

## FCSCC Meeting Minutes

7/01/08 – 7:18 pm

### *Member Attendees (in alphabetical order):*

Erica Bonomi	Tom Bracci
Jim Jaffe	Bill Stone
Keith Scala	Kevin Kirchoff
Dennis Polio	John Williamson
Adam Radzimirski	Stan Marceiwicz
Craig Cronin	Brad Adams

### I. Treasurer's Report

#### **FCSCC TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 1, 2008 MEETING**

##### Membership

54 total

7 family & 47 individual

Checking Account Balance June 3, 2008 .....\$17,648.85

Checking Account Balance July 1, 2008 .....\$18,367.18

Income.....\$3828.00

Expenses.....\$3183.67

##### **Expense Detail June**

Sweeper for Lot.....\$763.20

Porta-Potties(2 months).....\$424.00

Van Registration(2 years).....\$257.32

Hot line(2 mons).....\$50.00

Bull horn.....\$99.00

Van Insurance(6 months) .....\$446.15

##### **INCOME**

New memberships..... \$150.00

June AutoX..... \$3510.00

Fun Runs.....\$168.00

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis Polio  
Treasurer

- Adam Radzimirski to bring 1 check to the special Olympics fund

## II. 6/15 Debriefing

- Good job to the Jims on the course design

### Event issues:

- Lack of pre-registration makes event start later:
  - It is proposed that we do pre-registration ONLY, but this can limit participation of pre-registered entrants if/when people pre-register and do not show up.
  - Pre-paying online is a possibility, but has the same issue for those who do not show up (however, it may deter this, as they have already paid).
  - Some members propose there should be NO unique numbers, but instead there should only be unique numbers within classes. This would help with morning registration for walk-ins, as the numbers would be assigned as people register, and pre-registered numbers would already be taken in the system directly from the online database.
    - This has proved to be problematic for course workers and timing errors, due to the fact that multiple cars with the same number can be on the course at the same time with the “flag man” running order.
    - To make non-unique numbers work properly, all cars must have LEGIBLE class letters on them at all times during the event, and course workers must be taught to call in number AND class.
    - Tech will also have to enforce this class lettering rule, which may mean they send people BACK to registration, and may take more time.
    - New autocrossers may not know what class they are in, may not remember.
  - One recommended solution: use unique numbers, but make walk-ins a block of unused numbers ahead of time – e.g., 900-950.
  - Another solutions is to stop limiting pre-registration, and over-book like an airline; this may also be problematic due to having to turn people away.
  - Currently, no one is checking against existing member numbers – whatever people put in at pre-reg is what they are getting.
  - Dave Williamson works too hard before the events – it would be great if others could help.
    - Adam Radzimirski volunteers to learn software.
  - Keith recommends a subcommittee be formed to determine how to fix the pre-registration, walk-ins, and numbering/classing:
    - Volunteers: Bill, Keith, Stan, Kevin
  - President: we can't make any major changes for the next 2 events (July), but we CAN make sure we implement an infrastructure to support changes, such as class letters on cars, and class letters called in. For the July 6 and 12 events, the following will be instituted:
    - As participants register, Registration must remind them to put the class on their car.
    - Tech will have to send people back to registration if they get to tech without the letters.
    - Have them write down their class letters/numbers on their wristband, or keep a post-it pile at Registration.
    - Tom Bracci will include announcement regarding calling car classes AND numbers.
    - Driver's meeting will include announcement regarding calling car classes AND numbers.

- Laptop battery too weak – we should look into a charger on-site, or an additional battery for backup.
- Question raised: Why do we clerically take down run times when no other clubs do? Excessive time spent “truing up” the results/hand-written times after an event.
- Police Chiefs – the runoff went well. We should attempt to do this on an annual basis (if/when possible). Makes a great selling point when the club tries to get a new lot. Recommended a slight format change for this next time to prevent a big time sink.
- We need to generate a new Event Chair Checklist. It must contain:
  - Reserve gas tank for the generator / location for reserve tank
  - How to use the generator
  - Safety meeting script
  - Battery for laptop
  - Unloading of trailer

### III. 7/6/08 and 7/12/08 Event Planning

- We need more course worker posts – we will need 5 course worker posts for 7/6/08
- Work assignments – requested 7 or 8 individual 1-hour sessions. Doesn't seem to be enough participants for this, however.
  - Current format requires a minimum of 16-18 people per shift, then all the pre-running work shifts are already completed, and there are not enough people at an event to cover this. Repeating work shifts must be maintained at this time.

#### 7/6/08 Event Chair concerns (John Williamson):

- Van battery may be bad
- 4 radios that work on proper channels
- 12 safety vests
- Porto-potties are ordered and set properly for big lot

#### Course Design Concerns (Jim Velgot, Jim Jaffe):

- Need to get onto the lot on Saturday to set up
  - Keith has set this up with AVCO and insurance – it's ok, but **no** pre-running the course at speed
- Important to get cars off at 10:15am
- Please do not approach course designer with requests for course changes. If you see a valid safety concern, please approach the event chair.
- Paddock chief required – must happen with course design, before event, then must be enforced and coned out ahead of time, early gate workers coached.
  - Stan Marceiwicz will cover this for 7/6/08

#### 7/12/08 event:

- Tom Bracci will design course for this event. NOTE: SATURDAY EVENT.

### IV. Additional Notes, Suggestions, Information

- Stan Marceiwicz and Pat Salerno are donating trophies for FCSCC to re-label.
  - Motion to use these for: Fastest First Timer, Rookie PAX – motion passed
- Dennis Polio has more trophies

#### All club members are invited to Keith's house after 7/6/08 event

- Keith is supplying food
- He needs help parking cars in proper places
- People to help grill
- PS3 help needed

#### Accounting:

- Form I-90 – we have to fill out the forms because we technically make more than minimum amount (before van, insurance, etc.)
- Accounting must be better organized – Dennis needs to know if it's NOT “program” or a-x registration (e.g., make sure new memberships, fun runs, etc. are delineated)
- Separate items must be maintained:
  - Van storage/registration
  - Insurance
  - Expenses
  - Banquet
  - Jackets

#### Driver Safety (Teen Driver) School

- Stan Marceiwicz observed a <http://www.streesurvival.org> BMW-sponsored school at Rentschler field in Hartford.
- Instructors chosen for experience as certified track instructors, but have no necessarily safety-specific certification.
- Can't mention autocross or racing at this event, but must associate with FCSCC club, but it is sponsored by businesses, such as TireRack.
- Schools like this can get funding/support from Governor Rell's forum/initiative for teen drivers.
- Lots can be reserved later in the year – after motorcycle training ends, both large and small Stratford lots may be available. The school doesn't require a warm climate.
  - Stan Marceiwicz and Erica Bonomi volunteer to research this
  - Police Chiefs/departments can also endorse this school
  - Adam Radzimirski indicates that teens should be focus in order to get maximum support
  - President: Safeco insurance might be able to back us
  - We should also make sure our club name is recognized with this effort – we need the good PR
  - Motion to pursue this **teen** driver training school for PR raised and supported

President: Noise levels at current meeting location have been less than conducive to a club meeting.

- There is an alternate location for meetings available with a private room: Casanova in Shelton, CT.
- Keith Scala will research this and present all information at next meeting, which will remain at Marisa's in Trumbull.
- Keith Scala will also notify Marisa's of the issue.

Meeting adjourned motion passed.