



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2006
Meeting at 7:00, Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA

1. President Carl Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call – Members introduced themselves and their cars. Voting Board Members identified themselves on the sign-in list.
3. There were no changes to the Agenda. Agenda approved.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting were not approved as a copy was not available.
5. Reports of Committees
 - a. Membership Report – There are 305 members, but payment is pending on two.
 - b. Treasurers Report – Don Holden presented the attached Treasurer's report, noting that although we are in a negative cashflow position at the moment, the usual condition is that the forthcoming early dues will put the club in a positive position by yearend. Report approved.
 - c. Activities Report – Upcoming "Drag Nite" this Friday. Rally this Sunday. Possible Lee Jaguar jumble to include a tech session. Volunteer needed to set up. Avis Mello will chair setting up the AGM and Christmas Party. Discussion indicated that although Lee Jaguar had generously offered its facility for the event, members believed the space was not large enough for the function and the club would have to take on much preparation work that a "banquet" facility would normally do. Avis will decide on the venue of the usual Radisson or perhaps her club. Lime Rock will be the site of another Vintage Race event sponsored by SCCA on October 6&7. According to Stu Forer, the event will be less formal than the earlier event. Spectator admission free. Boston Magazine has proposed a Jaguar event to be covered by the magazine in downtown Boston. Members generally reacted negatively to driving their cars downtown. Report Approved.
 - d. Concours Report – Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan have taken over the leadership for the Concours. This year's event was a big success and thanks were given to Ed Hall. Mike commented on the tremendous support he was already given by members interested in the Concours. Event booked for same venue next year. Denise indicated that some spouse events would be scheduled based on comments from spouses who believed there should be non-car events for them to attend. Report Approved
 - e. Slalom Report – Adrian Curtis reported that the second slalom event at Nashoba Valley was a success and that next year's events would be at Nashoba. The event almost broke even, and Adrian indicated that in the future food would not be provided so as to increase the likelihood of turning a profit on the event.
 - f. Rally Report – Adrian reported on this weekend's upcoming "Fall Foliage Rallye". He reviewed the announcement that was sent to members this week. He cautioned that two major events should not be set for the same weekend and that

so far only two cars had responded to attend. The rally will follow a very successful course, previously used by the Alfa Romeo club. Driving should last 3 hours, followed by a group dinner. The Slalom Report and the Rally Report were approved.

- g. Newsletter Report – Dave Pratt has accepted the position of Newsletter Editor and Publisher. Carl Hanson will be Advertising Manager. These two positions are not expected to create content. The membership will be strongly encouraged to participate in creating content. Dave’s contact info will be on the website and in the next Cat for people to submit. Dave’s appointment was approved as was the Newsletter Report.
- h. Merchandise Report – There was no one able to provide a Merchandise Report.
- i. Carl Hanson reported that Dennis Eklof was finalizing a members only section for the website. This area might contain the membership directory and access to the Coventry Cat for members only. It is likely that there will not be a printed directory this year due to time and effort. Sue Curtis recommended that if a hard copy is produced in the future, it should be headed by someone other than the Membership Chair as it puts too much work on one person.

6. New Business

- a. Donation to David’s House –\$1000 donation was approved along with \$105 raised by dollar runs at the slalom.
- b. Board size – Lengthy discussion with opposing viewpoints ensued relative to Chuck Centore’s recommendation to amend the by-laws to increase the board to 24 members plus the officers from the current 12 plus the officers. Those in favor thought that positions as board members would increase participation in club activities by increasing the pool of active members. Those opposed were concerned about manageability of such a large board, the need for committee workers rather than board members and the need to assess other impacts on the by-laws as to the board’s responsibilities to support the clubs purposes. Harry Parkinson made a motion to have the Chuck Centore’s nominating committee put into motions the recommendations for the next meeting so that board members could consider specific questions. The motion passed.
- c. Membership fee discount for “eCat” – Carl Hanson indicated that the board had a deadline of September 30 to set the dues for the coming year. Adrian Curtis made a motion to set the dues at \$60 with a \$10 discount for payments before Jan 1. The motion was amended to a \$5 discount. Amendment and motion passed. Dave Herrick made a motion that members who accept an electronic copy of the Newsletter be given a discount of \$10. Motion passed.

During the meal break, Carl Hanson provided a slide show of activities at Lime Rock and the British Invasion. Motion to adjourn passed at 10:15 PM.

Submitted by Greg Elevich for Tom Moses, Secretary.