

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting October 2nd, 2013 at Brewstone Beer Company, 3466 Wm Penn Highway,
Monroeville

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

A motion (Mike Connolly/Jim Farrar) to approve the minutes of the August and September meetings as published passed 13-0-0.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

In September the records showed 387 members, up from 381 last month. New members include Nathaniel Walter Eilert from Pittsburgh 15224, Andrew Gamble from Pittsburgh 15243, Jeff Getz from Youngstown OH, Jay Taylor from Pittsburgh 15237, Jake William Aretz from Natrona Heights, and Stephen F. Planisky from Indiana PA.

Paula passed around a copy of a publication written by Rick Myers addressing membership growth and retention.

We have a guest tonight, new member Nate Eilert.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

We are working on a date for March 2014.

There is BRMSCC rally next week – a scenic tour event. Turn by FIAT – a Leaf-Peepers Rally starting from the BCTA Park-n-Ride on Pleasant Drive just off I-376 exit 42, registration from 1PM, first car off at 2:01PM.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

Hillclimb season is over, finished by Fall Jefferson. We made a little over \$2700. We are now working on the schedule for next year and on the Miniconvention.

SOLO REPORT: Mark Andy

Event #7 is done, and there are two events left. The Wounded Warrior event is a zero net. This past weekend we had 113 entries. NeOhio's misfortune really helped us. We cleared around \$1200. Driver of the Year is Frank Gaus who mathematically can't be beat.

Y-T-D expenses are done, and we are \$9250 ahead, and a little additional income is possible from the upcoming low-key event and Track Cross on 10/26.

Nobody from Steel Cities did any good at the National Solo Runoffs, but everybody had a good time.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

We will tentatively share a Driver School with NeOhio April 25-27 2014. We will be inviting Vintage driver candidates since a driver school is now required for their licenses.

The "62nd Cumberland Races" will be held June 14-15, 2014, as a Divisional Championship. There may also be a SCCA Pro event at Pitt Race the weekend before our event, June 7-8, for World Challenge Touring Car, B-Spec or TransAm.

AJ read the results of Steel Cities drivers (and friends of STC, too) at the Runoffs. Sedat Yelkin took first in FA (he is a Mahoning Valley Region member). Chris Patrick took 5th in FP. Rick Shields took 16th in FV. Spenser Patterson took 45th in SM. Greg Vandersluis from NeOhio took 3rd in T4 at his first trip to the Runoffs. Michael Sestili from NeOH took 16th in HP at HIS first trip. Tom Sloe was disqualified from both of his races.

The Majors Tour schedule is out:

Jersey at a date TBD near the end of May or beginning of June.

Watkins Glen July 4th.

Summit Point August 1-3

Mid Ohio date TBD

Road America June.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

There is no real report. Please refer to the handout. We have just under \$45,000 in checking, but we don't have the final accounting on the National yet. There are some adjustments on the way.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Vickie Ropar brought a guest tonight – her mother, Carol Crookston.

Mike Connolly mentioned that Jack Wilson recently lost everything in a fire.

Paula passed out a minicon flier with schedule and details, and discussed some of the seminars. Nelson Fire & Rescue is offering a one-day registration for anyone who has been a member of the Safety Team for one year or more.

Barry mentioned that there will be a big Saturday night auction, and tons of giveaways. Registration costs are \$25/day (no lunch) or \$100 for the whole weekend. We will put links all over – Pitt Race, Facebook, RacePA, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

The banquet menu will be posted to the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Andy said that Pitt Race is open to the idea of holding a worker school similar to Nelson Safety Day. That would help train their people as well.

Speaking of Pitt Race, Mitch Wright has been replaced as Manager by John Blaine, who will probably be there until he retires.

The National Convention in 2014 will be in Charlotte NC with the MSX Expo.

Barry suggested that we do not sponsor anyone to the minicon and seriously consider Nationals as well.

Elections – petitions received so far:

Barry Kaplan

Paula Hawthorne

Beth Anselm

Don Baker

Deadline is the close of the meeting November 6th.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$42 to Kristi Gaus.

A motion to adjourn (Mike Connolly/Chris Granche) was approved 13-0-0 at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA