

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

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

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

A motion (AJ Anselm/Mike Connolly) to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published passed 12-0-0.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 406 members; this month we have 413.

Paula passed out copies of the SCCA membership drive statistics. A copy of that is included with the archive copy of these minutes.

New members this month include Mike Mazziotti from Wexford, Daniel Testa from Industry, Jess Yunker from Pittsburgh 15228, Michael Hrubes from Venetia, Russell Rosendale from Coraopolis, Charles Anti from Pittsburgh, and Michael Lattanzio from Aliquippa.

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 \$56,472.36.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

The NeDiv schedule is out. Our April event would be up against the 12-hours in New Jersey and 2 other Driver Schools, so we won't do it. The Fall event date will be moved to September 19-20, the weekend before the Runoffs. Terry Hanushak is trying to get us a Pro IT event on the same dates.

Watkins Glen will be repaving after the NASCAR race next year, so a lot of events scheduled there are canceling and there will be nothing there after July.

NeDiv is scheduling big gaps between series races, and with nothing 5 weeks before or 3 weeks after our race, we should get a good turnout.

The GCR has a new stock head rule and new Jacking points specs. SRF and Gen 3 are equal until 2018. There are new specs for invitations to the Runoffs.

'The Club Racing Experience' is open to all IT except ITS, SM, Prod, GT#, T3 and SRF.

SOLO REPORT: Frank Gaus:

Trophies are ordered. Shirts are next.

The SCCA Starting Line is scheduled for 5/17/2015 at PIRC. Our Region has to rent the lot at retail up front, but we get reimbursed by National.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Our National Rally will be in March or April next year.

Blue Ridge Mountain SCC is putting on Les Walter's rally Sunday 12/7 in the Irwin area. Registration opens at 12, first car off at 1 PM, from Norwin Hills Shopping Center, about 60 miles in length.

Rick Beattie won the USRRC and his picture is in the December SportsCar on page 82. The event was in the same format as The Great Race, sponsored by Coker Tire. It lasted 2-1/2 days and ran out of Chattanooga TN.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

George Shafer from Somerset is now a 50-year member.

Workers recognized: 30-39 days, Jeff Huntzelman, Donna McDonough; 12-19 days, Paula Hawthorne.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

All is calm – we don't do anything in the Winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

February 20-22 is the National Convention in Charlotte. Reservations are \$175 until January 17th.

Mark went to the Minicon. Hayward did a presentation. There are 2 new tracks in the Northeast – Palmer, in Massachusetts about 45 miles west of Marlboro, Thompson, Lime Rock, and Club Motorsports, the new one off of I-81 near Syracuse, privately build, about 2 miles long. Dominion Raceway in VA is opening in the Spring, south of DC.

SCCA has a new director of Club Racing (actually Chief Operations Officer) Eric Prill. Chris Granche has set up the meetings for 2014 for Tolerico's in Monroeville and here (Greentree). Mark offered his thanks for the job well done.

A flyer for Hayward's "Track Night in America" program (attached to archive copy of these minutes) was distributed. It is an introduction to track events, and is aimed at spurring interest. There could be one in Pittsburgh.

Rocky said that the PVGP would pick up 2/3 of the cost of the new timing equipment we need.

No new quote has been received yet.

We are also looking to update our flag sets. Costs are estimated at \$15/flag without a pole. Here is an opportunity for someone to make some money – know someone who sews? Let us know.

The next Majors meeting is this Saturday December 6th at 11AM at PIRC. Stouts are sponsoring lunch.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Jendza talked to us about media promotion for the Majors series (Handout appended to archive) Banquet info will be posted to the website. The annual holiday banquet will be held on January 31st at The Lamplighter Restaurant on Route 22 in Delmont, starting at 5vPM. \$28/person. 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.

AJ: Open Throttle 360 (the BOD got emails about it) May-September – looking for content for programs to promote motor sports in our area. They will come to our events. They are doing studio work in Mike Zappa's garage, and they intend to create a YouTube channel. We will probably put a link on our website.

Don't forget the Daytona 500 party February 22 at McB.

Break for Elections

Don Baker, Senior member of the Board of Directors, announced the Officers for 2015.

RE: Mark Connolly

Asst RE: Paula Hawthorne

Secretary: Walt Matenkosky

Asst Secretary: Chris Granche

Treasurer: Beth Anselm

Asst Treasurer: Kristi Gaus

Comp Chair: AJ Anselm

Solo Chair: Frank Gaus

Trials Chair: Dave Merritt

Rally Chair: Chuck Larouere

Membership Chair: Paula Hawthorne

Activities Chair: TBA

Merchandise Chair: Les Walter

Historian: Don Baker

2 year terms: Mark, Walt, Mike

1 year terms: Beth, Paula, new appointee Dave Heinz.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (Walt M/AJ) passed 12-0-0 at 8:59PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA