

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA  
General Membership Meeting January 4th, 2016 at Tolorico's Restaurant, Monroeville PA

Assistant Regional Executive Bill Haus called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

*A motion (M. Connolly/AJ Anselm) to approve the minutes of the December meeting passed 12-0-0.*

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

Seven new members or renewals were logged in November, and ten memberships expired in December, so our total is now 431 members. Mark shows as an active life member whose term expired in December. Jeff will call National to fix that. Another reminder will be sent out regarding the banquet, and reservations are due by 1/15.

RALLY REPORT: Les Walter

Nothing planned for January or February.

SOLO REPORT: Nick & Alex

The 2017 schedule has been approved by PIRC. Trophy prices have gone up, and our expected cost is around \$600 not including T-shirts. Do we need Board approval? No.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Maehling

Bill Haus gave Mark a warm welcome to the Board and introduced him to those assembled. Mark in turn thanked Beth for her help and tutelage. The checkbook currently shows \$108,426.41.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

PIRC has acquired the Nelson Fire & Rescue trucks. They are being refurbished.

Deposits were made for both of our events. There have been some changes to Pro IT, and Terry Hanushak asked if we could include a group. AJ redid the budget. Using 156 entries we would stand to make around d \$3500. A motion (Jeff H./AJ) to move ahead and add a Pro IT group passed 12-0-0.

The 2017 GCR now requires races to be 50 miles or 35 minutes, so we need to add a lap to each race group. Trophies are done. Our top 5 drivers are Rick Shields, Gary Blararik, Matt Machiko, Greg Maloy and Gary Machiko.

Barry said that a draft of the Supps is ready and he has some copies available. He also said National is not allowing Chief Stewards to repeat as Chief, and may be sending in non-region stewards who don't know our track or procedures. We would have no control over assignments.

Barry juggled the schedule of our races to allow for a Pro IT group as the last race Sunday, but feels we must have 10 registrations by the week prior to the event.

"Time certain" has been dropped – we start at 8:30AM.

New end ramps 8' long have been ordered from Bret Moyer to go with the newly ordered Longacre scales. They will cost less than \$1000.

TRACK TRIALS & HILLCLIMB REPORTS: Dave Merritt

The next PHA meeting will be 1/21. We will finalize the schedule officially. Rose Valley is still unconfirmed. We are finalizing the Supps and adding two classes for electrics based on wattage. Summit Point has held rental at \$6600, and they are charging by the bag for oil dry, for each section of guard rail and so forth (to be added to Supps). These expenses could be covered by insurance, and we need to check on that. There are some minor changes in fees paid to National. Trials fees go up by \$.50/car to \$10.50, VIP goes down \$1 to \$4, and membership goes up \$5.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

There was nothing on our members in SportsCar this month. Bob Semsey passed on 12/27/16, and a card was circulated for his family. He had just been recognized for 35 years. He was 74 years old. He started out as an autocrosser and moved up to road racing, first driving a Midget and then a Mini.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill went over the Board of Directors and their positions. They are:

RE – Paula Hawthorne

Asst. RE - Bill Haus

Secretary – Walt Matenkosky  
Asst. Secretary – Chris Granche  
Treasurer – Mark Maehling  
Asst Treasurer – Dave Heinz  
Membership Chair – Jeff Hutzleman  
Comp Chair – AJ Anselm  
Solo Chairs – Alex Artayet/Nick Phillips  
Trials/Hillclimb Chair – Dave Merritt  
Rally Chair – Chuck Larouere  
Archivist/Historian – Don Baker  
Merchandise Chair – Les Walter  
Director-at-large – Mike Connolly

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

Please work on your lists and turn them in to Walt.

There will be no storage space for us in the new tower at PIRC, so, do we still need to acquire a storage trailer? PIRC will allow us to drop one there at no cost. The Comp Board will continue to do research and present a proposal. So far they feel we need a 7'x12' or 7'x14'.

Insurance: We have an inland marine policy in place. The carrier is Nationwide and the agency is E.R. Monroe & Company. The total of all coverage is \$40,500 and the annual premium is \$826. We still need to get Bond coverage for all those with check signing privileges.

Rick Poore will reimburse us \$110 for return shipping the consignment clothing.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Banquet information and reservation form has been posted to the website, Facebook, and RacePA. Jeff will also sent it out in a special Tickler. Paula sent the same info out to the full membership via snail mail yesterday. Past Regional Executives received a special invitation. We hope to use the returns to find out the most effective means of notification.

Chris Granche has confirmed the meeting schedule for the entire year.

*A motion (Barry/AJ) to award a minimum of \$250 as the Donna Mae Mims worker award passed 12-0-0.*

Beth is making the Treasurer transfer this weekend. She also asked for the credit card on the account to continue for use by Registration. *A motion (Barry/Jeff H) that Comp, Solo and Registration all get cards, for a total of five physical cards, passed 12-0-0.*

We discussed the two open Director-at-large positions on the Board. The members of the Board of Directors are authorized to appoint people to those positions. *A motion (Barry/Walt) that the Region advertise the vacant Board of Directors positions through a special Tickler and on the website, with all responses sent to the Secretary by January 31, 2017. The Board can then determine whom to appoint at the February meeting. The motion passed 12-0-0.*

At the meeting, Beth Anselm and Ray Colbert asked to be listed, and Mike Connolly asked that Mark be listed.

Radios: We held a discussion without coming to a conclusion. There are pros and cons to the proposal to buy our own radios.

Will there be a Daytona 500 party? By show of hands of those present who would attend, there is insufficient interest.

*A motion to adjourn (Jeff H/Borgo) passed at 8:42PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA