

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting February 6, 2013 at Gene's Last Chance Saloon, Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

A motion (Mike Connolly/Barry Kaplan) to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published passed 12-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

The current checking account balance is \$43,488.92, plus the deposit for the banquet we just made. A copy of the financial statement is attached to the master copy of these minutes.

MEMBERSHIP: Walt Matenkosky

Paula is on a cruise, and gave me the membership info.

In December the records showed 355 members and new member Chad Michael Lowers from Pittsburgh 15206.

In January we had 358 members, and were joined by new member Dan Richardson from Bridgeville.

ACTIVITIES: Mark Connolly

2/24/2013 – Daytona 500 Party at McB Motors, Bridgeville. Start time 12:30 or 1PM or so until it's over.

Donation of \$10 requested (\$5 for kids), food provided, BYOB

3/6/2013 - Monthly membership meeting at Gene's last Chance Saloon on Penn Ave in the Strip District

4/3/2013 - Monthly membership meeting at McB Motors in Bridgeville. There should be a Tech session, and Mark is trying to get the local Subaru Club to join us.

SOLO REPORT: Frank Gaus

Mark was unable to attend tonight, but he sent an email to the BOD members.

We have verbal agreements with DJ at PittRace, but no written contracts yet.

We had some new trifold brochures printed for the new car show. Cost was around \$650 for 2000, but the Porsche club has offered to help with the costs.

We're still working on acquiring a used JA Systems timing head.

We had to make a schedule change and move our event from May 26 to May 19 due to a conflict with North Hills Sports Car Club's charity event. It had the additional effect of removing the conflict with the Jefferson Circuit Hillclimb, so maybe we'll get a couple of Hillclimbers out for the event.

Frank also expressed his appreciation for receiving the Bachmire award.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

The situation at PittRace is the same as Solo reported – verbal agreement, but no contract yet. Track Rental is increasing from \$5000 to \$5500, but more is included so it's a wash.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

Dave is working on the sanction and supplemental regulations for the April trials. SCCA has made some changes for which we have to allow.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

We will have a Regional rally in mid-May, around the 18th, after Mother's Day. It will be a two-day event, both Saturday and Sunday. Our Tour Rally is at the end of August.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

SportsCar reports that Bob Criss has been a member for 50 years!

Ken Wright, a former FF racer from our Region, is coming back. He has a son who is 18 who will begin to race a Fiat.

NEW BUSINESS

The NeDiv Miniconvention is still planned for November 8-10, and info should be on the NESCCA website soon. Room rates are \$84 per night plus taxes. Registration is \$100 and includes all meals and breaks. There should be more information available after the Roundtable at Pocono March 16-17. Seminar topics will include Regions and Social Media, Media communications, Timing & Scoring, Registration and others – we are open for suggestions. We expect around 80 to attend the banquet.

Mark Connolly wants to move the holiday banquet for next year. Anybody have any suggestions for a location around Wexford? Mike C. offered Carmodie's – we had meetings there before. It is near the intersection of I-79 and Route 910.

Mark also suggested establishing a group or team to plan social events. Any volunteers? The silence was deafening.

Who is planning to attend the Roundtable? Maybe Dave Merritt, Barry, Paula, Donna McDonough, Rocky and Mark C. We would welcome suggestions regarding how we might improve our club.

It is interesting to note that several members have recently joined Steel Cities by transfer – apparently they like our attitude more than their previous region.

We discussed a perceived need to advertise our club in today's equivalent of the newspaper, FaceBook and other services. We can get specified searched done on membership lists to target announcements. We can get on Internet Forums like RacePA (where we already have a presence). Barry suggested ads in Grassroots Motorsports magazine. We also need to improve our website and change the look. No decisions were made.

Mark would also like to make up some Region T-shirts, and will work with Les Walter on that.

Barry suggested again that we need to get credit card payments in place for registration for our events. *A motion (Barry Kaplan/Chris Granche) to allow Beth Anselm to look into card readers like "Square" to at least accept cards at the events, and acquire one if she sees fit, passed 11-1-0 (Baker opposed).*

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$31 to Chuck Larouere.

A motion to adjourn (Matenkosky/AJ Anselm) was approved 12-0-0 at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA