

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting June 7, 2017, at Aracri's Greentree Inn

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

A motion (Mike/Donna) to approve the minutes of the May meeting passed 12-0-0.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

There are 7 new or renewed members in May. Current membership count is 433. A copy of Jeff's report is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Later, under the Treasurer's report, we found out that SCCA National sends out graphs showing trends in membership countrywide. Paula will make copies for the next meeting.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Our National Course and Divisional Tour rallies were run with no problems, with perhaps a dozen cars entered. Blue Ridge Mountain Sports Car Club is having a Father's Day event on the 18th. No additional information is available other than it will be in Washington County. Chuck is going to Anchorage Alaska for a rally if anyone wants to go along.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Ahsen Yelkin was recognized for 35 years of membership.

Lorraine Aronson is still in a nursing home. Donna says she is doing OK, walking with a walker. Donna delivered the card that was circulated at The Majors.

TRACK TRIALS & HILLCLIMB REPORTS: Dave Merritt

We are ready for Polish Mountain, but we still haven't acquired the road closure permits needed for Rose Valley. We need some road repairs done there, and need to find someone to fix it.

(Alex and AJ arrived late, so any future motion approval vote numbers will change.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Maehling

May was a very busy month. We started with \$63,330.64 and ended with income of \$88,581.17 and expenses of \$39,062.48. The closing balance is \$101,393.02. There are a few outstanding checks. It looks like we made a little profit on the Majors race. Mark then proceeded to answer some very specific questions in detail. . The left us a balance of \$49,518.69

SOLO REPORT: Alex Artayet

We had 171 entries for the April event, a new record. National loved us as the host, and we will probably repeat next year.

The May event was a little less attended, with only 73 signed up. Perhaps that was because we were in conflict with a North Hills SCC event that day. We expect the events June 18th and 25th should do better.

Jeff thanked the Solo group for the use of their trailer for the Majors weekend.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

AJ passed out a revised handout on the Majors. It appears we made a fairly substantial amount of money. If we had done a super tour event, we would have made \$7000 less. We would have needed more than 20 additional entries to break even. However, Jim Locke said that super tours typically attract bigger entries. We should do a projection to see if we want to try to have a super tour next year. Jeff pointed out that with the Runoffs on the West coast next year, we should expect fewer entries. Our race group changes made a huge difference in attendance. Jeff also suggested that the BOD should be ready to decide this fall. Pretty much all agreed.

Jim Locke says he has heard nothing but good comments about our Majors event.

AJ also passed out a budget for the August Regional. We need 118 entries at \$450 to break even. We discussed the costs involved of doing it as a MARRS event. New Jersey Region is doing an event that same weekend. We discussed race groupings. We need to finish the Supps and get approval so that we can open for entries at the beginning of July.

OLD BUSINESS:

A question was raised at Safety day regarding what corner workers should do if they arrive at the scene of an incident and find the driver unresponsive. Dave Hall said that the answer is to get the driver out of the car and deal with the unresponsiveness afterwards.

Inventory was done on the new trailer contents, and on the club electronics. Walt has not received the results yet, and Jeff said that he would send that information to Walt.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the PVGP Historics at PIRC this year there will be no Solo event. Chevy is using the skid pad to host an 'arrive and drive' introduction of the new Camaro. They are also bringing Camaro number 1 to Schenley Park. There will be a Test & Tune at PIRC on Thursday, practice on Friday, and practice and qualifying Saturday. The garages are nearly sold out, only three left, and we have 95 cars registered. PIRC is repaving the South Track. There will also be a driver school Thursday with E. Paul Dickenson as the instructor. Six students have registered for that.

Bob Borgo stated that there are a few changes for Schenley Park this year. We are using a contractor to set the Jersey barrier, starting at 2PM. We are rearranging the false grid/pit out area to eliminate congestion. We are looking for help to set the plastic fences (no wood this year) on the Monday before the event (7/10). There are about 3 miles of it! Jeff will put this in The Tickler. Also, we will start setting the hay Friday afternoon at 4 from the flatbeds. Many people leave as soon as the races end, and Bob reminded us that there is a lot to do to break down the course and reopen the park. Please stay and help if you and your people can. Solo & F&C plan to announce this to their people and ask people to contact Paula so we can figure out how much help there will be.

Dave Badger was giving out "Rocky" stuff, like wristbands and shirts, at the Majors. The Mid-Ohio people wore black STC shirts in Tech Saturday in tribute. Donna suggested supporting their events as a way of acknowledging their actions. *A motion (Paula/Barry) was made to offer to reimburse Dave Badger for his actions. AJ said that knowing Dave, he wouldn't want it. Discussion decided we should do something anyhow. We will purchase and give Dave 2-\$100 Visa gift cards. The motion passed by a vote of 14-0-0.*

Public Relations: Rally & Velma are using us as a pilot for a marketing program from National. Greg Vincent and Paula were on a conference call with them Monday night. It is aimed at Solo. "Susie" will attend a Solo meeting with them, Paula and AJ. It should last 6-9 months, then they will move on to another region. It is free for us, and requires minimal effort.

Bob Borgo has the name of someone selling an Avanti if anyone is interested.

Paula introduced Spencer Patterson who is here tonight.

A motion (AJ/Jeff) to buy 3 Baofeng headsets for racing to replace the failing ones we now have, at a cost of \$199, passed 14-0-0.

Les has new decals with him. Paula asked Jeff if we send a welcome letter and STC sticker to new members as she did. Jeff said that he didn't know she did that, and he will resume the practice. He got some stickers from Les.

AJ wants a short Comp Board meeting tonight after this meeting.

AJ will make a "Rocky" Tech sticker for August, as well as memorial stickers for workers and drivers. Bill will check with the PVGP too.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$44 to Jim Locke.

A motion to adjourn (Jeff/Paula) passed 14-0-0 at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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