

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting February 3rd, 2016 at Aracri's Greentree Inn, Greentree PA

Regional Executive Paula Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

A motion (AJ Anselm/Jim Locke) to approve the minutes of the December 2015, and January 2016 Meetings as published passed 11-0-0.

Paula pointed out that she placed copies of an agenda for this meeting on each table. She will do that for each meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

Jeff is not yet authorized for web access to Region reports, but knows that we have 4 new members and 4 whose membership has expired. We think we have 444 members, which would be down 8 from 452 last month.

RALLY REPORT: Jeff Hutzelman

Sunday 2/7 is a BLMSCC rally written by Chuck. It starts in the Monroeville area going? The National rally is in mid-May on the same Sunday as the Majors (May 15th).

Rick Beattie has both a story and an article in the current issue of SportsCar. He won a national event despite a series of equipment failures.

Two guests arrived at this point and were asked to introduce themselves. They were Niko Babovic and Ryan Catalano. We welcomed them and Jeff met with them.

SOLO REPORT: Nick Phillips

We are filling BOD positions. Everything else is good.

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 had an easy month, and the balance is \$43,709.31.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

We are working at determining racing groups so we can get our sanction for the Majors.

TRACK TRIALS & HILLCLIMB REPORTS: Dave Merritt

The contract for Fall Summit Point is in place.

There is a PHA meeting 2/13 in Reading.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Milestones: Gerry Bartolomucci 30 years, and Gaida Louise Copeland 35 years.

RE NOTES: Pauls Hawthorne

There will be a Majors planning meeting Wednesday February 17 at Tolerico's in Monroeville.

Paula is working with the President of WyoTech in Blairsville to bring students to our events.

Bob Henderson will be our Pace Car driver for the Majors. He was inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame at the recent National Convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

TNIA (Track Night In America) – Paula and AJ met with program officials at lunch during the convention. The dates are on the PIRC Calendar for 4/28, 5/18, 6/8, 7/14, 8/11, and 9/12/16. We need to promote and advertise, especially the events on 7/14 and 8/11. We looked at food & drinks on Sam's Club's website. AJ found a place that will private label bottled water for a price of \$.20/bottle. We should buy enough for the whole season. Bill says that PVGP gets Tyler Mountain water for \$4/case (\$.166/bottle). We can get a storage space at PIRC for \$125/month and PVGP might pay half. There will be a space for us in the new tower when it is built. Lisa Noble (SCCA President) is giving us \$600 seed money for water. Reed Kryder says that MVR is interested in sharing our TNIA program. National wants it to be for a large area, not just a Region. National is also willing to consign SCCA gear. Reed also asked if a participant wanted to join as a result of TNIA, what Region would they be in? It defaults to zip code, but they can choose any Region.

Erin from PIRC ordered 300 cones through us. We fronted payment, and they paid us back.

Convention items:

We determined that Morotsportsreg.com can be used for secure, on-line voting for our elections.

Paula distributed copies of a handout on membership (copy archived).

SCCA is starting Kid's Club – things like Big Wheel Autocrosses to get children involved.

National has a merchandise person like we have Les. They are giving the Regions some great deals, matching the costs from Les' supplier. They are also willing to consign us a package of Majors-branded stuff for the Majors weekend, and we can actually sell other items/sizes/colors etc right off the website. We plan to send in a design for our Majors T-shirts and stuff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Banquet: AJ will use MotorsportsReg to do a survey to find out who might like to have a daytime event, like on Saturday afternoon, instead of a nighttime banquet. Glen Region has done this for 5 years, and attendance went up 15%. Mike suggested a hard copy survey. Should we do this at the end of the season or in January before it starts? Could we have it at PIRC at the end of the season?

Paula didn't know that we used to have a Spark Plug points award system. She found out South Bend Region has a good system Bill pointed out the costs, and our experience was the same people received the awards all the time. She feels we need a way to incentivize working to attract new people, not to reward the usual suspects. New Jersey Region puts worker names in a pot for each day worked, and gives out 20 to 30 gift cards.

Bill mentioned that the 2/17 Majors meeting will also be a PVGP Chief's meeting. AJ mentioned that we need a new Chief of Sound Control. Who is the Divisional Administrator? We need to find out.

Will there be a Daytona 500 party? Paula will email Mark Connolly since he has been hosting. If not, we need to find a place, arrange food etc. After a brief discussion we decided to pass this year.

A motion (db/AJ) to adjourn the meeting passed 11-0-0 at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA