

## **Steel Cities Membership/Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 2012 Gene's Last Chance. Strip District, Pittsburgh**

Board members in attendance: Mike & Mark Connolly, Jim "Rocky" Farrar, Mark Andy, Adam Reichbaum, Don Baker, Paula Hawthorne, Barry Kaplan, Beth & AJ Anselm, Les Walter, Dave Merritt and Chris Granche

Non board members in attendance: Geoff Farrar, Vicky Ropar, Lorraine Aronson, Bob Borgo and Bill Haus

The meeting was called to order by RE Mark Connolly at 7:32 PM.

Minutes from April 3, 2013 were approved (Mike Connolly/Jim Farrar)

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Paula Hawthorne

We currently have 385 members. In April we had 376

New members are: Robert Keib (15129), Eric Orton (15340), John Walczakk (15005), Benjamin Heald (16066), Brian Salo (15137), JD Wagner (15237), Joshua & Rachel Allio (16057) and Zachary Stover (16105)

Paula did a survey at the driver's school and 10 were returned. All results were positive.

### **TREASURER REPORT** – Beth Anselm

We had income of \$7,887.58 and expenses of \$10,982.09 leaving us a check book balance of \$41,702.79.

The majority of the income & expenses were tied to the driver's school

### **COMPETITION REPORT** – A.J. Anselm

The Driver School/Regional/Club Trials took in \$18,055. Expenses were \$22,345.14. We lost \$3,290.14 on the event at Pitt Race

Ray Peterson was a big help during the event. He made several trips to Bridgeville and donated the remainder of his Drivers School fees to the club.

We should have more SRF drivers for our Bonus National as the IT Feast was rescheduled.

Mark Andy suggested that if we have a school in 2014, it should be restricted to closed wheel vehicles only since we didn't have a single open wheel entry.

### **TRACK TRAILS** – Dave Merritt

The Club Trial on April 20th had 18 paid registrations and 17 timed entries.

There has been "chatter" on a RacePA thread regarding the previous Wilson Circuit Club Trial about scheduling new time trials at PittRace. Dave reached out to Mitch Wright and

DJ Johnson and will be meeting with them at the first Solo event (May 5th) to coordinate between PittRace and Steel Cities.

Dave met with National Road Autosport (NRA) regarding the Polish Mountain Hill Climb this past Monday (April 29th). NRA is concerned about their financials for the season and requested that Steel Cities retain the "loss cap" of \$300 that was agreed to for 2012. Dave proposed that the projected \$335 increase for Fall Jefferson (increased entry fee) be allowed to offset the loss cap and that Steel Cities pay the loss cap after the completion of Fall Jefferson. There was no objection.

There will be a Steel Cities (Wankers) Hill Climb meeting this Saturday (May 4th) to discuss the upcoming hill climb season and preparations for the 2 Steel Cities events: Polish Mountain and Fall Jefferson.

Mark Connolly suggested that Steel Cities time trials could be put together into a points series.

The new Track Trail drivers enjoyed their experience and plan on returning.

#### **SOLO REPORT** – Mark Andy

Steel Cities first Solo of 2013 is this weekend. He is using Square to accept registrations. Mark talked about streaming results live to the web. They can be viewed on your smart phone.

The debit card is working great for Solo.

We need help for the Low Key event on May 9

We talked about having a Road Racers vs Solo Drivers event on the Kart Track

#### **HISTORIAN** – Don Baker

The accidental death of our Chief Starter, Tom Lang (Dr. William Thomas Lang), hit everyone hard. The viewing is Thursday at Simmons on Rt 19 (7720 Perry Hwy) 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM. He was 75 yrs old. Donations can be made to the UPMC Cancer Center or Pittsburgh Trauma Unit.

Mark Andy moved to make a donation of \$100 (\$50 to each). Rocky Farrar 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

Les Walter's sister-in-law also passed away.

Milestones: Barb & Ray Senkovich have been members for 25 years.

#### **RALLY REPORT** – Don Baker

There will be a Blue Mountain Rally in 2 weeks

#### **OLD BUSINESS** – None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kristi Gaus has tendered her resignation from the Steel Cities Board due to health reasons.

AJ – The new website is up and running – stsccta.com . He will inform SCCA National. The old address will be directed to the new one.

We should have a Steel Cities history section on the website. Maybe classified ad's?

Other ideas to promote the club:

- T-shirts with our website
- Stickers
- Pens
- Pins
- Should we order shirts for our national?

Les Walter – We need 2 new lap tops for Timing & Scoring. Mark Andy moved, Jim Farrar 2<sup>nd</sup> to spend up to \$1,000 on what Les needs. \* Barry Kaplan will do the research before the purchase. Motion passed

Les has hats - \$10 each

The Street Survival has been cancelled due to the lot now being unavailable.

Peter (RE) from NeOhio thanked us for the donation for Safety Day.

Due to the July meeting being on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mike Connolly moved, Rocky 2<sup>nd</sup> to move the July meeting to June 26. Motion passed.

AJ Anselm won \$24 in the 50/50

Rocky Farrar moved to adjourn. AJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Submitted by,

Chris Granche, Assistant Secretary  
Steel Cities

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOTE:** This is the last meeting at Gene's Last Chance as they closed on May 31.

\* Another Note: At the PVGP Executive Committee Meeting on May 6, Bill Haus proposed that the PVGP help pay for the new lap tops as they are needed for the PVGP events. The proposal passed. More information should be in future minutes. cg