

IRC Meeting Minutes– Nov 5th

Minutes of the IRC November 5 2005 meeting.

The meeting was held in the Duncan United Church with attendees being: Brian Carriere, Paul Smith, Gil Stuart, Glyn Trafford, Jack Vanier, Matt Playle, Meaghan Johnson, Bart Vogelzang, Dave McKenzie, and Jay Young, a new member.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m..

Minutes of the October 8 2005 meeting were moved as distributed, by Glyn and seconded by Paul, carried

Business Arising from the minutes.

RPM – Glyn talked to Paul Westwick about a meeting, but it is not likely to happen before the AGM.

Paul Westwick was informed about the situation with the Loop Rally having errors and not really meeting BC Championship standards

John Geelen and the Prince George club has officially got RPM and CARS status, but is on probation and it will be discussed by RPM

Mt. Washington was the site of the Rally Cross, and there were only some minor complaints about the price of the lunch, with all the rest being positive comments. The 2006 schedule has only got C2C and Midnight set with the exact dates.

The Open House at Tirecraft was successful, with IRC flyers handed out.

The 2005 Awards Party will be in Youbou on November 26. The cost is \$150 and we have the place till later on Sunday. It sleeps 9 in three rooms, has a patio, and a BBQ we can use.

Rally Report

We had a fantastic Midnight Rally on October 29, with 14 entries and with mud and fog, and the scoring was basically done as the last cars got in to the finish. There were two protests, which were resolved, and first place was a tie, broken by the number of zeros.

We had 11 cars turn out for the Mt. Washington event, the Edge of the Rock Rally Cross on October 30. We managed to have 4 runs in each of the morning and afternoon. St. John Ambulance was in attendance, but we did suffer a small loss due to the extra cost of snow removal.

The Pacific Forest Rally in the interior had lots of press coverage and spectators and had our first ever in town pavement stage. There was one minor flying rock injury, and a broken window in the Railyard Mall.

The UBC Sports Car Club is to put on a \$40 entry fee rally cross on November 13th.

Treasurer's Report

There is \$4500 in the bank, with about another \$150 in costs for both Midnight and Edge, plus whatever receipts come in.

We have two new members, An Nguyen from the mainland (entered Midnight in a Talon), and Jay Young from Sooke.

Correspondence

CARS AGM announcement for January

Newsletter

The next Exhaust Noise will be after the Awards Party.

Publicity Report

Jack's rally report to the Times Colonist was printed verbatim. There autosport section seems to be quite good.

New Business

The Awards Party is arranged for Youbou for November 26. Bart will bring decorations, food will be ordered in at \$10 a person but there is a BBQ available for those wanting to use it. Gil will look after the invitations and some of the games, maybe a treasure hunt one as well. Normally we give two prizes, often something nice with the IRC logo embroidered on them. Glyn will look after the trophies and presentation.

The 2006 schedule will be coordinated with other events and decided by Glyn and Bart, who will then pass it by the membership for final approval.

The First Aid course was cancelled due to not getting the required 10 participants. Glyn will look to organize another one, probably in the first week or two of February

Glyn will try to get names for another ham course, but we will need to have 10 participants. Gil is on the list as interested. It will be targeted for early April.

The IRC presence and control over the IRC content on the rallyBC.com site was discussed. Nobody seems happy with the speed of entries, their placement, nor the editing of information that is changed from what is submitted. In recognition that Dennis Wende is trying his best, we feel that someone from IRC needs to get access and permissions to alter the IRC sections.

Moved: The President of IRC send a letter to Rally Pacific Motorsports regarding our dissatisfaction with the way our website content is handled and to provide some improvement suggestions. Moved by Jack Seconded by Glyn Carried

Membership cards for 2006 will be generic cards designed by Gil. Samples will be sent to the Executive for approval.

Brian Carriere will contact Doug about new WCRA timers. If we continue to provide ours, we will need to arrange a rental agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Rally Director's 2005 Report

This year was a very busy but exciting year. It was full of trials and tribulations but was a lot of fun. One of those highlights was the four round Island Championship Series comprising of:

Storm the Island: An all night tarmac rally early in the year organized by Brian

Coast to Coast: Our premiere two day spring event attracted big numbers Organized by Christa

Tsunami: An afternoon/evening tarmac summer rally organized by Bart (but cancelled)

Midnight: A spirited all night event in the fall organized by Gil

Both C2C & Midnight were rounds of the BC Regional Rally Championship as, well as Coast being the first round in PCC. These rallies were rounded out nicely with the four 3 hour Novice events put on every two months through the summer. The idea was to attract newcomers to the sport, and conducted at a leisurely pace on asphalt, on a Sunday afternoon. Paul, Brian, Bart and Richard all took their turn hosting a round. The locations went from Victoria, Nanaimo, Oceanside and Courtenay.

Not to be forgotten was the IRC Rally School held in honeymoon Bay. An all day classroom and rally set up which attracted our biggest numbers yet! Held on a Saturday in the spring, 14 people from all walks of life tried their hand at our sport. It was taught by some very talented "teachers" from within our club's roster, who gave up their time to show the next generation of rallyists how it's done.

I think the crowning moment of this year was the rally cross, held up on Mount Washington. Last fall we tried to acquire a property in Port Alberni, which didn't pan out, so, I was skeptical about this new venue. My fears were alleviated when we had 11 competitors show up and more than that in workers. They all braved the rain, cold, snow and mud to put on the event. Hopefully, if things go as planned, we'll be able to get up there again next summer and run a whole series!

Looking ahead to next year, the thought from the Executive was to scale back a few events, run fewer Novice rallies and incorporate certain criteria into events. The thought was to also hold two events on one weekend to encourage competitors with discounts and foster the rally experience. This also would help with the burn out factor of our workers taking multiple weekends off to help out. Speaking of workers, a big thank you to all that came out and helped run these events. The other people I want to thank are all the organizers who "stepped up" to set these events up and keep them on the schedule and running smoothly. It makes my job so much easier with a great bunch of team players in our midst ready and eager to help out. I hope to see you out in the forests next year either running, spectating or working and remember, "Keep the shiny side up!"