

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting September 3rd, 2014 at Araci's Greentree Inn, 1006 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh PA

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

*A motion (B. Kaplan/AJ Anselm) to approve the minutes of the June meeting as published passed 10-0-0.*

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

The Summit Point PHA event was this past weekend. It was a financial success with 75 Entries and 68 timed runs. The rain held off until Sunday afternoon. Everybody liked the new track extension. Income was around \$2800, which means we net around \$2500 for the year. While the current Director there retains his position, we will retain the present fee schedule.

Chris Carlisle ran his first event there, and holds his class record. Of course, this is a new track, so all class winners have a track record.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

AJ has a list of current Steel Cities drivers' points to date for the year, thanks to Jeff Hutzelman. A copy of the list is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The source was the NeDiv Eastern conference Majors events results showing Steel Cities Region member drivers.

AJ says that he needs a decision on our event dates for PIRC scheduling tonight. Mary & Butch are discussing August 14-16 for a possible Majors event there. They are holding April 25-26 for us if we want a Driver School, Trial etc. Questions from AJ: Should we have one or two events? Or, should we have a Majors plus 2 events? Is that too many? We discussed the Region's responsibility for a Majors event. We need to know about track paving on the North track. Barry will talk to Dean to see what Glen Region had to provide.

*A motion (G. Farrar/J. Farrar to schedule 3 dates with an option to cancel one as follows: April 25-26 on the North Course, August 14-16 Majors on the full course, and September 26-27 Divisional on the full course passed 10-0-0.*

Our Majors may be in the new North Central conference.

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 \$51,434.47.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 405 members, this month we have 403, down two. New members are Craig Carberry from Pittsburgh 15220, Brian Conner from Waynesburg, Nathan McKee from Pittsburgh 15237, Steve Forest from Allison Park, Kate Gundlach from Carmel IN, James Palmer from Boyers PA, and Kimberly and Erin Shepard from Verona.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Dave Teter, a member who was a serious rallyist, passed on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Saab racer Bobby Wolf was killed in a serious accident.

Mark Sherwin, an MG racer, was killed at Lime Rock.

Greg Horan was recognized for 30 years of membership, Laura Graf for 25 years, and Roy Nutter for 25 years.

Don read off the members recognized for 12-19 days of participation, but I did not get all the names – check SportsCar.

SOLO REPORT:

No report, but Mark Andy took 7<sup>th</sup> in C Stock at the Solo Nationals today.

RALLY REPORT:

BRMSCC is having an event September 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration open at 12, and the first car is off at 1PM. Starts from Days Inn New Stanton and ends at The Darlington Inn in Ligonier (actually in Darlington PA, near Ligonier – WM).

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Barry received the radios and has them here – many are already delivered. Pay Beth. There is one unit extra. Accessories are available from several suppliers on the Internet – just enter the model number and what you want and you will find a selection of items and prices. Barry asks that you do not divulge the frequencies programmed into them. You should not broadcast at the track without permission from the stewards and the track. We do not have PIRC frequencies yet because they have not been assigned. The new radios are NOT field programmable (from the keypad) and must be programmed from a PC.

Paula got the SCCA information cards from National for free. She has some with her if you need them.

For the upcoming Street Survival event at PIRC we will need the Solo trailer and cones, and volunteers as instructors. It will be held Sunday 9/28/14. Barry explained how it works.

The annual banquet will be held at The Lamplighter in Delmont PA January 17 or 24 2015. Mark asked for volunteers and a committee was formed on the spot!

RE: Sound Equipment calibration – AJ has not researched possible calibration services yet.

Our Monroeville meeting location has not reopened yet. A proposed location, Street Kings, the old Gene's Last Chance, is now a biker bar, and doesn't open until 8 or 9PM. The Baltimore House, a location we visited before years ago, would welcome us. It is located on Lebanon Church Road. The October meeting will be here in Greentree. We will try the Baltimore House in November.

*A motion (M. Connolly) to stay here all the time died for lack of second.*

Rodney's in Irwin was also discussed, and we will check it out.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

Walt has nominating petitions here now, and will send the e-file to AJ to be posted to the website.

Butch Kumar is resigning from the Majors program. We need to find out who is replacing him.

The Divisional championship series wasn't too successful this year. It costs us \$5/car. Do we want to participate next year? It is good for racers who live East of the mountains, not so much for us. There is lots of discussion on the 'net. We left this issue open and continued.

Mark C. might go to the Minicon.

Mark said Terry Hanushak is trying to get Pro IT to PIRC.

RE: NeOH @ PIRC – they need help. We will contact Duane. Walt says the Coarse Crew will be there with the people from Nelson Fire & Rescue.

RE: MVR Regional at Nelson Ledges Sept. 27-28 – They are paving and cutting grass. New information is on the way. 13 is wider, and the water issues have been fixed.

Don Baker questioned licensing – you need one sanction number to maintain and 3 weekends to upgrade.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$43 to Mike Connolly – AGAIN!

*A motion to adjourn the meeting (Merritt/McDonough) passed 10-0-0 at 8:56PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA