

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting August 5th, 2015 at Aracri's Greentree Inn, Greentree PA

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

A motion (Mike Connolly, Dave Merritt) to approve the minutes of the July membership meeting passed 10-0-0.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 455 members; this month we have 447.

New members include Michele Aubele from East McKeesport, James Patrick Stafford from Oakdale, Scott Burnsworth from Pittsburgh 15212, Christopher and Lauren Bairnsfather from White Oak, Adam Carberry from Pittsburgh 15220, Michael Laskowski from Pittsburgh 15237, Christian Lawrence Allison from Pittsburgh 15202, Phillip Sunseri from New Castle, Steve Peterson from Beaver Falls, Alejandro Klagges from Pittsburgh 15237, and Carlos Latorre from Pittsburgh 15237.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

The Majors race is next weekend. We have 107 entries as of tonight. AJ has an entry list if anyone wants to see it.

We have a sanction number for the September Regional, and registration is open. We have 4 entries so far.

We have a flyer done, and ready to be distributed at the Pro IT event ant Mid-Ohio. Tech stickers are ready, but we need to have a discussion with Mahoning Valley Region regarding the September event. Beth is going track income and expenses and figure the split. MVR has not yet paid their 30% of the deposit, so we need to collect that. AJ will get an invoice to Paula, and she will send a letter to MVR demanding payment.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

Beth passed out copies of a report, and a copy is attached to the archive copy of these minutes.

We have a checking balance of \$44,093.24. The income has been mostly from Solo. We paid Elite Towing and bought new laptops for Timing & Scoring.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

We have no milestones this month.

Roger Williams is recognized for 10-19 volunteer days.

Walt introduced Rick Tirrell, a new member of the Coarse Crew. Rick has been a member since 2005, and was previously an autocrosser.

Old-timer Bob Criss is also here tonight.

RALLY REPORT: Jeff Hutzelman

There is a BRMSCC rally the 23rd in the Murrysville area. Rick Beattie is the rallymaster.

The PVGP Kickoff Rally drew about 73 cars, and the new format was apparently very successful. There were only 5 controls, all near the start in the park, followed by a city tour to uncover answers to a set of questions.

TRACK TRIALS, HILLCLIMB & SOLO REPORTS: Dave Merritt

Polish Mountain drew 81 cars – close to being the most ever. It cost \$300 less than last year with 63 cars.

Our next event is Fall Jefferson September 5-6, Labor Day weekend. Registration opens this week. We have had more people coming to all our events this year, especially STC members.

Duryea is the same weekend as the Majors race.

In Solo news, SportsCar tabs John Ryan to win his class.

Frank is looking good, Dave saw him at the PVGP. He is expected to return to work soon. He drove at the last two events.

OLD BUSINESS:

We bought T&S new PCs. Everything has been updated and tested. Beth also got a new printer for registration. RE: the PVGP – no accounting yet, but there were lots of big contributions from the golf course, so the contribution total should be big. There was a problem with the PA system in the paddock. Mark C. said that the drivers didn't know when to report to the grid. Also, the Verizon stream did not work well.

NEW BUSINESS:

We talked about Denny Freeman's death. There will be a memorial toast after the last race at the Majors. There will also be a public memorial service September 13 at Nelson Ledges at 12 o'clock. *A motion (Mike C/AJ) to make a \$500 donation to his family passed 10-0-0.* Walt will send Penny's address to the members of the Board. The whistle ceremony that LEC holds will follow the last race in September, and Denny will also be remembered there, as well as others who passed.

Paula says the worker gift in September will be carabineer pens. She is doing a booklet for the drivers containing a welcome letter, schedule, a list of the race officials, and class descriptions. Discussion followed. We need to have schedules, entry lists, maps, driver info etc available at registration and other places. We discussed selling black & white copies to spectators at the gate. *A motion (Mike C/Les) to give Paula \$250 to see what with a color first page packet passed 10-0-0.* Rocky will get a price from his printer.

Dan & Vickie will write an 'Ad' recruiting flaggers.

Beth asked what goes into the driver packets. Supps, a map, the schedule, an entry list, info on Monitor, the timing system, and tech sheets go into it.

Jeff Hutzelman suggested that the region probably ought to have its own wireless router to set up a wireless network (we have been using his). *A motion (Geoff Farrar/Mark Maehling) to allot \$100 to purchase a router passed 10-0-0.*

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$34 to Mark Maehling

A motion to adjourn the meeting passed 10-0-0 at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA