

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA  
General Membership Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, at Aracri's Greentree Inn

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

*A motion (Mike C/Haus) to approve the minutes of the January meeting passed 12-0-0.*

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

Six new members or renewals were logged in January, and four memberships expired in December, so our total is now 426 members.

RALLY REPORT: Les Walter

Nothing to report.

SOLO REPORT: Nick & Alex

The 2017 schedule is final. The paperwork for a Driver School in May is in progress.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Maehling

Statement balance is \$85,835.47. The checkbook currently shows \$83,335.47.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

There is a revised Majors budget estimate (copies distributed). The amount for trophies could change if we get them locally.

AJ, Mark and Paula are now in the Stewards training program. Their training starts in March.

TRACK TRIALS & HILLCLIMB REPORTS: Dave Merritt

The 2017 schedule is final. Trout Run/Rose valley responded.

We need to increase the entry for Summit to cover insurance.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Craig Carr, who was a dual member, is recognized for 35 years.

Don showed an old photo he got from a friend, showing Don & his wife at the Sewickley Hillclimb, when they had been married only 3 months.

Linda Lipps is here again tonight, and she brought her daughter Colleen. They have worked corner 19 at the PVGP for 13 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

We found a new storage trailer we like at Reno's in North Huntington. It is 7' x 14' and it costs \$4300. It has dual axles, electric brakes and a ramp door. Is the price within budget? It was never discussed. AJ pointed out that a used trailer might need tires and brakes. A motion (Mike/Paula) to offer Mike's old friend Reno \$4000 (or as Ray suggested, \$4300 with tax out the door) passed 12-0-0.

Our new scales are in, and we were given a \$200 discount and \$190 in gift cards, so the total cost was \$2246 plus the cards. Brett Moyer is making us 8-foot ramps for \$956.

Insurance/bonding should cover anyone authorized to write a check. Bill is working on this.

We have a check coming from Track Night in America.

NEW BUSINESS:

The banquet is this coming Saturday at 5PM, and we have 84 reservations. Reservations forms for snail mail and from the web were different, but the tally of each was about the same. Social media also gets the same results. If we decide to use snail mail again we need a committee – it is a lot of work!

Paula also had a pass out on the national convention (see the archives).

- 1) Paula spoke on club racing "speed dating" and best practices for the Majors.
- 2) Differences between a Super Tour/Majors/Club race.
- 3) SCCA Gear 101 Rick Pore: there are 3 regions doing this. You put a link to the SCCA gear site on our website and peoples orders get us 10%.

- 4) Annual Meeting: SCCA Pro lost \$850,000 in 2016, but no explanation was given. SVRA bought into TransAm, and they are doing joint scheduling. F1600/F2000/FatI are now in USAC, leaving only TA & F4 in Pro. We lost MX5 Cup & Pirelli World Challenge. TA is owned by Tony Ave and we don't make money, but we provide the sanction and workers. There was also a presentation on recruiting volunteers.
- 5) RE/BOD Luncheon: we have no interim president, and the Board is doing a pretty good job of running things. We are waiting for a selection of a new President before revamping the National website.

Other items discussed include the membership fee increase effective 3-1-17. A motion (Bill/Mark) to raise weekend membership fee to 15-20 dollars - Alex feels that could be a lot of money for non-members at a Solo, but it could provide a greater incentive to join SCCA. Question – what about the joining discount, will that go up? We discussed the impact of raising it or not – we stand to lose \$1000 if we don't. More information is needed, so the motion was withdrawn. Discussion resolved the issue and the following motion resolved it: *A motion (Kaplan/AJ Anselm) to raise fees for both Road Racing and Hill climbs by \$5 passed 10-0-0.*

Other things discussed at the convention include ES Recovery, Data acquisition (random), delegating, and taking care of the club.

The 2018 Runoffs will be held at Sonoma.

Mark M has a deal on Go Pros if anybody has an interest. He got \$25/unit off. Mark will discuss the provider's possible interest in sponsorship.

The BOD adjourned to pick new members-at-large. The elections appointed Beth Anselm and Rick Terrill to one-year terms.

*A motion to adjourn (Jeff H/Paula) passed at 9:10PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA