



SCCA Fresno Chapter Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting held at Fresno Mazda Conference Room. 5499 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA
And on Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6:31PM.**

Attendees: Brandon Griggs, Kyle Matsumura, Rebecca West, Mariah Douglas, Audrey Tan, Paul Newton, Gary McDaniel, Aaron Douglas, Jonathan Cadiente

Roll call of directors and declaration of quorum. Brandon Griggs, Kyle Matsumura, Rebecca West and Mariah Douglas are present. A quorum has been established.

President's Report

Brandon thinks the Husband Wife Duo for events 4 & 5 worked out well. It was a good event both days including coordination of switching the course to run reverse for the second day without having to change much of the course. It was awesome that drivers got to do fun runs since we have a gap period of events between March and May. Brandon will also like to thank Ric and Brittany for being interviewed by FOX26 and putting out good words and good press for our club.

Vice President's Report

Nationals are raising the cost of insurance to \$1 more per person, it will now be \$16.50 per person. Kyle doesn't remember the exact date this takes effect but this will add about \$50-80 of extra cost per event for insurance. Kyle called Famoso and they are not interested in having any events as they are booked out every weekend. Kyle asked if they would be willing to host us if they do have a free weekend and they still said no. Famoso Dragstrip and Bakersfield Speedway were bought out by Kevin Harvick recently. At the last meeting Aaron said he was trying to get ahold of Kevin Harvick Kern Raceway in Bakersfield to ask about racing there and Aaron hasn't been able to get ahold of anyone yet. Kyle said the contact he talked to at Famoso seems they are not interested in hosting anything but their own events, Kyle thinks Kevin Harvick raceway will also not allow us to race. Brandon said we should still keep trying to reach out to Kevin Harvick Raceway and Famoso in a few months to ask again about racing at their facilities. Kyle brought up suggestions for future events, the first was to park the trailer with the back door facing the course to help timing see start and finish and monitor course workers. The second item was to check the trailer's battery in between each run group so we don't run into the issue of the battery dying in the middle of a run group again and we have to rush to set up the generator again.

Next events: Kyle has submitted the sanctions and got the approval from National back he just needs to get the copy of insurance and we're ready on the sanction side. On the contract side things are more complicated, Fresno Fairgrounds thought they sent us the May contract but they sent us the September contract with May's dates. Becki has reviewed the contract with Kyle and the contact agreement number is for September, as well the written area has September and the signature page is September's dates. The description page has May's dates on it though. Becki called the Fairgrounds today to receive the agreement numbers for all

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contracts we're missing which is how Kyle and Becki figured out we have September's contact with May's dates. Kyle will call the fairground and give them the agreement number for May in hopes we receive the correct contract we need. Audrey is shocked we have so many issues with the contacts this year because in the past we got all contracts signed and completed at the beginning of the year. Kyle said he has asked Taylor twice to set up a meeting to go over and sign all contracts for the year and Taylor said she doesn't have time for a meeting and edoc signing the contracts for each event one by one is easier, but she also hasn't signed contracts or is very late to esign them.

Treasurer's Report

Becki has 2 checks that she needs to deposit into the bank, one is from insurance and the other is from the SCCA foundation for teen survival. The check amount for teen survival doesn't match the cost of the event so Becki is going to meet with Ric to go over the expenses and see where else the extra money is owed. Audrey suggested we put more money aside to add to our "savings" account. We still only have a checking account currently but if we can set aside more money to the savings to have in case something crazy happens like getting banned from Fresno Fairgrounds then we can look for a new location to host our events or just generally have money stored away for a rainy day.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with no objections.

Secretary Report:

Becki motioned to approve the March meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Audrey. The March meeting minutes have been approved with no opposition.

Old Business

Forza 44: At event 4 we announced the winner of the Forza 44 scholarship. We are happy to officially announce that Josh Cadiente was unanimously chosen by the Forza 44 committee to receive the 2025 Forza 44 scholarship by Fresno SCCA. We would like to congratulate Josh again. We know Josh will represent our club well and we look forward to cheering him on at the National Championship in Lincoln NE, September 2-5 and wish him good luck. Audrey is going to start advertising for our next charity night event on June 14th to raise money for Forza 44. We will be limiting the event to 50 cars with more details coming soon.

