

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting November 6th, 2019, at Bella Luna in Murrysville

Regional Executive AJ Anselm called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. **A motion (Mike C/Gene K) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published passed 12-0-1 (Granche).**

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

See report attached to the original of these minutes.

Current membership is 429, down from 442. We have dropped to second place in growth for Regions in our class.

TRACK TRIALS/HILL CLIMB: Rick Terrill

The Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association banquet was last weekend. This season there were a total of 743 entries from 211 drivers, 19 of which were women. 2019 ASP class champion was Michelle Aubele. Gibby Bozicevich, Glenn Hoffman and Chris Carlisle competed in all eight events.

The 2020 Schedule is out, and there are no conflicts with the Road Racing calendar.

SOLO REPORT: Alex & Nick

Our last seasonal event drew 98 drivers Saturday and 110 on Sunday. We are still working on the financials. The National schedule is due out around thanksgiving.

ROAD RACING REPORT: Gene Kern

Our Regional October 26/27 drew 62 entries. We had decent weather for the time of the year. It went OK seeing that we were up against Mid Ohio and New Jersey events. Mid Ohio had lots of rain, and New Jersey drew about 100 entries, but they also had track sprints. We actually had more road racing cars than they did. The P&L is not finished.

The 2020 scheduling meeting is next weekend. If we get our dates of May 9/10 for the Majors and August 29/30 for the Regional there will be no Divisional conflicts.

The contracts for PIRC are due from Dave Hois in a couple of days.

RALLY: Chuck Larouere

There may be a charity rally in November. Our sanction request was late.

TREASURER: Bill Haus

See attached report. Statement Balance is now \$84,334.28.

We took a loss of \$16,243.60 on the Regional. Some of the fees are yet unpaid.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

We have a guest tonight, Andrew Gamble from Mt. Lebanon, who races a FC with a bunch of people from the Detroit area. Nick has taught all three of Andy's kids!

Jeff Hutzelman has been named Timing and Scoring Worker of the Year. Congrats Jeff!

Vickie Ropar is here tonight, and is feeling better, recovering from her second mini stroke.

Tony Phelps passed away October 11th or 12th in Merritt Island FL at the age of 82.

Roger Penske bought the Indy car series along with Indianapolis Raceway Park. Don is from there, and he told us that his Dad once got to drive his 1939 olds on the track during the war.

Autoweek magazine has mailed its last print issue. It is going electronic only. Road and Track has taken over.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill has not had the opportunity to discuss the Inland Marine (club property) insurance yet. He has paid the premium.

We discussed the proposed National Bylaw revision mailing regarding the voting process. It is very similar to our own past bylaws revision, for the purpose of election of officers. The deadline for us to respond (individually) is approaching.

AJ called Brad Shields about his letter (we discussed it last month) and everything is cool.

NEW BUSINESS:

We are ready for the elections. Geoff Fararr is again running the balloting.

We got our August date at PIRC instead of October. AJ feels that if we don't take it we might not get another chance. Chris G is worried about continuing our string of financial losses on the Regionals. As far back as anyone can remember we have lost money on Regionals. However, the new date has no conflicting Divisional events, so we will probably get a bunch more entries. ***A motion (Mike C/Paula) to continue having Regional races was followed by discussion. Regionals are supported by Majors and Solo income, we have a history of losses, and Regionals are the usual path for racers to Majors. The vote was held and the motion passed 10-2-1, Bob & Chris against, Bill abstaining.***

ACTIVITIES: No report

Paula suggested getting driver videos for the awards banquet – "we need to do some fun stuff!" She will call Kelsey.

Paula spoke about information she brought from the CRB at the Runoffs. Among things being discussed there was qualification for the Runoffs. Eric Prill says they want to make it harder by doing things like requiring a number of finishes rather than starts, and making it 4 events rather than 3. Also they might require inside and outside your home Division finishes. They discussed spreading the Runoffs over two weekends. That was not well received because of space and time restrictions. PIRC was a suggested venue, even though it was not on National's track list. There is a meeting next week in Kansas, and Paula will discuss things there.

The tow fund is coming back – test day profits will fund it. This year at VIR the extra test day funded paving in the upper paddock.

Nelson Ledges is still not approved by National, and the track is not willing to pay for what SCCA wants. They really don't need us because they are fully booked. Even Misery Bay Region has been holding trials there.

Jim Locke was named Worker of the Year at our Regional. He fixed three cars that otherwise would have had to go home.

The 50/50 awarded \$38 to Chris Granche.

A motion (Geoff/Beth & Borgo) to adjourn was approved 13-0-0 at 8:56PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA