

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2012 MEETING

The meeting held at the Grantview Holiday Inn was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Tom Knorr after it was determined that a quorum of SCCA Regional Representatives were in attendance.

Those present were PHA Officers: President Tom Knorr, Vice President Rich Rock, Treasurer John Pitman and Secretary Gordon Wise. SCCA Regional Representatives, members and guests: Carol Lipperini, Dan Lipperini, Matt Rowe, Glenn Hoffman, Mike Ancas, Rod Holtzapple, Tony Preston, Nancy Lewis, Steve Lewis, Tim Murphy, Nelson Case, Rick Kase, David Merritt, Jennifer DeHart, Don DeHart, Joyce Christ, Don McLaughlin, Thor Pitman, Mike Phillips, Joe Wilkie, Dee Wilkie, Bill Norton, Gary Reider, Dale Gogel, Bill Weaver, Norma Oswald, Bob Oswald, Gail Knorr, Kurt Eikenberb, JoAnn Foering and Ross Wessner.

Printed copies of the March 31, 2012 PHA meeting were distributed and read individually, then - in view of no recommended additions or corrections from those in attendance - were approved upon a motion by Carol Lipperini, with a second from Norma Oswald.

Treasurer John Pitman distributed printed copies of the PHA treasury report that indicated a balance of \$4,690.27. The PHA has not yet received the assessment from Giant's event that was held last July. John expressed concern that these funds were not received in a timely manner causing some difficulty with managing the operating budget. Members in attendance agreed with John's subsequent recommendation that assessments should be forwarded to the PHA no later than 30 days after each event. Upon approval of a Dave Merritt/Kurt Eikenberg motion, the treasurer's report was approved.

2013 Event Schedule – final approval was given for the 2013 PHA event schedule upon a motion by Carol Lipperini with a second from Gordon Wise. It is:

May 25-26	Spring Jefferson Track Trial
June 8-9	Spring Weatherly Hillclimb
June 22-23	Pagoda Hillclimb
July 13-14	Giant's Despair Hillclimb
Aug. 3-4	Polish Mountain Hillclimb
Aug. 17-18	Duryea Hillclimb
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Fall Jefferson Track Trial
Sept. 14-15	Fall Weatherly Hillclimb

2012 Event Season – Rich Rock reported that despite 12 entry cancellations immediately prior to the event, Spring Jefferson had 67 timed entries. Both Reading events – Pagoda and Duryea had good driver numbers. Some concern was expressed regarding the rough condition of the road surface just prior to the high speed finish at Duryea. Several high-powered car drivers related that they found some difficulty with car control near the finish line given the relatively short distance from this spot to the parked race cars at “turn-around.” In discussing this situation, safety for all concerned led to the suggestion to move “turn around” further away from the finish line. In addition, Rich indicated that BMR has, and continues, to make every effort to get the rough section of the course re-paved. This road surface, however, lies beyond the City of Reading in Alsace Township whose officials indicate that since it is lightly traveled and that there are no residences in the area, it's resurfacing has little priority. Crowd control is becoming more difficult with increased spectator attendance as corner workers have reported that there have been occasional efforts by spectators attempted to cross the course. Fortunately, worker alertness and action have prevented any incidents from occurring. BMR reported continuing good relationships with officials from the City of Reading and from Pagoda Skyline. Reading City

provided ambulance service at a discount rate for both events and use of the bandshell in City Park was made available to BMR at Duryea as was the closure of an additional street at the top of the park. Steel Cities Region reported that Polish Mountain had 63 drivers while Fall Jefferson had 67. While event officials had hoped for better participant attendance, neither Polish Mountain nor Jefferson lost money. NEPA reported that there were 65 drivers at Giant's, 69 at Spring Weatherly and 90 at Fall Weatherly (a record). Carol Lipperini, Weatherly's registrar indicated that not all competitors submitted driver's biographies at their events, thus announcer Joe Wilke did not have background information on everyone for the public address system. Apparently there was no "bio" form as part of the on-line registration for events. It was suggested to remind competitors at the Saturday driver's meeting to submit the "bio" sheet before competition starts (always available at the event registration table). In addition, it was proposed that we develop a driver's data base that could be used at all events. After some discussion, President Knorr indicated that he will put this issue on the agenda for the February meeting. Apparently, debris from tires accumulated regularly at Weatherly's starting line resulting in delays when starter officials needed to sweep the area. Suggestions included the use of a good leaf blower at the start line. Weatherly officials intend to "do something" to prevent the gravel in the pit/paddock area from sticking to the tires. Some sort of new surface is needed. Also, Weatherly people plan to expand the depth of the smaller pit/paddock area on the right side of the roadway leading to the start line.

Matt Rowe indicated that we still have an overall shortage of event workers. He reminded those in attendance that all workers must be a members of SCCA. For the occasional worker, a weekend membership can be arranged. However, for regular workers, "can we find a way to assist them to secure full-time SCCA membership?" Matt also suggested that we may have a shortage of fire bottles for corners. Regions holding events are responsible to provide all emergency equipment, personnel and vehicles. In addition, we need to provide guidelines outlining worker duties and responsibilities.

Wireless System – Regions must secure someone at each event to set-up and tear down the wireless timing apparatus. Also, Grace needs to have people volunteer to transport timing equipment to and from each event.

Other Agenda Items – Recommendations regarding banquet locations were solicited by President Knorr. By consensus, it was agreed to continue holding the banquet at Grantville. Tony Preston and Dave Merritt will serve to audit the 2012 treasury transactions.

Nominations for PHA Officers – Upon approval of a Dave Merritt/Rob Holtzapple motion, Tom Knorr was nominated for PHA President. Upon approval of a Dave Merritt/John Pittman motion, Rich Rock was nominated for Vice President. Upon approval of a Rich Rock/Mike Ancas motion, John Pitman was nominated for Treasurer. And, upon approval of a Gordon Wise/Mike Ancas motion, Dave Merritt was nominated for Secretary. Additional nominations will be accepted at the February meeting, after which the election of PHA Officers for 2013 will be held.

The next PHA meeting will be held at Giannotti's Family Restaurant on Route 12 between Reading and Fleetwood, PA at 1 p.m. on Saturday February 16, 2013. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. upon approval of a Bill Weaver/Rich Rock motion.

Respectively submitted,

Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary