



## TSSCC MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2019

Start 7:12 PM Attendees 6

**Secretary:** Tom & Denise Beall present. The March minutes were approved as posted. Attending today Adam from Porsche Club, Our DOT (Director of Technology) Chris D'Alessio, and board VP Chris Perry, Treas. Pete Maloy and Sec. Team Beall (Tom & Denise). This is our first meeting at OutCold An Action Marketing Agency in Chicago at 2848 W. Chicago Ave Unit B. OutCold provided free soda and beer. The club purchased some delicious Chicago Style Deep Dish Pizza from My PI. OutCold gave us a tour of their facility and some of the unique projects that they are working on. We got to see what types of marketing they can offer their clients. If you or your company have any marketing needs check them out at OutCold.com.

**Treasurer:** Pete Maloy present, Current bank balance is \$9,215.68. This is prior to payout to RT 66 and SCCA sanctions for events one and two.

**President Emeritus:** Bob Lindsay- not present.

**Director:** Erik Vandermey – not present

**VP:** Chris Perry- present

**President:** David Finchum - not present.

### REGULAR REPORTS

#### **Membership, Registration & Administration;**

We have sixty new members.

MSR is dealing with some fraud issues that we have been seeing with our three packs specifically. For now Chris D'Alessio and Pete Maloy are closely watching those and verifying manually until the situation is fixed.

Registration is trickling in for the Peru Test & Tune. It is still only opened to members only until two weeks prior to the event to allow our members access first. Once it is open to the public we are sure we will sell out quickly. We will have Jeremy Fischer do another push on Facebook for Event 3 at Grissom.

#### **Equipment, Property & Technology;**

Chris D'Alessio worked diligently with the computers and timing equipment along w/assistance from Ryan Weddle to get everything set up and working together. We are currently borrowing Pronto from Chicago Region and they will be using our FarmTek in exchange. Everything is working well. It will be a learning curve for a bit until everyone gets up to speed on it.

It was discovered that a lot of our walkie talkies are in bad shape. We would like to have Chris D. & Jeremy Fischer sort out radio situation at next event either at the Test & Tune or prior if while at Chicago Region event can stop by TSSCC trailer, go through pull out bad radios, fresh batteries in good radios. He advised that some of the radios that are working but not in good shape are draining batteries quickly.

We want to make sure we have small, decent stickers to use for Tech. Something about quarter size. We

have had complaints of participants having a hard time getting the goo off of their windshields on the “free” stickers our Tech has been putting on the windshields. They look unprofessional and anyone having photos of their cars taken this looks ridiculous. We don’t want to see another crazy sticker used. Tom Beall will reach out to K&M Magnetics to see what they can offer. Would like to get something like our new decals but smaller for season tech and event tech. (About 150 of them.) We would also like to have some larger 6” decals done of our new logo and possibly some die cut in red and others in white of the straight-line logo about six inch long. Chris D. can forward John the artwork.

Also, along with discussing the need for tech stickers we discussed that we will observe Chicago Region Season tech or any other SCCA tech. We previously did not accept for Champaign County, but discussed they are very stringent about their tech and we will accept their season tech as well. Need to take note when placing tech stickers to be aware of wiper blades that they are clear and will not get destroyed. Also do not wad up and put in pocket because this is making stickers not want to stick when we go to use them because they have been crumpled. Season tech stickers can be given to the driver and they can place on their car if there is a question.

There was discussion that Mike Razny has a van that we may be able to rent from him for less than enterprise chares for the Grissom Event. Need to make sure it is reliable enough to make the trip down and back. Further discussion will be had about that.

We brought up that not having the radio for FM transmitter is missed. During Test and Tune Chris D will look into trying to get the FM transmitter issues worked out. We would also like to see if we can find out how to do live announce through Pronto.

### **Schedules & Sites;**

David Finchum advised by way of messenger note at the start of meeting that Grissom is good to be paid, insured, confirmed rental for ¾ ton pick up from Enterprise in Bolingbrook on Thursday 4/25 confirmed ok w/Tom Beall. He will double check two weeks prior in hopes that we do not get screwed by them again and lose the reservation.

Need to see if we want to use Razny’s van instead.

Discussed the Grissom weekend upcoming on Friday April 26 we will have our usual get together at Outback, Saturday 4/27 Test and Tune, be ready to go hot at 10 am. Chris Perry will try to be there at the crack of dawn. We need to make sure there are others there to set up as well. Cannot do it all by himself. Test and Tune will be the traditional track that is already permanently marked out there.

Chris is still looking into options for Saturday night get together after the Test and Tune to see what will best serve our members. Peru has a drag strip we can check out or there is Moe’s River Run.

Chris Perry is the course designer for Sunday 4/28 Event 3. He is looking for a co-chair and apprentice chairman so we can get more people trained in setting up a course.

Discussed that event with BWM club will be non points.

Participation in 5 events for class & pax 5 events for season championship. We do have a few events that require traveling and do not want to penalize those who are unable to travel far for what may need to be an overnight event if they cannot make it.

**Trophies;** We were told the Redos were completed from SPS but we still have not received them. We are now in desperate need of more trophy shirts. We are almost out of red and only have odd ball sizes left. Until we get our redos from SPS we will need to look elsewhere for the new trophy shirts.

