

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting September 5th, 2018, at Tolorico's in Monroeville

Regional Executive Paula Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. A motion (Chris G/AJ) to approve the minutes of the August meeting as published passed 12-0-0.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

SportsCar recognized Mark Maehling for 35 years of membership. Two VIPs were named for 29 days of service, Barry Kaplan and Cliff McCandless, a dual member with MVR.

Les Walter is back at the Grove Care facility. He has his cell phone with him if you should want to talk with him.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

Jeff distributed a lengthy report showing new members and those who rejoined from June through August as of September first. We currently have 394 members, down by two. We are probably down 20 to 30 from a year ago. This is consistent with SCCA numbers. Discussion ensued: we are down about one third from a few years ago. Weekend memberships were priced to encourage full membership, but Solo discounts them and Rally gives them out for free. The main membership price of \$85 is discouraging (is this because the focus is on getting competitors rather than members?). No conclusions were drawn.

TREASURER: Mark Maehling

Mark passed out summaries for July and August. There is an undeposited income of about \$17,000, along with expenses of around \$5,000 in checks written tonight..

The 2017 taxes are done. Even though expenses are going up, we're in pretty good shape. Mark still suggests that we invest around \$10,000.

SOLO REPORT: Nick & Alex

Nick got married. That would explain his recent absence.

The last 4 events averaged around 100 drivers and around 17 novices each.

We lost the Muscle Car event to the Akron Sports Car Club. They undercut our price.

The Summit Racing Car Fest was this past weekend at PIRC. We helped with the autocross and they will pay us about \$750. There were 4 sessions of 30 minutes each.

The weekend of September 15-16 is the "Keystone Cup", a series involving us, Misery Bay Region and Central PA Region at the Mid-State airport near Phillipsburg. Our last 2 events will be the 23rd and 30th of this month.

TRACK TRIALS and HILLCLIMB: Dave Merritt

Fall Shenandoah was this past weekend. The 93 registrations were a record for the event, but there were 88 actual drivers. We made \$4,782.44. Spring Jefferson will probably move to the Shenandoah circuit where there is more pit space and better amenities. Dave then explained how we ran things this year – very different.

Polish Mountain has been rescheduled to October 13-14. E are currently above our registration target.

DC Region has invited National Road Autosport to be part of them. PHA/STC doesn't want to get in the middle of that. We don't want NRA to leave PHA. They don't follow SCCA speed limit rules for their autocrosses.

COMPETITION: AJ Anselm

AJ passed out a report on our Regional. There were 95 Road racing entries and 27 Trials entries, 8 of whom also did the autocross. We made \$46K, but having expenses of \$51K means we lost \$4500. A couple of the road race drivers didn't like the 10:30 start time, but most of them did. All went smoothly. We need to start planning for next year. Should we try to get a later date like the Great Pumpkin used to have, or earlier like the Golden Harvest? Should we dump the division qualifier for a restricted regional? Should we dump poorly attended classes? Should we have an enduro? Lots of options were discussed. The scheduling meeting is November 5th in Scranton. We have no word on available dates at PIRC for next year from Dave Hois. We also need to ask National if we cancel our Regional, would that affect our chances of getting a National. AJ will ask.

RALLY:

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula received an email from Haywood. The Trials Tour is a "Go", to be held along with the Solo Match Tour. PIRC is in the schedule. They want 10 Regions across the country to participate with "support" – workers, stewards etc. These will be stand-alone events run by National. SCCA says the Match Tour runs the same way – they bring the equipment and write us a check. They want a Solo Friday along with a TNIA, followed by the Solo Match Saturday morning at the same time as the Trials on Track. No response is required at this time. Don Baker's wife had a stress-related heart attack. She's recovering well. Spenser Patterson finished 2nd overall in the World Challenge TCA. NeDiv champions include our Rick Shields in FV, Brian Putt in P1 and Charlie Campbell in FP.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$32 to Beth Anselm..

A motion to adjourn (Gene/Geoff) passed 12-0-0 at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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