

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting November 5th, 2014 at The Baltimore House, 176 Curry Hollow Road. Pleasant Hills, PA

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

A motion (Mike Connolly/Jim Farrar) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published passed 11-0-0.

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 \$58,35.46.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 407 members; this month we have 406. Penny Freeman is now a Steel Cities member, and new member Robert Kaminski is here.

Rick Myers send Paula & Beth an email with new forms available online.

Paula has printer problems and submitted no new member list, so the following names were taken from the National files: James Hilliard from Pittsburgh 15237, Penny Freeman from Andover OH, Mitchell Chopyak from Greensburg, Jonathon Iams from Gibsonia, Bruce Konsugar from Eighty Four, Ralph & Jennifer Weaver from Gibsonia, Brian Popernack from Greensburg, and Robert Kaminski from Allison Park.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

The 2014 schedule is set for Hillclimbs:

May 2-3 Rose Valley	July 11-12 Giants Despair	September 19-20 fall Weatherly
May 23-24 Spring Jefferson	August 1-2 Polish Mountain	
June 13-14 Spring Weatherly	August 15-16 Duryea	
June 27-28 Pagoda	September 5-6 Fall Jefferson	

Dave is now Vice President of the PHA, and Cannon Roberts is Secretary.

SOLO REPORT: Frank Gaus:

October 12-13 was our last event, the Wounded Warriors benefit, and we will be sending \$3000. Frank provided balance sheets for this event and for the season, copies of which are attached to the archive copy of these minutes. We had roughly \$30,200 of income and \$22,600 of expenses, for a profit of \$7,600 for the year.

Trophies will be sponsored by Motor Control Center again this year.

We averaged 91 drivers per event, and even managed to get 80-85 drivers at rain events.

We talked about the new pavement additions at Pitt Race – if it happens, and it is big enough, Frank will go to Howard Duncan about getting a National Tour event. That should even pull the Akron drivers to the event.

The schedule for 2015 should be ready right after Thanksgiving, to make sure we don't conflict with National events.

Karen Fink finished 2nd in Novice in her first year. She came with her husband John.

We will probably need to replace our AC generator next year and buy about 60 new pylons. The old generator was purchased in 1999.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

This weekend is the Great Lakes Region scheduling meeting. We already spoke with Ohio Valley Region, and their event is scheduled for the October 12 weekend.

Dave from PIRC says that September is available, but that would be bad because of the Runoffs. October 16-18 and 23-25 are available. NeOH is only doing a Spring event, and Mid Ohio has one 10/16-18. Should we bring back the Great Pumpkin?

For a Spring event, we're waiting to see if Vintage wants to participate in a school. Maybe a Double Regional April 24-26, the same weekend as the New Jersey 12-hours.

The Comp Board figured out the awards. Mark Keefer is Driver of the year. Mark Connolly finished third, and Jay Manno is Rookie of the Year. Ray Peterson is NeDiv AS Champion, and Neil Killey is SRF Champ.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

No milestone anniversaries this month.

Dr. Richard Clark, a member from the '70s and FV driver, passed away. We have a guest tonight, Bill Roberts, a former member who is coming back. Also Bill Roberts, Roger Horton and Dave Jensen are here. Rick Shields won first place in FV at the Runoffs.

RALLY REPORT:

No official report, but the BRMSCC November 9th event starts in New Stanton at 12:00.

OLD BUSINESS:

We had our first Majors meeting, and Paula took notes. There were 27 people there. The next meeting will be at PIRC on a Saturday, possibly 12/6. Start has already lined up 9-10 Starters. After the last STC meeting National (Terry Hanushek and Lisa Noble) took away the Double Conference status we were originally given. Lisa said she would try to do an article about the new track at PIRC in SportsCar to help us attract racers and sponsors. SCCA will sponsor the awards dinner. We have lined up vendors and pace car sponsors, but we need to find more. There is a meeting tomorrow.

We discussed the viability of a driver school and whether we can afford a National. There are too many variables now, and there are lots of scheduling meetings in the next two weeks. We will know more by the next monthly meeting.

Elections: Five petitions were received, from Beth Anselm, Mike Connolly, Bill Haus, Paula Hawthorne, and Walt Matenkosky, so according to our bylaws no 'election' is required and all five petitioners will get a seat on the Board of Directors.

The annual holiday banquet will be held on January 31st at The Lamplighter Restaurant on Route 22 in Delmont, starting at 5PM. We will have the menu down for the next meeting, and it will be posted to the website with a reservation form. The Lamplighter is located on Route 22 East of Murrysville, near the intersection of Route 66 for easy access.

Minicon: So far only Mark Connolly and Donna McDonough are going.

NEW BUSINESS:

AJ says Hayward Wagner has approached us about doing Thursday night PDE events at twilight. These would be once per month, 4-8 or 5 to PM. We would need instructors. These events are an introduction and would lead to PDX, Club Trials, Hillclimbs and Road Races. They would be similar to the Starting Line events. Mark C wants to get 5 people from the Majors group, like a BOD, to run the events. Chris Granche and Bill Haus, Paula and AJ volunteered immediately! We will finish this at the Majors meeting.

The Kryder banquet will be on November 22nd. They would like registration by 11/17.

The National Convention will be in Charlotte in February, around the 20th to the 22nd.

Les Walter says that our timing decoder is old, and some other Regions have had equipment failures. The new units only have one input instead of three, and are \$2750 after trade-in, while a second unit is only \$975, plus \$25 shipping, so we can get two for \$3760. If needed we can borrow one from PIRC. Rocky thinks that PVGP will share the cost, since we use our equipment there. He will check with them. *A motion (Mike Connolly/AJ Anselm) to approve a purchase at the best price up to \$3760 passed 11-0-0.*

Jeff will work on getting a quote.

The next meeting is in Greentree, and the January 7, 2015 meeting will be at Tolerico's in Monroeville. Paula will call Chris to see if she will make arrangements.

Les Walter has some new shirts for \$20 – he already sold two of them tonight.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (Lorraine Aronson/Beth Anselm) passed 11-0-0 at 8:47PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA

