

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the November 2, 2013 Meeting

The meeting of the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association held at The holiday Inn was called to order at 2:00PM after it was determined that a quorum of SCCA Regional Representatives were in attendance.

I. Regional Representative Poll

PHA Officers: President Tom Knorr; Vice President Rich Rock; Treasurer John Pitman; and Secretary Dave Merritt

SCCA Regional Representatives: Susquehanna – Kurt Eikenberg, Don McLaughlin, Don DeHart and Jen Rowe; Blue Mountain – Steve Lewis; South Jersey – Sue Salsburg and Dave Arron; and Steel Cities – Timm Murphy and Mike Ancas

Others attending: Keith Bessette, Dale Gogel, Glenn Hoffman, Rod Holtzapple, Grace Huntzinger, Nelson Kase, Richard Kase, Nancy Lewis, Carol Lipperini, Dan Lipperini, Doug Macy, John Moyer, Bob Oswald, Norma Oswald, Bob Oswald Jr., Thor Pitman, Tony Preston, Toni Oswald Rapp, Donna Robinson, Mike Robinson, Gary Reider, Matt Rowe, Jane Stinsman, John Stinsman, and Donna Sumner

II. Minutes of the April 27, 2013 Meeting

Printed copies of the April 27, 2013 minutes were distributed, read individually, and then approved upon a Nancy Lewis/John Pitman motion.

III. Treasurer's Report

John Pitman indicated that all assessments had been received. John also summarized the current financials by indicating that he expected to have a balance of \$4,400 after the expenses from the banquet had been received. The treasurer's report was approved based on a Rod Holtzapple/Bob Oswald motion.

IV. Approval of the 2104 PHA Schedule

Weatherly and Pagoda are being moved back one week relative to previous years

Spring Jefferson Track Trial	May 24-25
Spring Weatherly Hillclimb	June 14-15
Pagoda Hillclimb	June 28-29
Giant's Despair Hillclimb	July 12-13
Polish Mountain Hillclimb	August 2-3
Duryea Hillclimb	August 16-17
Fall Jefferson Track Trial	August 30-31
Fall Weatherly Hillclimb	September 13-14

The schedule was approved on a Kurt Eikenberg/Bob Oswald motion

V. 2014 SCCA Time Trial Rules

Dave Merritt gave examples of differences between the new and old Time Trial Rules. While trying to simplify the rules, the TTAC also removed all references to recourse by officials (consequences).

Matt Rowe mentioned that exceptions in the old TTR had been removed: kill switches, fuel cells; and would be based on specifications in the GCR. The driver's meeting may require discussion of every rule at every event and changes were made to roll bar construction.

Tom Knorr indicated that he had spoken to Matt Yip and that we (PHA) could put whatever we want into our Supps. Matt Rowe suggested this means that we add, but not subtract requirements (relative to the TTR).

Nelson asked about a driver who had gotten a TT Novice Permit and a Weekend membership at an event. The consensus was that the TT Novice Permit was only good as long as their license (a weekend).

Don McLaughlin asked about minors on the roads used for hills. It was mentioned 1) that the roads are closed, and 2) that PHA will retain the driver's license requirement.

VI. 2014 Supplemental Rules

Tom Knorr proposed four options on how PHA should proceed:

1. Follow the Revised 2013 (soon to become the 2014) TTR
2. Follow the 2012 TTR (really March 2013) as part of the Supps and attached to the entry form
3. Create new Supps that incorporate the March 2013 TTR to the agreement of Event Chairs and Officials
4. Have each organizing Region create Supps

The event organizers (Tom K, Rich R and Dave M) chose option 2 with an agreement to form a committee to develop option 3 (headed by Dave M). Tom K will send in the Spring Weatherly entry form, Supps and March 2103 TTR in December to test Option 2. Those wishing to join the Supps committee (option 3) were to contact Dave M at the end of the meeting. Dave M will be meeting with Matt Yip at the NE MiniCon the following weekend.

