

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting April 1st, 2015 at Aracri's Greentree Inn

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

A motion (AJ Anselm/Mike Connolly) to approve the minutes of the March membership meeting with corrections as discussed passed 13-0-0.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 414 members; this month we have 422. New members include Erik Smith from New Kensington, Christopher Havla from Pittsburgh 15221, Tony McConnon from North Huntingdon, Ryan Robinson from Monaca, Gregory Lankes from Cranberry, and Jeffrey Peleak from Greensburg.

New member Derek Kuntz, who is here tonight, is a Pittsburgh policeman, a driving instructor and gun trainer, and lives in Carrick. He drives a 2008 Bullitt Mustang. We all welcomed Derek to the club

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

This month our milestones are 50 years of membership for Lorraine Aronsen.

Don and Les attended the memorial service for Shirley Shafer. The church was packed, and he estimated that over 200 attended.

Reed Andrews from NeOH Region, who recently passed on, was recognized for 50 years of membership. His memorial service will be held somewhere near Cleveland around April 25th.

SOLO REPORT:

We have signed contracts for the season and the Starting Line events.

The estimated budget plan for 2015 was distributed (copy with the original of these minutes). The \$2000 in misc. should cover everything not otherwise noted, and any excess will be returned at the end of the season. The fixed lot fee is now \$900 per event. When all is said and done, we estimate a \$6000 profit.

We have not yet received an estimate for a new generator.

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 \$29,633.45.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

A handout was presented (copy attached to original of these minutes) which is a justification for a change of entry fee for the Majors to \$525. All 3 days would cost \$560 to \$580. *A motion (Paula/Mike C) to reduce the entry fee for the Majors to \$525 passed 13-0-0.* AJ will email Donna about the reduced fee.

Scales will be open Friday night at the majors. Midwest Tire will be there, and we are working on BFG and Goodyear.

RE: Jim Greene/Debbie LaFonde request to share our September Regional: we responded, and we are going to their meeting. How much will they be willing to provide in the way of support/workers. Paula wants to give them a list of what they should provide, Jeff wants an agreement showing what they promise to do. Bill: We want 1/3 of the track rental charge up front.

W then discussed the way the request to share was handled. In the past, we approached Nelson Ledges for dates first, and then asked NeOH for their permission to use the track. Rocky doesn't think we can get a signed agreement from NeOH. We need to define the fiscal agreement – it doesn't have to be an even split. *A motion (Mike C/Geoff F) to allow Paula and Mark to negotiate the deal with MVR to be approved by the Board passed 15-0-0.* A vote was taken as to whether NeOH should be allowed to share, and the result was 11-5-2 (NOTE: The numbers don't match the number of Board voters. There were 15 BOD members present for the vote, and someone else gave me the count – WM)

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Chris Granche and Bill Haus won their class at the last BRMSCC event. They were also the only car in class.

We have just 1-1/2 weeks to our National Rallies April 11-12.

Chuck was awarded the Arthur Gervais award for the best rally of 2014, and it was presented to him tonight.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

There was a nice session on Trials at the NeDiv Roundtable.

Track Trials now reports to the "Experiential" group at National.

The last preseason PHA meeting will be 4/11. May 2-3 is the revival of the Rose Valley Hillclimb, absent since 2008. It is held in the town of Trout Run, north of Williamsport.

OLD BUSINESS:

On the issue of liability of Board members: Paula asked Rick Myers, and found we pay to be covered under 'Errors and Omissions' on the National insurance policy, and racing regions pay via sanction fees.

The new timing equipment was tested at a Driver School at Summit Point with Steve Hyatt. We have Orbitz 5.1, and it comes with a 142-page instruction manual!

Jeff H. mentioned that he has notes (which he forgot to bring) on the Roundtable. He will give them to Paula to distribute.

There will be a Safety Day at PIRC April 12 starting at 9AM. The Majors meeting starts at 12, and the PVGP Executive Board meets at 1PM, all in the conference center.

"Track Night in America" starts at PIRC April 14th. National runs it, but we need some volunteers as well. Ian will have a Wrecker there from 3 to 9. There is a ride-around, and instructed ride, then a HPDE. Less than 20 tracks in the country are hosting one or more of these on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Paula will send info out via the Tickler.

Les has more shirts for sale.

There is a nice article in the next SportsCar (May) about PIRC and Steel Cities Region.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a big car cruise in Irwin 4/25 – Don is going and will take fliers for STC & PVGP.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$41 to Roger Horton.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (Jim Farrar/Jeff H) passed 15-0-0 at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA