

Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 03Nov2015

Tech Report:

- Chris Levitz stepped in for Andy.
- Had to confiscate some more helmets, no SNELL rating, some were not picked up at the end of the event.

Fastrack:

- Discontinue 1 year SS license, 3 year license only from now on, and meeting the continuing education requirements. The SSS must take class once during 3 year and act as SSS during 5 events. The national website under the profile has a page for keeping track of which events you have worked as Safety Steward.
- Course speed wording was changed.
- Move M5 from BS to FS.
- Non-S Mini reclassing.
- STU wheel width and tire width out for comments.
- STP (modern American muscle car class) out for comments.
- Street Touring proposal to allow replacement of OEM radiator.
- Street Touring proposal to allow replacement of OEM steering wheel. It does not require an air bag but it does have to weigh at least as much as OEM.

Treasurer:

- Cash on hand \$24,774.
- We have not paid the last sanction yet. We have to do some more calculations. Roughly \$1700.
- We have to give back a bunch of \$ due to the cancellation of the Sunday event.
- Since July we spent \$4662 on new equipment, FM transmitters, generator, sound board, radios, etc.
- Race America extended warranty was \$686, \$598 for repairs. Upgraded firmware on all the items we sent in, timing lights, display, and board are already back. They have people on call if we call up during an event. No one remembers ever calling them though.

Last Month:

- Registration problems slowed us down. Raymond was not there as worker chief, which we anticipated. We were missing some other workers so we did not have enough experienced people.
- We set up and tested by roughly 8:10 but the registration forced us to delay the start.
- We had to make some minor tweaks to the course.
- The last turn 120 degree after the X sucked.
- Axware timestamp end was 3:45
- We had 163 entries including DB.

Rookie Skool

- Ricardo will total up expenses and income. Deal with the refunds.
- ZBarnes and Daniel are thinking of changing it so that they drive first some, then do class, then back in the car. This seemed to work real well in the Starting Line school.
- Seth and Georgina were not really conversant with the tasks and Robert stepped in to help get the workers organized, tech started, and exercises set up. We did not have enough time after session setup to have much of an instructor discussion before the

Next event

- Sun rises at 6:30, gates will be open at 7:00. We should try to get setup crew there at 6:30 if possible. This setup will take a while. We plan to have 3 teams for set up. Roger, Ricardo will be there. Lynn will put the 100 foot cones along the side at the very beginning.
- Very high chance of rain this Saturday.
- RPR Sunday folks will start arriving around 3:30, including trucks there to set up the concert stages. There were no concessions or anything provided by RPR for canceling our Sunday autocross.
- We will have to limit runs to 4 and make sure no delays occur. We need to monitor the time between cars.
- Jason is no longer timing chief and will probably not be at the event so we will flying without a net.

Misc items

- During last month's BMW event the chief instructor went off at HPA in the sweeper, bounced off a tree and hit a yellow barrier. They did not break the barrier. This was in a borrowed car.

Course Review for December

- December is now a double regional.
- Slalom along concession stand needs first cone to have pointer or else it is an optional slalom.
- Same slalom is 75' then 55', 55', 75'. Was that intentional? It was intentional but Andy intended closer to 60'. We will open the spacing to 60'.
- Finish wall corner needs to be 100' from start area instead of 75'.
- We can't be less than 25' from the grass since there is a ditch there even though we are running alongside.
- Where we go around the light pole make that wall connect.
- The finish section might be too fast. Andy will look at it.
- **Second day**
- Restrict driver from getting closer than 50' from light pole.
- Suggest that we soften the turn at the heel of the boot.
- Suggest that we have the tunnel the first time through the crossover and just a hole for the second time through.
- Roger thinks that both courses are transition heavy versus sweeper. Day 1 is more transition than day 2.
- We may swap the day 1 and day 2 courses. We would like the simpler setup on day 1.

Event Schedule

- Not all the event sites have replied.
- GGP cannot schedule events through the end of the year.
- BMW will have two events at COTA; June and November. We will overlap
- July 3 at HPA not possible.
- Daniel contacted Riverside Annex but it is unclear. Will try to get "divisional" for July.
- Preliminary list is on dropbox.