

Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 07Jul2015

Tech Report:

- No fails reported. Two people handling numbers, which did not always match what was in the computer. The printouts downloaded from DLB by registration did not match the DLB downloaded by timing for some unknown reason.

Fastrack:

- SCB town hall announced.
- Cannot remove OEM mud flaps.

Treasurer:

- June numbers: cash incoming from event of \$3580, paypal of \$2150, and checks for \$320 for total of \$6050
- Expenses of \$3408 for positive cash flow of \$2602
- \$26885 in bank. After sanction, fees, and amount we owe for magnets will result in about \$24K in bank.

Last Month:

- Lots of DNFs on wallums included some very experienced drivers.
- DNFs on first turn. RoHo says laydowns too close to apex which left room inside to DNF. ZBarnes says the wall behind the apex too close which made it hard to see the apex (clone clutter).
- A few too many cones and pointers so that there was too much to look at, especially in the faster sections.
- This was a minimalist course design. We should not add too many lay downs which can make it hard to find the cones that matter. Much nodding of the heads.
- We did not find these problems in the course safety drive.
- Proposal that we have a person that did not help course setup to do the safety/visibility review. Setup takes about 30 minutes. Robert needs to be there by 7:30 for safety drive. We will see if that helps.
- 665 runs, 162 people, done by 3:30. Very few people opted in for the free DB that we offered the 4th heat drivers at GSS.
- Very busy in the truck and on the radio. The cone log, timing and computer all did not agree. There was one heat where they got off by one car and never caught it. Made it pretty unlikely that we got audit all fixed for results.
- Truck was put in the wrong spot again this month so that timing could only see 2 or 3 cars. The crossing guard area was where they could write down/type the car numbers in.
- This next event we need to be careful on exactly where the truck is placed so that timing crew can see.
- Make sure course maps sent for review with staged cars and truck placement in mind.
- Some of the corner captains are not adjusting when some workers are doing risky things (not being fast enough, a little closer than we would like to the course, rookie that should not be standing by himself).

Next event 03Aug at HPA

- The food truck will be there again.

- Let's get the truck placement correct this time, even if we need to move it.
- Safety steward will talk to corner captains at heat switchover. After worker chief checks them in, Raymond will send them over to Robert or whoever is safety steward at the time. Or we could collect the captains before they head out. Intent is that raw rookies get looked after better (not on their own for 1.5 hours) and that we give them some advice on how to handle things.

Misc items

- Dallas is having an evolution school on August 30 at Mineral Wells which is a Saturday. This is Phase One Drivers school with national Solo experts. No event scheduled on the Dallas web site on Sunday.
- No event this September.
- Rookie skool is in October. \$75 for members, \$90 for non-members.
- BMW practice event in August.
- The fan and shade that Mr. Hedderick set up in July was very popular. 4 fans, a generator, a popup tent, and some chairs located next to grid where spectators could see cars running. The big shady porch at GSS with tables and chairs was very popular at GSS event. A big fan/mister with shade would be a very nice thing. Maybe we will see how much cost or trouble that would be to provide.