Other comments/questions:

- Grace H asked whether we need to list exceptions
- Nelson K suggested that the TTAC might change the need for exceptions if they are pointed out.
- Nelson K suggested that insurance covered PHA events regardless of new or old rules; Matt Rowe suggested that the lack of rules to back up decisions creates a personal problem for officials.
- There was concern over the size of emailing the TTR with each entry form. Alternatives included having a link in the entry form to the PHA and region websites, making them available on request, and making them available at events.
- Tom Knorr suggested that we use the same rules for Hillclimbs and Track Trials. The primary difference in the past was that Track Trials did not require Roll cages for any class.
- It was decided to defer a committee to draft letter writing and petitions until after the Supps committee reported in January.

VII. Critique of 2013 Season

BMR (Rich R)

- Spring Jefferson had 71 entries. Summit Point has a new track director: Chris White. The Jefferson Circuit is expanding from 1.2 to 1.6 miles; we can run either configuration and have been told that the price will be the same as 2013. Nelson K pointed out that the current timing system can only handle 4 cars, although there may be less catchups and fewer runs. Rich R indicated he would take a look at track over Thanksgiving, that a determination would need to be made, and that the extended track would need to be inspected prior to a decision to use it. A question was asked about showers: there are no plans for Jefferson; we have been able to use both sets of showers at the Main track; and we generally get chased away from Shenandoah.
- Pagoda had 101 entries and Duryea had 112. Rich R indicated that the new paving had been much appreciated. While the city continues to do everything it can to support the events, there was some concern that as Reading is forced to abandon city recycling fees in favor of the state, it may impact the recycling center.

NEPA (Tom K)

- Spring and Fall Weatherly had good numbers. Drivers and crew will be asked to not arrive before Thursday afternoon. SCCA insurance is going to cover damage done to one of the buildings at the Foundry. Tom K asked if anyone had information on the incident involving a trailer hitting or backing into the building, to please contact him.
- Giants Despair has form a hillclimb association. 20 local people attended the first meeting; Tom K expects 50 to attend a meeting in January. Four committees have been formed with chairs and co-chairs, including membership. One of the items that they want to accomplish is to install 1,000' of guard railing that the Danko's will provide from start to the first turn, hopefully for the 2014 event. (The fire chief, who is onboard, has indicated that the railing must be 26' from the center line of the road.) Grace H asked about the timing poles at start and finish; she would like to go up the week before to align the poles. Tom K indicated there may be a bedrock problem with finish.

STC (Dave M)

- Tom K introduced Doug Macy, the worker chief from National Road for Polish Mountain. Polish Mountain had 66 entries, and currently runs in the red, including the Kurt E challenge. National Road is looking at sponsors, including the new casino which is also a state resort. Other financial suggestions included a longer season and bigger gaps to remediate the hot weather; and possibly moving the event to before Spring Jefferson; as well as eliminating the points drop for one (or this) event. Other suggestions included having registration in the pits (vs. the fire hall) and letting grid be self-managed; along with the suggestion to create a third run group for sports racers and formula cars that line up on the road. Dave M plans to meet with National Road early in 2014.
- Fall Jefferson had 71 drivers. Dave M thanked Rich R, Cannon Roberts and Timm Murphy for covering the event for him, so he could attend a family wedding.

VIII. Nomination of Officers

Richard Kase is the Teller. Nominations will be re-opened at the January meeting

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
President	Tom Knorr	Dave Merritt
Vice President	Rich Rock	Rod Holtzapple
Treasurer	John Pitman	Rich Rock

Secretary

Dave Merritt

Mike Ancas

IX. Other Agenda Items/January Agenda Items

Tom K mentioned the need for a worker chair who can record who is working at each event and who can be contacted for future events. It was mentioned that Norma Oswald had accepted that responsibility. Nelson K has created a database; Tom K indicated that he had submitted the information to Nelson, but wasn't sure if other events had.

Matt Rowe indicated that workers now had to wear long pants and other appropriate clothing.

Bob Oswald suggested that we have an information sheet on worker responsibilities. Tom K indicated he had one that he would share with Matt Rowe who was also thinking of developing one. (It was also pointed out that the responsibilities of workers have been continually improving through the worker's meeting.)

Bob Oswald suggested that we recommend or emphasize that new drivers consider running a track trial before running a hillclimb.

X. Next Meeting – January 18, 2014

Grace H. suggested that we find a meeting location more central than Giannotti's, such as in Carlisle. John Pitman will research.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned based on a Norma Oswald/Carol Lipperini motion