Event Chairs: Still looking for anyone to chair events 9, 10 & 11. Brandon spoke to Andrew Loera who might be interested in chairing an event.

Review Past Events: Audrey said Aaron and Mariah did a good job and did a ton of work pre-event that paid off to the events running smoothly. They used the "Event Chair Responsibilities" document and paired it with a checklist to mark off items as they were completed or confirmed. Gary added that he had issues while doing tech, there were no annual tech or helmet stickers available. Brandon is aware of the issue and has ordered more, the previous ones were misplaced.



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Reimbursements for Chaired Events: Brandon suggested that we make it standard practice for the chairperson of an event or the chief of equipment to purchase water and other related items like snacks and for those items to be reimbursed. Tiger mentioned that in 2024 we approved a budget of \$100 per event for items. Becki suggested we increase the budget due to inflation prices for many items have increased, buying donuts for a weekend is \$100 alone. As treasurer Becki suggested a \$200 budget for water, coffee, ice, donuts, etc. Brandon suggested that especially for the summer events he is willing to go to Costco and buy a pallet of water and sports drinks then keep refilling the trailer as needed because we go through more beverages in summer than winter.

TouaVlog Old School Society: Mikey won best car. We want to thank Yang for suggesting promoting the club at this car meet. Yang was not able to attend the meeting but he did let Brandon know the event went well and a lot of people were interested in our club. Yang answered questions to the best of his ability, there were several questions about the sim racing that Yang was unable to answer but he directed those people to our website and discord to get those questions answered. Yang would like to personally thank James Franks, Abram Canul, Mikey Bringetto, and Chris Sochan for bringing their cars out, helping to set up our club's easy up tent and answering questions.

New Club Logo Updates: Yang is not present but Paul did have some revised logos. Paul took the comments about the CA logo in the updated revised logo he made and added an outline to CA and changed small details like the blue outline extending by the corners of the CA logo. The other options were from suggestions Aaron made about making the CA logo red to use less colors and also making the CA logo slightly bigger. Kyle said it looks better with the CA logo being small. Everyone prefers the logo with CA being a different color. Paul also did one color logos in all black and all white for if we can't use color. We are going to revisit these same logos again at the next meeting when Yang is present. We are looking at starting to use the new logo either for the trophies this year or just starting fresh in 2026 with the new logo that we will eventually pick.

New Business

SpeedWaivers: Becki said American Autocross doesn't have paper waivers, you must do your waiver online, she couldn't find her speedwaiver and was going to sign the paper and realized she couldn't. Becki is wondering if we also want to get rid of the paper waivers and go to online only waivers. The club gets charged \$20 per month to use speedwaiver so we are also unsure if it would change the cost switching to online only. Audrey suggested we push to have more people do the annual speedwaiver as it is free. Currently the majority of our club do their speedwaiver per event which is what creates the monthly cost for the club. There is also no fee for doing paper waivers. The monthly charge for speedwaiver does have a limit of people to sign up and if we exceed that limit we get charged extra for it. Here is the link for annual waivers: <https://www.scca.com/articles/2016898-digital-annual-waivers-making-life-easy>



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Social Media: Audrey is the only person that has access to our instagram account currently. Audrey is also the one who posts a majority of items on our social media accounts and she would like to pass on the duty to someone else. Mariah (myself) has offered to take over posting on our social media and will coordinate with Audrey to get access to Instagram and become an admin on the Facebook page and group. Mariah will be posting events and meeting reminders, answering questions and posting pictures from photographers after every event. We are going to push to use Discord more because we made the Discord server to use Facebook less but very few people are actually using the Discord.

Upcoming Events 6 & 7: James and Patty are co-chairing event 6 as they have never chaired an event before. We will need coverage for timing both days. Paul has volunteered to help and we can possibly ask Brad or Kyle. Audrey suggested that anyone interested in timing be there to learn how to set up the equipment. We also need more people to learn how to do timing with the computer and writing times down. Becki will be chief of waivers for event 6 to cover for Patty.

