

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2012 MEETING

The meeting held at Giannotti's Restaurant was called to order by President Tom Knorr at 1 p.m. 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; Regional Representatives, members and guests: Dave Merritt, Matt Kujat, Sr., Rich Sweigart, Michelle Duczak, Sam McNutt, George Witman, Bill Shields, Rick Kase, Nelson Kase, Gail Knorr, Dale Witman, Nancy Lewis, Steve Lewis, Don McLaughlin, Kurt Eikenberg, Mary Anne Fieux, Chuck Christ and Grace Huntzinger.

Printed copies of the February 18, 2012 PHA meeting minutes were distributed, read individually, then approved upon a Dave Merritt/ Chuck Christ motion.

Treasurer John Pitman distributed copies of the PHA treasury report that indicating a current balance of \$5413.93. The Treasury report was approved upon a Dave Merritt/Matt Kujat motion. Pitman reported that, upon review on March 9, 2012, all income and expenditures from 2011 were approved by the Audit Committee of Tony Preston and Darlene Weaver. A signed copy of the audit was given to Secretary Wise.

2013 PHA SCHEDULE - President Knorr distributed a recommended 2013 PHA event schedule. After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Dave Merritt and Chuck Christ, the tentative schedule was approved and will be listed on the PHA website. 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

CHIEF OF TECH – Kurt Eichenberg will not be available to serve as Chief of Tech at all 2012 events. However, Kurt will assume this responsibility when available - which may include Pagoda, Duryea and Polish Mountain. Steve Marsh will serve in this capacity for Spring and Fall Weatherly as well as Giant's Despair hill climbs. Chief of tech for the Jefferson events will be announced prior to their running.

Dave Merritt created handsome, durable, weatherproof helmet stickers to be produced and utilized for the 2012 event series. Approval for the use of these stickers was given upon a Dave Merritt/John Pitman motion. After approval of a Dave Merritt/ Rick Kase motion, approval was also given for annual car tech stickers to be produced and utilized. A discussion was held regarding the merit of having event tech sheets available in advance of each event. An approved Rich Rock/Dave Merritt motion recommended that these should be made available for download from the PHA website and/or to accompany the event registration forms.

WIRELESS SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION – Grace Huntzinger indicated that the Weatherly Hillclimb Association plans to install permanent 10 foot antenna extensions for the wireless timing system at their events. She also related that the organizers at Giant's Despair plan to install permanent timing tower poles in time for their July hill climb. A plan was discussed relating to moving the wireless timing equipment and telescoping masts from hill to hill. Nelson Kase volunteered carry the electronic timing devices to all events. Someone from BMR will carry the timing masts from Weatherly to Pagoda. Someone from NEPA will carry the masts from

Pagoda to Giant's. Tim Murphy will carry the masts from Giant's to Polish Mountain. Someone must be found to take the masts from Polish Mountain to Duryea and someone – presumably from NEPA – must be found to carry the masts from Duryea to Weatherly.

Grace recommended that the PHA renew the service contract for the wireless timing. Free software upgrades come with the contract renewal. Approval by consensus was given for the renewal.

EVENT UPDATES – Rich Rock from BMR related that SCCA sanctions for Spring Jefferson and Pagoda have already been received. The PHA needs more persons to serve as Safety Stewards. To this end, at Spring Jefferson, Matt Green will provide training for people interested in aspiring to attain certification as SCCA Time Trial Safety Stewards. Training includes classroom instruction as well as working a minimum of three events experiencing “on-the-job” training. In this capacity trainees can not – in addition - race as the training requires a full time commitment. Rich Rock indicated that BMR has been establishing an increasingly good relationship with the City of Reading officials regarding Pagoda and Duryea events. However, one problem beyond local control that recently surfaced is that due to a federal mandate, a communications tower must be erected near the fire tower. As a result, we will lose some of the space that was formerly available for camping, parking, storage and registration during events. In negotiations with city employees and officials, Rich indicated that Reading may be willing to free up some space for our use as parking at the recycling center located adjacent to the hill.

Tom Knorr related that NEPA is expecting to receive its SCCA sanction for Spring Weatherly any day now.

Dave Merritt indicated that Steel Cities has already received SCCA sanctions for Polish Mountain and Jefferson. Dave has been, and will continue to meet with National Road Officials each month which has - and should continue to lead to increased communication and coordination between the two groups.

PHA WEBSITE – the recent changes that webmaster Dale Witman has made to the website relating to announcements, etc. have been noticed and received well by PHA members. Some interest in providing a WIFI “hotspot” at each hillclimb has been expressed. Dale Witman will investigate its plausibility and will look into its cost.

Nancy Lewis has printed more than 400 “wallet size” 2012 PHA event schedules for distribution. Many thanks, Nancy!

The next PHA meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on November 10, 2012 - the day of the awards banquet at the Grantville Holiday Inn.

Upon a Chuck Christ/Dave Merritt motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary