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Meeting Minutes October 7, 2013

Start-7:15, attendees 12

Secretary– No Minutes for September 3, 2013 (only 4 in attendance just talked in general). August minutes approved as posted on website.

Treasurer – Checking \$8909.02. Do not have the expenses for last event yet. Banquet hall is confirmed for 11/17/13 at Monty's Elegant Banquets.

Director- none present. Bob was unfortunately in the hospital (home now) and contacted Eric to advise that he wanted to make sure that we keep in mind the 50th Anniversary of TSSCC and do something special to commemorate it. We discussed if we get Rt 66 again next year this would be a great place to celebrate it, maybe have some sort of picnic event w/the racing. Also would like to have some item for members that notes the 50th anniversary on it.

Vice President – no comments

President- Mike wanted to let us know that he may be becoming part of National STAC and if he does he may have to step down as president of TSSCC.

Regular Reports

Membership, registration & administration – Again discussed Team Janulis stepping down from being registrars. Meghan and Bill will most likely step up to take on this task. They were not present to confirm this. Season standings have been posted. Mike asked if we need to do anything different for registration and also if two people is enough to handle registration. We do need back up of at least one other person but can always find help that day as well if we do not have any other volunteers. Mike also discussed with Erik and Brad if things were ready for signing up for the banquet. Brad took care of at that moment and it is now open. BRAD IS THE MAN!

Equipment, property, technology – Speakers were discussed and we believe we have a solution to that problem. Also discussed that we will purchase a new transmitter.

Schedule & Sites – N/A

Trophies – N/A

Sponsors – N/A

Event Review –Final event a rain event but went well with 5 runs. It was a fun course.

Old Business – If you have any connections for door prizes for the banquet please contact them any contribution is appreciated. We discussed the club purchased door prizes and doing less of them but a better quality of prize. Instead of doing a jack, do a gift card. If you have any ideas for prizes email a board member. If you have any video to share (race related please) contact Paul. If you want to break down to just highlights that is fine too. If you have something you want to post to youtube just tell Paul where to find it.

New Business – Jeff Janulis handed out some thoughts “Course Design issue” (see attachment). These are items that we should consider and get a small group together to review these issues. This will give our event chairs the chance to share some dialog and discuss in depth. If we can get a group together to review this we can finalize that at the next meeting. Let a board member know if you want to be part of this committee.

Question was brought up what is TSSCC going to do with classing next year w/SCCA changes. Simplest to say we follow SCCA classing. We can bring this up at the banquet and let the membership know that we will take a vote at the January meeting. There will be one more meeting before the banquet. Please think of problems or issue we may have with the reclassing and bring to the next meeting for discussion. Other thoughts to ponder. Think about our website & how TSSCC communicates as a club. What can we change or improve or do differently. Please share with a board member.

Announcements- Allen Murphy may be looking for someone to ride along with next season as he is shopping for a “auto cross solution”.

Arush has S2000 wheels & Mercedes wheels for sale. See him if you have an interest.

Chicago Twin is this weekend at Rt66 (now passed)

Some would like to see us meet at a more convenient location. Stonewood Ale house by Woodfield was mentioned.

Adjourned- we adjourned at some point submitted by Tom Beall

Course Design Issue

It is recommended to put a team together to revamp how we design courses. All TSSCC members can give their opinions to the team via e-mail. The team will make recommendations to the Board.

Trying to do this in an open meeting will not be effective nor even useful. The recommendations from the team should be discussed in an open meeting before the Board decides to accept any or all of them.

Problem – Course designs are quite variable in quality and more often than not have features that are undesirable or undesirable to have all the time.

Issues / concerns and possible changes are:

1. Improve visuals to “see” the course easily – no sea of cones
2. Elimination of extra cones
3. Have less “tight” courses / elements
4. Set design standards – such as slalom cones should be a min. 60 ft apart as an example, no tight courses at Route 66, minimum Chicago Box size, etc.
5. Have a variety of the type of courses throughout the year – some “tight” or low speed maintenance designs, some high speed maintenance design and some that have significant acceleration areas (favoring cars with HP and torque).
6. Have the type of course determined before the event and communicated to all.
7. Have a Course Design Committee who reviews course designs before an event... not I’m going to ad lib it today and see what design I come up with.....
8. The Course Design Committee can be one or two people who review each design before the event and help event chairs with course modifications.
9. The Course Design Committee can have premade course designs for a fallback position in case the design du jour doesn’t work.
10. Be respectful of the course designers – no cone movements made without the course designer present at the cone – otherwise no learning is done and there is the possibility / probability of demoralizing the designer.
11. Only the Course Design Committee can make course changes with the designer.
12. Perhaps eliminate the concept of event chairs and just give the Course Design Committee responsibility.