Live Timing: We can officially say we now offer live timing for all events. We tested it at event 4 and had a small bug that was fixed overnight and everything worked properly at event 5. Audrey suggested that if needed in the case we were short course workers we can veto the finish slip position thanks to live timing. Brandon asked if we should donate money to the club that is hosting our live timing, the Akron Ohio club. It was an unanimous agreement that we should donate to their club as a thank you. We will revisit the topic after events 6 & 7 just to confirm live timing is still working properly then we will propose a dollar amount to donate. The Akron club currently has a GoFundMe, they are asking for \$2,000 to cover costs to explore new projects that benefit the motorsports industry. The feedback from events 4 & 5 about live timing were good. Everyone was excited to get live updates on PAX and class positions, Brandon specifically said it was great to see in real time Ric going faster than Brandon in his own car.

Events Taking Place Soon: PCA has an event April 25 at Thunderhill Raceway. ProSolo will be at Crows Landing April 25-27. PCA and GGLC will host a novice driving school April 26 in Alameda. SCCA Reno will have a Time Attack April 26 at Thunderhill Raceway. PCA-LA will have an autox event April 27 in Anaheim. National SCCA will be at Crows Landing May 2-4. There is a SpeedTour at Laguna Seca May 2-4. BMW club will have an HPDE in Buttonwillow May 3-4. Our SCCA Fresno Rallycross will have an event May 10-11. Track Night at Thunderhill Raceway May 15. PCA-SVR had an autox at Thunderhill Raceway May 17. Cal Club will have a track day at Willow Springs May 31-June 1.

Safety Steward Training: Audrey was the safety steward that filed the accident report for event 1, she is still getting emails from our regional safety steward of suggestions on how to fill out an incident report. Audrey would like to set up a meeting with all our safety stewards and go over how to fill out incident paperwork, who to contact, what to take pictures of, talking to insurance and nationals. Audrey is going to contact all the safety stewards and see if they are attending



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our May events and if so meet for pizza after the event and go over all this information. The club will pay for the food for this safety meeting.

New Site Acquisition: At last event Falina Marihart spoke with Audrey that she got to speak with one of our councilmen in person recently and she mentioned racing and he was very interested in learning more and how he can help our club. Falina asked for guidance on what to tell the councilman and Audrey and a few others put together some information about what our club needs and sent it to Falina to send to the councilman. Everything is still very early and nothing could come of this but we are asking for 20 acres of land. We would like to thank Falina for thinking of SCCA Fresno while meeting our councilman to help improve our club.

T-Shirts: Yang would like to see if the club wants to do a t-shirt for this year with one of his proposed logos like the Yosemite Logo we all loved from the February meeting. Pricing is a lot less from years past, Yang has a few vendors in mind if we want to go through with the idea. Audrey suggested we use Custom Ink again because people can pick the size, style and cut of the shirt and pay Custom Ink directly and they will mail it to you. The club has also tried ordering the shirts and handing them out at events but there was an issue of people forgetting to pick up the shirt or not liking the cut (wanted a long sleeve not short sleeve)

Wireless PA System: Brandon is going to look into systems and prices for a wireless PA system for the club. We have an approved cone budget of \$4,500, Brandon said we still want to get some cones but we are not desperately needing them and would rather put the money towards a better PA system instead. Having a speaker in the paddock area would be beneficial as we have had several comments that drivers are unaware of when to be on grid or when to meet at the trailer because it is difficult to hear anything from so far away in the paddock. Brandon wants to get a new AMP, wireless remote speakers and set up the microphone's that Bert donated. If everything was mounted inside the trailer and all we need to do is set up a speaker in the paddock that would also save time in the morning.

Next Board Meeting- May 21, 2025 at 6:30PM at Fresno Mazda 5499 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA 93710

Adjournment motioned by Tiger, seconded by Becki. Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM with no objections.