

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting November 2nd, 2016 at Tolorico's Restaurant, Monroeville

Regional Executive Paula Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

A motion (Barry/Ray) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published passed 13-0-0.

Paula asked for a moment of silence in memory of Rocky (Jim Farrar). Several of those present took the floor to relate stories of their experiences with him. A memorial service will be held for him in Belle Vernon this Saturday. SCCA National plans to publish a tribute in SportsCar magazine. *A motion (Mike/AJ) to donate \$500 to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in his memory passed 13-0-0.*

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

Three new members joined in October, and 11 memberships expired in September, so our total is now 432 members, down from 439.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

I'm on the SCCA National Events Committee now, and it's keeping me busy. They also meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

We will have our National Rally 4/29 and our Divisional Rally 4/30/17. We will start them from the Days Inn in Harmarville, and they will be a trap and a tour. Rich and Chuck are the Rallymasters.

This weekend three crews from Steel Cities are going to Vermont for the annual Covered Bridge Rally. This is the 50th year.

BRMSCC will have an event 11/27 starting from Norwin Hills shopping Center. Les is the Rallymaster.

SOLO REPORT: Nick Phillips

Event #9 drew 103 drivers. There was an incident – Jay Gyger did \$8000 damage to his Porsche GT3 and took out some guardrail. K&K covered the cost of the guardrail. Ray recommended Jay as a candidate for the Hammer Dozer award.

We show income of \$32,276.80 against expenses of \$26,379.98 for the year.

There will be a Match Tour event here 4/28-30/17. We should have the rest of the schedule by the end of the month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

Copies of the report were distributed. A copy is in the archives with these minutes. We had income of \$18,068.70 and expenses of \$6,227.73 leaving a statement balance of \$110,193.6.

Beth accidentally wrote a personal check on the club account, and will repay it. She said "Sorry".

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

No contracts yet, but they are due. Dates are fixed. 5/13-14 is our Conference Majors on Mother's Day weekend. We were offered a Super Tour event, but the Board declined it. The Divisional path to the Runoffs may end soon. As of now, it is still OK to use Conference Majors or Super Tour events to get there. Incidentally, both Atlanta and Glen Regions declined the Super Tour.

Our Regional is going to be on 8/12-13/17. We might eliminate open wheel groups, but if the FF & FV people want race groups we will accommodate them.

Mark Mahling suggested including a Vintage group from HRG.

Barry talked to the Chumpcar Marketing Manager and found out a lot of their drivers want to get into the SCCA, so we could have an alternate Driver School at the event with a bracket enduro. We discussed classes & rules of the SCCA versus Chumpcar.

Jim Locke will represent STC at the Miniconvention.

7/6/17 will be the date for the Vintage Driver School.

A motion (AJ/Jeff H) to pay listing fees for 4 events @ \$25 each passed 13-0-0.

Walt suggested asking SCCA to recognize our Vintage events for worker days. The following discussion said it would be likely to fail because more worker days would cause SCCA to lose money, but agreed that we should try. *A motion (Granche/Borgo) to petition National to recognize our Vintage events for worker days since SCCA staffs the event and it is for charity passed 13-0-0.*

Barry will draft a letter because he understands the system better than anyone else.

We need to check if our Articles of Incorporation still meet state law. This is a subject that will be discussed at the Minicon.

TRACK TRIALS & HILLCLIMB REPORTS: Dave Merritt

The banquet is going to be held in Hershey November 12th. The tentative schedule should be ready then.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

There was nothing published in SportsCar this month regarding our Region. Rick Beattie did have a rally article published.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buying the PVGP Trailer? There is a meeting this coming Monday (11/7).

Inventory: Registration was on AJ list, and that and the Coarse Crew list are the only ones Walt has received.

Our Treasurer needs to be covered with a bond. This is normally done at policy renewal. The Solo money person needs to be added. We need to contact our carrier (Harleysville) to get it. Bill Haus will take care of it after the elections. Do we insure a person or a position? Bill needs to ask.

PCs for Registration: A *motion (Mike C/AJ) to use the Track Night in America money to buy a PC was amended (Barry/Mike C) to allow Beth to spend up to \$800 for computers. It was amended again. A motion (Borgo/Mike C) to allow the Treasurer to buy whatever equipment is needed for Registration passed 13-0-0.*

Meeting location(s): should they be changed or kept as-is? After discussion, consensus was to stay the same because we need to make reservations now. *A motion (Jeff H/missed who seconded it) to keep the same meeting locations passed 12-1-0.*

Elections: so far Walt has petitions from Mike Connolly, himself, Bill Haus and Mark Maehling. This means no 'election' is necessary, and after BOD positions are determined, the Board will appoint as necessary to fill all positions.

Miniconvention: Jeff H, Jim Locke, and Paula are going.

National Convention: January 21-23 in Las Vegas. The late fee cutoff is in December. *A motion (Barry/Jeff H) to pay the full charge for the RE and registration for up to two more passed 13-0-0.*

Regional Awards: Email any suggestions to Paula.

Les returned the unsold shirt consignment – needs reimbursement for the cost.

Scales: AJ asked several regions' Tech Chiefs what they use, and found them evenly divided between wired and wireless units. The newest wireless scales are Bluetooth enabled. The problem is we need new ramps, and AJ can't find a ramp maker. Wired Longacre scales cost around \$1450, and the wireless ones are \$1850. Water is a problem for wireless scales, and they must stay out of the rain, preferably in a building. Hopefully, PIRC will have a Tech building.

Radios: Tabled for the new Board to discuss and decide.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$43 to Beth Anselm.

A motion to adjourn (Jeff H/Ray C) passed at 9:03PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA