

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting April 1st, 2020, as a conference call

Regional Executive AJ Anselm convened the meeting at 7:43 PM. This meeting was a conference call because of the national Covid-19 crisis. It took a little while to sort out the technical issues and get the Board online. ***A motion (Mike/Jim) to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published passed 13-0-0.***

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

The short form: we currently have 439 members, down from 455 last month and 442 the month before. There are apparently a lot of people whose memberships come up for renewal in March. We had 19 people join in February, 15 in March, and two more just today (one of the last was already an SCCA member but joined our region today).

A more complete report will come in the fullness of time, once I've had a chance to automate this process a bit more.

TRACK TRIALS/HILL CLIMB: Rick Terrill

We are in "Wait and See" mode. The first scheduled event is Spring Jefferson at Summit Point on Memorial Day weekend. The weekend sanction has been issued.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

MILESTONE ANNIVERSERIES:

50 YEARS MIKE CONOLLY

30 YEARS RAY COLBERT

30 YEAR 54 MEMBERS IN MARCH

25 YEAR ONLY 30 MEMBERS IN MARCH

NOT MANY JOINED OR REMAINED FROM 1995.

Don added that Eric Shafer, George Shafer's nephew, passed away recently.

TREASURER: Gene Kern

Starting Balance \$43,607.11

Ending Balance \$51,039.92

Income \$7,977.60

Expenses \$544.79

A copy of Gene's PDF was distributed prior to the meeting and is attached to the archive of these minutes.

SOLO REPORT: Dan Sabol and Joe Montuoro

The week leading up to the Test & Tune was crazy, but it was a rousing success. We just about broke even. We hope to repeat it next year, but raise the entry by \$5 per entry. So far 29 have signed up for season passes. We plan to issue refunds for 10% for each canceled event, and will send them a notice to that effect. We will probably cancel the April events now, then wait and see what to do about May. Dan called PIRC to see if we can extend the season by rescheduling the April events, maybe as combined Saturday/Sunday events.

Our new cones and loaner helmets have arrived.

Paul Morris borrowed 50 cones for traffic control at the Beaver County food bank.

We may hold refunds until the end of the season if we can move events.

RALLY: Don Baker

Our National Rallies originally scheduled for April 25 & 26 have been rescheduled for August 15 & 16. Blue Ridge Mountain Sports Car Club is limping along like the rest of us.

ROAD RACING REPORT: Gene Kern

Majors is still on track.

Correction to what was stated in the minutes: (Gene may have stated this incorrectly!)

Matias Bonnier is Chief Steward

Terry Hanushek is Chairman of the Stewards

Paula Hawthorne has assumed the duties of Race Chairman.

We have a super tour in August per an offer from Deanna.

Why?

Moving our Majors to August was discussed with Deanna at SCCA when it looked as if we may not be able to race in May. I was attempting to formulate a plan B for the Majors.

Deanna contacted AJ about using our August date as a 2 day Super Tour.

After AJ contacted me, I queried Deanna about changing to a 3 day Super Tour and she agreed that would be preferable.

I checked with PittRace (Dave Hois) about the availability of the dates, worked out a cost with Bob Albert (race chair for the regional), and then sent the emails to the comp board and BOD to gauge interest. *Break even is 120 to 125 cars. Mike is Chief of Tech and will get a pace car, probably a Miata (wm)*

Deanna sent the MOU to AJ and PittRace was contacted to add Friday to the weekend.

Entry Fee is at \$695. This amounts to the extra \$70 for the Super Tour fee per car.

.SOCIAL OUTREACH: Coyote Black

Coyote is planning some iracing events. The PIRC track is not available, but it could be in the future. It has not been scanned yet, and Coyote thinks cost could be the issue.

Nothing new on the Regional logo, but it really isn't a priority right now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Track Night In America has been suspended for now.

Radios - our agreement with the track includes 4 radios not including corners. We have had problems using rental units there. Jeff suggested letting Barry handle it. Jim asked about the cost - it is \$2200 per event for 65 units plus all needed accessories. That gives us 2 radios per corner plus all the officials. The order has already been placed with Mike at Rapid Radios for the May, August, and PVGP events.

Don Baker found a lot of old STC logo stickers and some more grille Badges at Les' place.

Bob Fryer commented that Donna Mae Mimms' car sold to a guy in California for \$900,000!

NEW BUSINESS:

Paula asked if we have no Majors because the whole state is closed, does our deposit apply to our Fall event or even to 2021 events at PIRC. AJ replied that could apply to May 2021 or to whatever date becomes available.

Gene says we have enough money to do the Super Tour.

Paula asked Walt if he got her 3-column worksheet, and he had. The Crew has been polled and two trucks and staff will be available.

We need to find a general information editor for The Tickler. Can we advertise that in The Tickler? Yes we can. Coyote will take that role for now. We can do a newsletter-style release with PDF attachments a week prior to the monthly meeting.

Don Baker pointed out that the cash portion of the annual worker award has not been delivered. Gene has the money. Don also said he can deliver the anniversaries to the Tickler Editor.

Since this is a virtual meeting, Mike will have to do without his 50/50 winnings. Chris suggested that we should each just send him a dollar.

A motion (Mike/Paula) to adjourn was approved 13-0-0 at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA