

FCSCC Annual Rules Meeting

February 14th, 2009

Meeting called to order: 12:45pm

Meeting Attendees

Adam Radzimirski	John Williamson	Jim Velgot
Dave Williamson	Brad Adams	Dennis Polio Sr.
Justin Lau	Matt Murray	Tom Bracci
Mike Raver	Kevin Kirchoff	Bill Stone
Erica Bonomi	Keith Scala	

2009 Schedule

1. **Saturday March 21:** FCSCC Rookie School
2. **Sunday March 22:** Non-points event
Event Chair: Dave Williamson, Course Design: Tom Bracci
3. **Saturday April 25th:** FCSCC Members Only Test & Tune day
4. **Sunday April 26th:** Points event #1
Event Chair: Erica Bonomi, Course Design: Justin Lau
5. **Sunday May 10th:** Points event #2 – Mother's Day, mothers register
Event Chair: John Williamson, Course Design: xx Keith Scala
6. **Sunday May 31st:** Points event #3
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
7. **Sunday June 28th:** Points event #4
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
8. **Sunday July 19th:** Points event #5
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
9. **Sunday August 2nd:** Points event #6
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
10. **Sunday August 16th:** Points event #7
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
11. **Sunday September 27th:** Points event #8
Event Chair: John Williamson, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
12. **Sunday October 25th:** Points event #9 and FCSCC Driver of the Year runoff
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer
13. **Sunday November 1st:** Non-points event
Event Chair: unknown, Course Design: Tom Bracci or volunteer

Potential backup dates:

April 5th – CART members only

September 13th

Club Business

Donations to Special Olympics still ongoing for 2009 season – the club will be maintaining the \$10/car fee.

Entry fees discussion:

- Motion to make member fees lower by \$5 – DID NOT PASS, Member entry fees stays the same for 2009
- 2009 fees are as follows:
Members: \$30
Non-members: \$40
Both Members and Non-members receive a \$5 penalty for not pre-registering

Leftover trophies and awards – Bill Stone and Kevin Kirchoff were awarded the items announced at the 2008 FCSCC banquet.

Website addition: webmaster to add list of awards and acknowledgments for 2008 to the FCSCC website.

Change in membership chair: Kevin Kirchoff gives membership duties to Justin Lau. Justin and Erica to focus on updating the e-mail list.

Police Chiefs – FCSCC to invite them back, get them to ride with someone first, and include more instruction.

Rookie School

Need to prepare lists for:

- Instructors
- Workers
- Food/Drinks/Coolers/tables/utensils/easy ups
- Worker to control chair individual
- If you work the school you can get free entry the next day for the non-points event

Publicity

John Williamson to speak to Post reporter “Amanda” – reporter tries different activities and reports on them.

Misc

Leftover trophies and awards – Bill Stone and Kevin Kirchoff.

Awards – put them on the website in addition to the class champs.

Change in membership chair: Kevin Kirchoff gives membership duties to Justin Lau.
Police Chiefs – invite them back, get them to ride with someone first.

Merchandising

We should appoint a merchandising chair, and look into purchasing t-shirts, bumper stickers, magnetic stickers, window decals, offer jackets.

FCSCC Timing Van

Van needs cleanup, repair before first event:

- Check gas tank
- Check battery
- Repair dome light

Tentative date for van party: Sat. March 7th

Instructors

Issues exist with rookies identifying instructors for runs.

Motion raised to add a brightly colored armband for instructors: Motion passed. John Williamson to order.

Formula SAE

We are trying to help the CCSU and Hartford U FSAE teams with setup and driving, possible fundraisers to assist them. They would like to run their vehicles at our events. Will allow for publicity for both the club and the FSAE program.

Lots

If the current Stratford pit lot is overrun with debris and/or construction equipment, alterations in running may occur.

Army plant sale could happen at any time – other lots are being investigated and/or reserved.

Please contact Keith if you find that there are lots that are available.

RULES DISCUSSION

Note: Please see updated 2009 rules for actual changed rules.

Write-in suggestions from members not able to attend:

- 1) PAX details for PAX FTD – FCSCC street tire class, pax results are compared to nationals with Rcomps and non prepped – using SCCA pax values

Street tire class gets additional multiplier for street tires – pax the pax. However, what is the amount that you should correct against the rest of the pax times? 1 to 2 seconds is suggested.

Motion passed: More research is needed in how to use this feature in AXWare, but we will attempt it. Additional PAX adjustment of 1.5 seconds per minute (.975) will be used as a trial in the first several events.

- 2) Registration – we may have an influx of NYC area people due to the closure of Giants stadium.
- 3) Rookie classing – rookie rules – tires and also who is allowed into rookie class.
Example: if you ran only 1-3 events in the previous season, you may still run rookie class.
Novice times review at monthly meetings.
- 4) First timer class – carry points into rookie class?
- 5) Bumping rule contended
- 6) Dropping worst event rule contended
- 7) Test & tunes – if they occur, club officers must be there

Staging Cars and Workers

Flag man system isn't working very well – type of pit area (size/shape) is confusing, then when workers come back from their shifts, the line gets very long.

- Several proposals are made for heats and/or running by number.
- The group will come up with proposals for running/working methods to be discussed in the March 3, 2009 meeting. In addition, methods of communication to all member attendees must be discussed.

Unique numbers per event – pre-registering is important. You cannot have a reserved number, but you can reserve a number if you pre-register early enough.

Events must be FUN. Make sure that the events are run smoothly and enjoyably to retain members and attendance.

Updates to website needed: change in officers, rules meeting minutes, next meeting announcement. Big announcement about rookie school needed.

Adjourned: 5:52pm.