: Rick reports that Autocross 2 went well with 68 members in attendance, each getting 11 timed runs. Autocross school had 15 students. So far we have had nothing but good feedback from those who attended. We had 3 or 4 students attend the following days autocross as well. Autocross 3 went well despite some organizational issues. We had 56 drivers attend with 11 runs each on a 60 second course. This concluded the 4th consecutive week of events for the club, we may want to consider spacing events when setting the schedule next year.

At this time, we have 66 Saturday and 64 Sunday registrations for Canaan.

Paul brought up an event format used in the past of a gymkhana type event where a co-driver navigates a blindfolded driver around a course.

Nick reports that we are considering a rumble/team type event this year, potentially at the go kart track at Club Motorsport. Also, SCCA NER is holding a charity event for the Race Against Leukemia August 3rd and 4th. They have asked for help organizing and promoting an autocross in the S1 lot. We are sorting out the details with their organizers. They have the lot rented for Sunday but don't plan to use it, and it has been offered to us. We would need to secure insurance and the ambulance if we choose to run an event. This could be good exposure for our club and is a chance to build relationships with other regional clubs.

Nick reports that the track called about us having too many cars at the entrance to the S1 lot at Sunday's event. He did address the issue at the event, but we will need to watch this in the future as well. The only car that should be up there in the future would be of the person working gate. If people need assistance moving around the event, please let us know and we will try to accommodate. The track maintenance staff have also requested that we not grid behind the building on the access road so that they can move about freely.

Spectator rules – As a reminder, we do not have spectators, only workers. This is due to our insurance. We do allow work assignments such as "Pit Crew", "Photographer", "Publicity", and other non-driving roles. If you have people coming out to "work" an event, make sure they check in at the gate as such.

Hillclimb Report: Nick reports on behalf of Mike R. Ascutney 1 on the short course was a big success and had 6 first time rookies as well. Venessa relayed that she was pleased with all the checkpoint workers but was concerned about some of the software with the wireless timing.

Calvin talked about being a first-time rookie on the hill. Overall it was a great experience and I'm definitely hooked!

Ian reports that they had a successful wireless timing test prior to the event. They were able to make it to check 6 with the radios as they were setup, but they could use better antennas to get to the top. Plan B is to make a setup with the brick radios. They ran all Saturday afternoon on the wireless until the batteries died. On Sunday the event was run all day on the brick radios. We did have a driver go off on the fam run on Sunday morning, the incident was coordinated via the wireless without an issue. Additionally, the car cut the cable as it went off and did not impact operation of the event.

We will be using the Brick radios moving forward and the handhelds will continue to work with this system going forward. We should be able to do this in the original budget.

Ian reports that timing was setup for Sunday, and it worked decently. He is hoping to do a full test at Okemo. The software is a bit difficult to use but should work. A dedicated, rugged/waterproof laptop is likely needed for this setup.

Nick would like to know who we need for a team for timing and scoring. Right now, it is just Ian and Cory and we want to make sure they aren't overloaded. It was suggested we send an email blast or post a Facebook message about this to gather interest.

Great job Ian and Cory! We really appreciate the work you are putting into this system.

Old Business:

Website update: The work is ongoing, and we are a couple months out, but it is looking good.

Membership Perks: With the sponsorship of our events this year from Granite Subaru, we are also receiving perks for our members! This will include 15% off parts and labor and cars at dealer cost. You must present the membership card in order to take advantage of this offer.

New Business

2019 Drivers Championship: There is still an interested in offering rallies and a championship, but we are seeking an event chair to run and organize these types of events, as many of our other event directors are spread thin this year. If anyone has an idea for who may be interested in helping organize this type of event, please let Rob know. Other event types we may be interested in bringing to the club include winter sports, car shows, gymkhana, etc.

Paul mentions that as we get into Mt. Washington event planning next year, we will want to make sure that we don't spread ourselves out too thin or burn out any of our organizers.

General Discussion:

David brought up the idea of night/weekday events. This could work for a rally style event and could bring in a different crowd than we normally see as many people's weekends fill up with other events.

Paul suggests that we may want to come up with a business plan/5-year plan for where we would like to see the club. This would help us determine what types of new events, marketing, and staffing we may want to focus on in the coming years. We could potentially be just as successful with fewer events. Plus, down time between events can help us in a number of ways. A plan can help make sure we are doing the right things for the club.

Rob reports that we may not be able to do a car show this year on our own, but we are looking at helping with the Pelham car show. Katie has connections there and they are open to having us. The event is Saturday July 13.

Paul would like to know if there is interest in having a trophy case at the North East Motor Sports Museum. Paul will chat with them over the next month to see what might work for our club. They also have mentioned that they are open to holding a car show for our club any time, if the dates work. There would be no cost to the club to use the museum lot.

Nick mentions that we are looking at doing something in memorial to Greg Makris for the June 30th autocross. We will need to first check with the family to see what they would be open to. More details to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. (Rob/Brittini)

Respectfully Submitted

Calvin Demerath

Executive Secretary