



## Houston SCCA Autocross meeting minutes 27Oct2020

### Treasurer

- National Tour stuff
  - Paid the 9 people approved for scholarship to attend Tour, will send note to Houston Board to get reimbursed
  - \$853 for porta-potties. They charged us for camping on-site. Various ice, water, printing still to be gathered together and submitted.
- Waiting on invoice from Pronto for the timing system. \$3713.32
- Waiting on invoice for the truck repair items.
- We have Robert, Chris, and [garbled] listed as drivers on the insurance for the truck. We should add Daniel at some point.
- We have \$14K roughly minus the known outstanding charges. The bank account is a commercial account and anytime we drop below \$15K we get charged \$30/month.
- Ricardo's spreadsheet shows that with expenses and big ticket items thrown in we need about 120 paid entries to break even. We made small money on the practice and lost <\$100 on Sunday. Better than the previous event. Not all the costs finalized yet.
- Based on the tour entry numbers and the test & tune proceeds we should be getting have netted somewhere over \$1K for the Tour. We need to finish submitting the costs to the National office.
- Giving the committee members free entries is roughly \$450/event.

We voted to increase charges for Grand Sport Speedway event to \$40 for member \$55 for non-members. BMW is charging \$65 for GSS.

### Last Event

- We got very close to 40 entries for the practice on Saturday.
- 88 entries +11DB Sunday, finished by 3:00 with 3 heats.
- Due to the increased entry numbers, we were able to run 3 heats, we had pretty short time between runs. There is a balance to keeping the heats short so that work assignments don't stretch out too long but with ~100 entries it is right on the bubble between 2 or 3 heats.

### Website

- Live timing needs to be set up with the Pronto system, it is extremely popular and we don't really want to field the new system until we have live timing working.
- A few minutes after Jeff posts the final results and makes the announcement on Facebook, the website gets a big spike and has problems. The bandwidth/processor/memory allocation is very small. There is a proposal in front of the Houston Board to move change providers. Jeff does not think we are having bad problems with live timing during the event.

- Jeff performed some tests afterward and based on that, he moved prior year's event results to a separate page which should help some with the website performance.

### Next Event

- Setup Friday evening at 4:00, a few might be a little later.
- Course is being done by Zach Barnes and is not ready to show the committee. It will be sent out later this week.
- Discussion of whether to allow passengers in the car.
  - Propose only drivers, not spectators. Dallas is allowing, BMW/Porsche in Houston last weekend did not. We have gotten lots of requests such as father/son and rookies wanting it. This is letting people who want to accept the risk make that decision. All the instructors will still be outside the vehicle. Brian says keeping instructors out of the car has been working. Rookies appear to be getting better faster driving on their own with the instructor talk afterwards instead of relying on the instructor in the car pointing. There are some members unwilling to register without the friend that invited them to an event being able to ride along.
  - Any complicated caveats would make it difficult to manage during the heat of the event.
  - We have different colored wristbands available and we will give spectators a different color than drivers.
  - Should windows be required to be down? What if it rains? We will strongly recommend at the drivers meeting to leave the windows down.

Proposal up for vote: Face coverings for both occupants in the car. Passenger allowed must be driver registered at the event. Proposal passed.

We ran the Pronto alongside the old system during the practice and the regional. It was working fine and tracked with the old system. We have Pronto installed on the laptop that Corey has. We are going to install Pronto on Raymond's. Corey is in contact with the Pronto guy. We need to test with the displays and we need live timing working. Jeff needs outputs from the results files from Pronto in order to work on the scripts for year-end results.

### Nominations for committee members:

- Those unlisted volunteered to remain in position and are running unopposed.
- Worker Chief: Brett Schultz or Craig Robson
- Safety: Robert Horton volunteered to take over from Donna
- Chief of Web: Jeff Thomson or Don Gutierrez
- Chief of Timing: Corey Phillips volunteered to take over from Raymond
- We will be sending out voting emails to the members.

### Next year's schedule

- Daniel talked to GGP management. The site is for sale officially. They will commit to Jan-Feb event dates but after that no guarantee on what the new owner chooses to do,

assuming it sells that fast. We will continue running events at GGP but the schedule will be negotiated a few months at a time.

- Impossible to predict when HPA will become available again.
- GSS is pretty expensive and would force us to make entry fee changes or schedule if we can't use GGP.
- We could try to negotiate events to use MSRH for an autocross; probably Aug, or July.

National office liked the event site, was ecstatic about how the event went and was very complimentary about the region operations. Howard is thinking about holding a Tour next year at GSS.