

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting December 6th, 2017, at Aracri's Greentree Inn

Regional Executive Paula Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

A motion (Kern/AJ Anselm) to approve the minutes of the November meeting passed 13-0-0.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

No new members. We currently have 420 members in December, down from 425 last month. There were 16 non-renewals. Paula says National had a glitch. So the numbers could be off. Jeff says the records show 16 new members in October. He found out at the miniconvention that some family members did not get cards.

SOLO REPORT: Nick Phillips & Alex Artayet

Our schedule is ready, and we're waiting on PIRC for contracts. We will again have 10 events plus a starting line school, and possibly an EVO school if there is interest.

The Solo BOD reviewed 2017 and got some good ideas for 2018. We are working with neighboring regions to avoid scheduling conflicts. There is a possibility of a common regional championship among the three groups. Allegheny Highlands Region is losing their site at WyoTech, and we're hoping to absorb their drivers. They asked for approval to search our territory for another site. Discussion followed. Conflicting dates could affect our numbers. There are defined borders (Indiana County/Westmoreland County) they probably want to cross. Resolution – we need to keep in touch with them about this.

TRACK TRIALS And HILLCLIMB: Dave Heinz for Dave Merritt

The schedule remains as sent, two of which events are ours, Polish Mountain and Jefferson.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Elaine Rodman was recognized for 40 years of membership.

Mike Connolly had a mild stroke the day before Thanksgiving. He's coming home tomorrow.

The Western PA Corvair Club is hosting the National Convention in 2018. Don has \$5 raffle tickets for sale.

RALLY: Chuck Larouere

We will host two National events April 29 and 30, starting at the Super 8.

We received a call from the Rally Board. They want us to a USRRC Road Rally Challenge event in 2019. We did one a few years back. Chuck will let them know. He wants time to find a sponsor.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

We have the 2018 contracts from PIRC. They went from 8 pages to 18 pages long. Prices increased \$1000 per day, and 25% deposits are due within 30 days of the scheduled event. May will cost us \$38,070 and August around \$36,990 for the track and services including Friday early entry (\$200).

They are repaving the paddock in the Spring, painting stripes, marking spaces, etc.

Jim Locke, who attended the Minicon, reports that qualifications for the Runoffs did not change.

AJ is getting contracts for August for groups. They are working on race groupings. There are potentially 50 formula cars, west coast FF, FB and special races. FF will probably have their own group, and FB will run with other open wheelers. Ray Senkevich asked/suggested a SRF group since the Runoffs are on the West coast.

TREASURER: Dave Heinz for Mark Maehling

We received the statements for October and November. There is nothing special to report. Mark has insurance questions for Solo and Road Racing.

A motion (AJ/Jeff) to approve deposits for PIRC passed 13-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Who is planning to attend the National convention? Paula, Jim Locke and Gene Kern.

We need nominations for the Regional awards by the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula said the Minicon was very educational. She has pages of notes she has not yet transcribed.

Supertour – why did we not get it? Dave Heinz says that National does not have confidence in Steel Cities' management. The opportunity could have made us 5 figures. We need to stifle the bad and talk up the good stuff we do when we communicate with other Regions. Paula says we need more regional promotion of things like SCCA Kids, Solo Big Wheels, 'Cars' movies. It would take a couple of hours in the morning and evening at the events. Deanna is very pleased. No other Region is doing this.

We will order shirts through National. They typically sell about 200 per Region.

A TransAm race will be coming to PIRC, and they need corner workers.

Elections:

Geoff announced that there was a tie for the 6th Board seat, so there will be a runoff election tonight. Ballots were distributed to those present qualified voters. Jim Locke defeated Rick Terrill.

Elected to 2-year terms: Mike Connolly, Mark Connolly, and Beth Anselm

Elected to 1-year terms: Dave Heinz, Jim Locke, and Don Baker

The directors adjourned to select the Regional officers.

Don Baker as the senior board member announced the results:

Regional Executive – Paula Hawthorne

Assistant RE – Dave Heinz

Secretary – Walt Matenkosky

Assistant Secretary – Chris Granche

Treasurer – Mark Maehling

Assistant Treasurer – Beth Anselm

Competition Chairperson – AJ Anselm

Solo Chairpersons – Alex Artayet and Nick Phillips

Track Trials/Hillclimb Chairperson – Dave Merritt

Rally Chairperson – Chuck Larouere

Membership Chairperson – Jeff Hutzelman

Activities Chairperson – Kelsey Patterson

Merchandise Chairperson – Les Walter

Archivist/Historian – Don Baker

Directors at large:

Mike Connolly

Mark Connolly

Bill Haus

Jim Locke

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$40 to Lorraine Aronson.

A motion to adjourn (Jeff/AJ) passed 13-0-0 at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA