

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA  
General Membership Meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 at Tolorico's Restaurant, Monroeville PA

Regional Executive Paula Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

There was a discussion about an ambiguous item in the February minutes because of improperly followed procedures leaving an unresolved motion. Discussion about 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.*

*A motion (Borgo/Baker) to approve the minutes of the February meeting as resolved passed 10-0-0.* The February minutes will be amended and redistributed.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

Five new members or renewals were logged in January, and nine memberships expired and have not yet been renewed. So our total is now 431 members, up 5 from last month.

RALLY REPORT: Don Baker

Our National and Divisional rallies are scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as previously reported.

There will be a BRMSCC rally Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> near South Park. Registration opens at 1PM, first car off at 2PM.

SOLO REPORT: Nick & Alex

Our first event will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Sol Board meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at a location to be determined. We are hoping to make a purchase of merchandise – Staff & Driver's shirts and 48 hoodies – around \$1600. We also need 48 Match Tour shirts for around \$488, so the total will be near \$2000 with \$2000 as potential profit. Paula will check with Poor at National for a possible Match Tour consignment. Barry suggested we do a survey first to determine how many and what sizes we need. We will check our sources. A motion (Heinz/Hutzelman) to allot up to \$2000 for this merchandise passed 10-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Maehling

The statement came out this morning and did not make it to print (Secretary's file copy has handwritten figures on the January financial statement – will be archived). National did not bill us for the 2016 Majors fees, so we just paid them nearly \$22,000. That accounts for the high balances we have been showing. Ending Balance is now \$56,359. We bought PCs, our new trailer, and paid the banquet expenses.

Mark explained his system so that everyone knows why he is asking for information regarding expenses. All post-event audit forms need to be copied to him. He would prefer the spreadsheet format used by Hillclimb showing all income and expenses.

TRACK TRIALS & HILLCLIMB REPORTS: Dave Merritt

Three weeks ago the Trout Run VFD agreed to do Rose Valley and picked the date as July 22-23 2017. There will be a meeting tomorrow. Polish Mountain is squared away. The State of West Virginia is interested in holding an event near Canaan Valley ski area. Dave went and looked at it, and it looks like a great road.

We need to put the change to Ray Dembowski as Chief of Flagging & Communication in the Tickler and promote Safety Day at PIRC. Give AJ the contact information. Safety Day is sanctioned, so you can claim it as a Worker day for license renewal discount. Erik Avendutti is looking for old harness belts, Hans devices etc for safety training.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

This month in SportsCar Jason Widich was recognized as a 40-year member.

Don mentioned that Bob Semsey was recognized as a 45-year member, not 35 as he previously stated.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

Barry, Paula, and AJ worked on the supplemental regulations ("Supps"). Our Executive Steward did not approve them, and sent instead 'Divisional' Supps that WE don't like, so we are rewriting ours to conform more closely with the ones she sent. Donna had a 1-1/4 hour discussion with her regarding our submission, and again sent her version. We are next going back to her with a letter, with copies to other SCCA people, asking her to approve our Supps and a suggestion that we might have to cancel our Majors if we cannot agree on some things. Is she overstepping her bounds? Many people in our Division and at National are getting involved. A

*motion (Hutzelman) to give the Comp Committee permission to cancel the Majors if agreement can't be reached failed for lack of a second.* A discussion followed centered on softening the threat. Beth offered good alternate wording, which a majority of those present preferred. *A motion (Hutzelman/Heinz) to send Beth's letter and give the Comp Board permission to turn the Majors into a Regional if all else fails passed 9-0-1 (Hawthorne).*

OLD BUSINESS:

Now that we have a trailer, we need to build a list of what goes into it for our inventory.

Barry thanked Vicki and Joe for their time as Chiefs of T&S, and asked for Ray Dembowski's contact information.

Speaking of the trailer, we have purchased a nice used double-axle trailer with new wheels and tires (and a spare!). It is a 2009 7' x 16' American Hauler. It has a 32" man door and a rear ramp door. We paid \$3175.65 for it. We discussed lettering to make it a rolling billboard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula asked for a head count from the Chiefs of Specialty for workers for the Majors.

We again have the Westmoreland County Miata Club coming to the Majors. They would like to eat upstairs in the event center. We discussed keeping their lunch and the workers lunch separate.

Dave Heinz said that the TNIA schedule is out. Our first event is in April (the 20<sup>th</sup>). Cost is \$50 for SCCA members, \$150 for others.

Paula introduced Kelsey Patterson as our new Activities Chairperson.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$17 to Rick Terrill.

*A motion to adjourn (Jeff H/Borgo) passed 9-0-1 (Baker) at 9:04 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA