

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA
General Membership Meeting September 7th, 2022, at Bella Luna in Murrysville

Regional Executive Jim Locke convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

A motion (Gene Kern/Rick Terrill) to approve the July minutes passed 89-0-0.

We then discussed changes Bob Albert requested to be made to the August minutes.

A motion (Bill Haus/Bob Albert) to approve the August minutes with the changes discussed passed 9-0-0

TREASURER: Gene Kern

Gene delivered the current report. A copy is attached to the archive copy of these minutes.

There is a net loss this month because we did not receive our numbers from Hagerty Insurance yet.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jeff is not here, therefore no report.

TRACK TRIALS/HILL CLIMB: Rick Terrill

We had 70 cars at the Festival attend the Trials event run by SCCA National. We budget for 60 entries, and past events averaged 70 entries or more, so we lost \$1681.87.

Rick ran in the Shenandoah track event at Summit Point where there were 54 drivers, 12 of those were from Steel Cities Region. There were 11 new class records set.

The last Track Trials event will be at Nelson Ledges in October.

SOLO: Joe Montuoro

We had 98 entries Saturday at The Festival, and 103 on Sunday. Well-known driver Joe O’Gorman showed us all how it’s done!

September 24th is our last event, and we are trying to max entries at 135. Driver of the Year is already decided, and it is Chris Yoder. Jake Glover is second. Jake also won AS at the Nationals, and Ben Edminston won ESP there.

RALLY : Rick Beattie

We had to cancel the Festival rally as only 2 people registered. We are not sure why that happened. Maybe it was too far away from Pittsburgh?

ROAD RACING REPORT: Bob Albert

Deanna called last Tuesday - we will not host a Supertour in 2023. “Because there were not enough flaggers this year” was given as the original reason. We think the 20% decrease in entries (nationally) and resulting drop in revenue was the real reason. Bob had a big discussion with her today.

We have to move our Spring date because of events at other nearby tracks (Pocono, Summit Point, The Glen, Mid-Ohio), so we are moving to the third week in May. We are also trying to get a MARRS event for August. HP drivers want a run group at PittRace. They had 31 cars at Mid-Ohio.

The August event was the third largest event in all of SCCA this year, behind only the Solo Nationals and the Runoffs. It was also the only SCCA event in the entire United States that had more entries than the same event last year. We had two people from Milwaukee Region attending to see how we did it - they hope to do something similar at Road America.

Bob is working with NeDiv scheduling to try to get us better dates. Bob has been recognized for his efforts.

We need Flag and Tech Chiefs and a Registrar critically before we can get a SuperTour again.

We are working with Linda Rose to communicate with our PVGP flaggers in hopes of adding them to the Regional ranks.

We have 38 new driver members this year.

OUTREACH: Coyote Black

We made lots of new connections with new students and drivers. Track Night in America interest continues to run high as well.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Milestone anniversaries:

Chris Granche and Bill Haus - 38 years

Jim Locke - 20 years

Diane Bargerstock passed away, wife of the late Gary (Sound Control) and mother of Robby. Don found a Sheriff's sale notice in the newspaper referring to "the unknown heirs of Diane Bargerstock. We don't know when it happened.

OLD BUSINESS:

Walt has not yet held the bylaws revision ZOOM meeting.

Vincent done, PVGP,Indycar **(I don't remember the reference - Walt)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Albert suggested that we add a Volunteer Coordinator, an Advertising Chief, and someone tasked to secure sponsorships as non-voting positions. A title sponsorship should net \$10,000 to \$15,000, the worker party maybe \$1000, and a meal sponsor \$500, etc. ***A motion (Bob Albert/Jim Locke) to create three non-voting positions of Volunteer Coordinator, Advertising Chief, and Sponsorship Chief and advertise in The Drift was tabled.*** These positions would be created to keep the position holders in the Board's chain of communications. Walt will check the bylaws about this. Jim Locke talked about his teams championships. This is the sixth time in seven years he has been cref chief on a championship team.

A motion (Granche/Haus) to adjourn was approved 8-0-0 at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA