

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting August 6th, 2014 at Aracri's Greentree Inn, 1006 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh PA

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Mark introduced a guest, Craig Carberry. Craig was a Course Crew volunteer at this year's PVGP, and lives within walking distance of the meeting. He came to see what we have to offer after having served us in the US Military. Craig also had his Challenger in the car show.

A motion (Merritt/Kaplan) to approve the minutes of the June meeting as published passed 9-0-0.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

At the recent SCCA/NARRA Pro race at Pitt Race around 10 Steel Cities members volunteered. Barry said that according to an email he received, that is the best Regional support yet at a Pro event. The Stouts and NARRA are grateful for the turnout. The FF1600 & 2000 series racing was very close. Pitt Race wants us to select our 2015 dates by September 15th. We can probably get any dates we want.

Ray Senkovich hosted a Go Kart camp where his grandson was the real star.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

Beth passed out copies of a report, and a copy is attached to the archive copy of these minutes.

We have a checking balance of \$54,064.88.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

Polish Mountain was last weekend. The turnout was not great, but turnouts are improving and PHA is getting better at finding sponsorship. They have started an ad book. Oh, and there are some new nominees for the Hammer-Dozer award.

Fall Jefferson will be on Labor Day weekend. The new extension to the Jefferson Circuit is open and approved. We are capping entries at 85.

MEMBERSHIP: Walt for Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 406 members, this month we have 405, down one. New members are Ian Neft from Pittsburgh 15289, Doug Pinkerston from Alliance OH, Guochen Shen from Pittsburgh 15232, Jonathan Fischer from Pittsburgh 15243, Max Queenan from Pittsburgh 15217, and Ryan Saari from New Castle.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

There will be a memorial service for Bob Nikel August 23 at the Sewickley Car Store, from 11-5. Its more a celebration of his life. Gary Blanarek drove Bob's Porsche 924 at the PVGP.

Cecil Grimm, an early member and active rallyist, died about a week ago at 96 years of age. We used to have picnics and stuff on his farm.

Dan Carmichael from NeOH died earlier this summer. He was a former FA champion around 1978 or 1979.

SOLO REPORT: Nobody here

RALLY REPORT: Nobody here

OLD BUSINESS:

Barry passed out a few copies of a proposal (copy with the original notes) to purchase some new portable radios. Our six old radios have already been sold for \$250. 15 new Baofeng UV82C radios and 15 spare batteries can be acquired for \$62 each. If we buy more the cost goes down. Net cost to the Region will be \$680. We should keep 8 for the Region and offer the others to interested members. He also recommends the purchase of 4 Wilde Electronics headsets for \$100 each. Discussion showed that there is a considerable amount of interest among the members. He wants to order them in September in order to get them programmed and usable. *A motion (Kaplan/Granche) to buy at least 8 units in September passed 9-0-0.* Individuals participating in this group purchase should send a check for their costs to Beth Anselm. 14 Radios are already spoken for, so we will keep 8 and sell the rest.

PIRC bought 55 radios and are planning to install a 4-channel repeater at Turn 1, in a building with a tower.

Nelson Ledges news:

The motorcycle guys are doing repairs and paving, and paving at Tech and Impound on the infield. Information is on the MVR website. The MVR Double Regional in September is a go at this point. Todd is looking for volunteers for mowing and maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rocky passed along thanks from the PVGP organization.

The next Miniconvention is in Marlboro Massachusetts the weekend before Thanksgiving. It's about as far away as it could be.

Mark C. is talking to Butch Kumar about the Majors. Steel Cities is a top candidate for an event on the new full course at PIRC in mid-August 2015, probably the 14th to the 16th.

Lorraine mentioned that Les Walter has a birthday coming up 8/17. Mark's daughter turned 21 last week.

Mark is starting to work on the banquet.

Nominating petitions for positions on the Board of Directors will be published to the website and available at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be here at Aracri's September 3rd.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (Kaplan/Hutzelman) passed 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by

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