**Sponsors;** Chris Perry asked Chris Gregor for sponsorship in the form of a new ez up that he can put his name, number and logo on. We have not heard back on that. We no longer want to use the Discount Tire one. No longer a sponsor and it is falling apart and becoming a hazard.

Gearhead Workspace Intro to Autocross workshop on March 21<sup>st</sup> was a bust. This was the day after their Chop Shop event. Chris had some suggestions that it was not promoted enough to the local

neighborhoods. He has been doing a lot of free marketing through Facebook and thinks that could help on the local neighborhood pages for various car clubs.

K&M Magnetics is at all our local events and we appreciate their services being there. Them being there is great sponsorship and we are reaching out to them for some Techsticker and decal needs.

### **Event Review;**

**Course Design Workshop 3/29 at Route 66 Raceway, Joliet IL-**Had a full house, good turnout. A lot of interesting information was shared.

**Event 1 on Saturday FIRST CONE-TACT 3/30/19 at Route 66 Raceway, Joliet IL-**Event Chair David Finchum. It was a cold rainy morning. Rain broke about time course was being set up. Still very wet and cold. The course had been submitted for review only hours before the event. We need to mandate that all courses be submitted to the board at least one week prior to the event. Even board members should have others reviewing to see if any issues are noted. Review by the board of the course design is not to take anything away from the designer's job. This is to make sure we are putting out a course that is number one safe but also fun and challenging and will provide a product that will keep participants coming back to our events. We only had 61 participants for Saturday. This is pretty good for this time of year and the weather we had. The course was a real winner. The course used the traditional grid area allowing us more of the lot to race on.

**Event 2 on Sunday CONE-STRUCTION 4/1/19 at Route 66 Raceway, Joliet IL-** Event Chair Chris Perry and the participants of the Course Design Seminar (only Erik Fredericks hung around to help, and Chris' cousin Brandon Nelson who just thinks what Chris does is cool and likes to help out.) No rain but still a cold day. Better turnout day two with 74 participants. Another fun course. Chris D. says he was a little uncomfortable with how close we were to the gas pumps as he started sliding in that area. Chris P. pointed out we actually had more space there than was required. Some felt the course bordered on being too fast. There was a moderate DNF count & a lot of cone calls. The course made you think.

Event 1 & 2 are now in the review window. Take away from things mentioned from these two events, WE NEED IT MENTIONED DURING THE DRIVERS MEETING THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE APPROACHING THOSE IN THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER FOR ANYTHING. They have an important job watching start, finish & timing. Things are critical right now for there to be no outside distractions as everyone learns and gets used to the new equipment. David via notes on messenger prior to the meeting shared that he heard no complaints about the courses except that it was too wet and too cold. He says Dan Simms suggested for low turnout events audits either be eliminated or workers be organized better. Corner 1 on Saturday had only 1 worker in addition to the captain who had to write, radio and hold flag. Not sure if this was first or second run as Denise checked in all workers for first heat and everyone checked in promptly. Bill Luxon had a few comments regarding workers which he informed Pete of.

Any issues with Pronto or the equipment was not so much equipment issues but user issues.

Anyone looking for pictures from the weekend can contact Christopher Michael Golomb who took about 2900 photos. Check out [Instagram.com/frosty\\_imaging](https://www.instagram.com/frosty_imaging).

### **New Business/Old Business;**

Discussed in more detail the reason and need of peer review for course design.

Chris Perry spoke a lot about our "Guardian Angels", those who help us out all the time making sure we can keep things running smoothly and lend a hand whenever they can. It can be behind the scenes or at events. We have many guardian angels. Ryan Weddle for all his continued Tech help, Andy

Francis for setting up and taking down the timing equipment and he still worked course. Jim Van Bladel, Darryl Dupre, Brandon Nelson who does not even race or belong to the club but helps out because it is cool and many others. We are watching out for these people and they are not going unnoticed.

We officially name Christopher D'Alessio our DOT (Director of Technology). This is a position that has needed to have a name and be recognized for some time now. We could not put on an event without him and in the past Ryan Weddle who we shout for every time we have a technical equipment issue. We would like to have a new position for Chief of Safety. This is different from the person who walks the course to make sure the course is approved as safe. This would be someone who would make sure corner captains and workers know what they are supposed to do and what they should be watching out for. Would like the person to be able to help organize these people and also point out any issues they may see. We think Jim Van Bladel would be a good person to approach to see if they would be interested in helping in this aspect.

### **Announcements:**

If you noticed the great pictures on the Facebook page posted by Chris Perry taken at OutCold the beautiful Volkswagen Thing is for sale. If you are a VW enthusiast or no anyone who is share this with them. They can reach out to OutCold at 312-768-8253. Make sure to tell them where you heard about it.

The Bealls have wheels for sale. Voxx 15x7 aluminum wheels with like new Direzza Z2's 195/50/R15 (fits Miata) \$800.00

Daryl Dupre has a 1934 Chevrolet kit car for sale.

Chris Perry has a beautiful FSP Focus for sale, 2 engines, 3 suspensions, 4 sets of wheels.

Mark Groseth has a "legendary" Miata for sale (five-time National Championship car)

If you have read these minutes and are seeing this please see Chris Perry or Pete Maloy and let them know that you saw their message.

Adjourned: 9:15 pm. Submitted by TEAM BEALL