

## Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 02Aug2016

Note that we only had 3 chiefs that could meet before the July event so we did not have a meeting in July.

### **Tech Report:**

- June we had two helmets that did not pass tech and one in July. Held for the duration of the event, and picked up afterwards.

### **Fastrack:**

- Some BMW model changes in SP
- BMW M2 introduced too late for 2016 Nationals but recommend running regionally in BS
- Also too late for Ford Focus RS, run in BS
- BFG Rival S will be updated, and it is significant enough that it will not be eligible for national competition in Tours or Nationals in Sept.
  - New tire will have speed rating of V instead of W
  - Tire Rack still has lots of the older version
- Some GTR 2012+ allowed in SS
- Some Boxster and Cayman moved from AS to BS
- BMW M3 E36 95-99 moved from CS to DS
- Taurus SHO 89-95 moved from GS to HS
- Proposed wording change to SP spoiler rule and a “drivetrain reliability” rule. Go look.
- If you want to run stock ST, SP, or SM cars in the prepared classes (because you broke your car yet again) there are some rules to go read.
- McLaren MP4-12C, 911 GT3 991, C7 Corvette are requested to come play in SSP
- They reworded the rerun for downed cone rules again.

### **Treasurer:**

- Spending has stabilized and the club is doing pretty well for funds on hand
- We were averaging 160 drivers in the early part of the year
- For the entire year we are about 150 drivers per event
- We said that we would evaluate raising the \$30 per event charge to see if we need to raise the price.
- The board is hiring an accountant that Ricardo will interface with.

### **Last event (Grand Sport in June)**

- It rained pretty hard and we only had 150 drivers
- There was one lightning strike pretty far off and then some pretty close (100's of yards)
- It was not raining yet, we announced on the PA to seek shelter
- People in paddock got in their cars, but those out on course walk that were a long way out, had no real shelter, no other lightning hit real close
- We waited about 15 minutes after last strike and started the event
- There were some spins off the track near the same spot, we sent someone to examine the area, there was gravel off the racing line but on the track, near corner 2
- No food truck, in future we should try to get a food truck at GSS
- A couple of timing issues, not too bad
- Only 4 runs because of threat of rain throughout the day, though it ended up raining only in the morning
- Finished runs around 2:30

### **Last Month Event HPA July:**

- 137 drivers including DB, very hot out and drivers had trouble keeping tires cool enough
- Daniel was acting as timing chief since Adam was not there
- Registration chief and Raymond (worker chief) were also absent
- The combination of those 3 chiefs absent resulted in not getting all the walk ups and double drivers into the timing software. We did not post the audit sheet so drivers could check that they got into the computer correctly. The rest of the day was a struggle due to the oversight.
- We had some false finish trips in the afternoon. The sun was not shining into the finish lights this time, but the cones were only a couple of inches from the finish lights. Moving the finish cones 2 feet away solved the problem.
- We do not have much assistance on course cleanup. We used to have double drivers work as course cleanup. This time we had a bunch of folks standing around watching us work. We need to ask for more volunteers to assist with cleanup. We can use the PA to announce we can get to trophy presentation faster if we have help in packing up. Mention at the drivers meeting also.
- There was a small incident.
- There were two people that showed up with a video camera and microphone. They started a new web site about various types of racing. They went near the course at one of the worker stations and were doing some kind of on camera interview. They did not have a spotter. The safety steward saw this and we told them they could not be that close to the hot course without a spotter.
- Someone showed up after registration and tech closed. They were not pre-registered. Ricardo told them they were too late and they were welcome to stay and watch. If they miss the drivers meeting that is way too late, even if they are pre-registered.
- The course was fun. We changed the visuals in the cross over in the morning. Not having too many cones, too much eye candy, has been working out and we want to continue with that. When we set up the course we just need to look for where we may have to add some cones to ensure it is clear which way the course is or which way to look.

#### **Next event August 6 (HPA)**

- Daniel, Andy and Roger will not be there
- Zack will be there but will not be the rookie chief, he has a cast of subs
- Daniel will not run for Solo RE in 2017 so we need to find the next victim
- Nominations for Solo RE are due on Monday, for committee due in September, elections are later
- Pete is volunteering to be on committee, fresh meat!
- Larry will be Safety Chief (after Robert asks him)
- Drew Kim will be Tech Chief, already sent him the tech worker list, gave tech box to Raymond
- We don't have a course map, we looked through and found a course map that was run wet and we wanted to run it in the dry. Raymond is working on the map and Daniel will post it.
- Raymond will bring the event maps and setup maps
- Daniel will ask Zack if the Rookie Chief folks will act as the setup crew
- Safety drive by Robert and Larry
- 30 minutes for setup, 15 minutes to test and tweak
- Wayne will have truck, trailer, and ice
- Have waiver folks go to the gate where we will set up shop

#### **Rookie School (October 1<sup>st</sup> at HPA)**

- Zach is working on changes to the classroom portion
- After Nationals Zach will be sending out email to the instructors and start organizing everything