

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the February, 16, 2013 Meeting

The meeting of the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association held at Giannotti's Restaurant was called to order 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. SCCA Regional Representatives, members and guests: Dale Gogel, Sue Salsburg, Dave Arron, Nelson Kase, Rick Kase, Jane Stinsmen, John Stinsmen, Andrew Mull, Leon Mull, Chris Mower, Michelle Duczak, Rich Sweigart, Rod Holtzapple, Donnie McLaughlin, Dave Merritt, Nancy Lewis, Steve Lewis, Bill Shields, Jo Ann Foering, Grace Huntzinger, Craig Gaul, Kurt Frederick, Merlin Miller, Bill Norton and James Crocker.

Printed copies of the November 10, 2012 minutes were distributed, read individually, then approved upon a Dave Merritt/John Pitman motion after Secretary Wise called attention to an error in the minute copies. A few corrected copies were available for members who wished to pick them up.

Treasurer John Pitman distributed printed copies of the Treasurer's report that indicated a balance of \$6,269.83. Pitman verbally clarified several significant income and expenditure items that were transacted since the last meeting in November. John's report was accepted after a motion from Gordon Wise with a second by John Stinsman. Also, serving as the PHA property manager, Treasurer Pitman reported that our supply of PHA t-shirts are practically nonexistent. We only have six (all small sizes) left in our inventory. He continued, "Do we need to consider ordering another supply, and if so, what color, how many of what sizes, and what do we want printed on them?" After considerable discussion, it was decided to table the topic until the April meeting. Meanwhile several members - including Nancy Lewis - volunteered to investigate suppliers, costs, etc.

Regional Representatives - Regional Representatives from the SCCA Regions to serve for 2013 are:

Susquehanna – Kurt Eikenberg, Don McLaughlin, Gordon Wise

Philadelphia – Dale Gogel, Chuck Christ, Rich Sweigart

NEPA – Tom Knorr, John Pitman, Hugh Maloney

Blue Mountain – Rich Rock, Merlin Miller, Bill Weaver

Steel Cities – Dave Merritt, Mike Ancas, Tim Murphy

South Jersey – Sue Salsburg, Dave Arron

Nomination of Officers/Election – Members nominated for PHA Officers for 2013 at the November 10, 2012 meeting were: President, Tom Knorr; Vice-President, Rich Rock; Treasurer, John Pitman; and Secretary, Dave Merritt. President Knorr opened the meeting for additional nominations for officers. Since there were no additions recommended beyond those made previously, President Knorr declared the nominations closed. John Stinsman, Elections Teller, then instructed Secretary Wise to register one vote for each nominee. PHA Officers for 2013, therefore are those nominees listed above.

PHA Schedule and SCCA Updates – President Knorr indicated that SCCA insurance costs for sanctioned hill climbs will be going down by about \$500.00 per event in 2013. Good News! Also, the SCCA will no longer require "up front" money to be paid prior to receiving National approval for sanctioned time trial events. At each event conclusion, the required audit must be received by National within 14 days. A 25% penalty will be charged for failure to comply.

At events, the Safety Steward must record the names and phone numbers of all workers. All workers in "hot zones" must sign waivers and be members of the SCCA. Weekend memberships are available. Insurance begins at event set-up and ends when tear-down concludes. Photographers also need to sign waivers. Nelson Kase agreed to develop a worker data base if Regions submit the names. Nelson has, and continues to maintain a data base of drivers.

For 2014, President Knorr suggested that only one day needs to subtract from the 2013 schedule of events.

The PHA will not permit scheduling notices of non- PHA events that conflict with the dates of our events for posting on the www.pahillclimb.org website.

Wireless System – Grace Huntzinger suggested that some purchases may be necessary for the wireless timing system such as for the contract renewal and for items related to tower equipment. Grace intends to color code some timing cable for easier and faster set-up at events. There may possibly be some problems that have to be solved with the location and heights of transmitting towers at some events. Grace emphasized - as she has in the past - that event organizers must assume the responsibility for both the set-up and dismantling of timing equipment. She can not continue to take off work - as she has had to do in the past- to come to the events a day early to ensure that the set-up occurs. Both the Weatherly and Giants events will again be televised live.

Workers – President Knorr suggested that the \$5 fee added to each driver’s event registration has worked well insofar as generating a modest fund to assist volunteer workers with their personal expenses – such as for transportation. However, we need additional numbers of volunteers at most events to serve primarily as flagging and communication corner workers. Discussion of considerable length followed as to how to attract more workers. Merlin Miller offered that perhaps every driver could volunteer in some capacity during the season. Numerous other suggestion followed - with no consensus generated. The topic, then, was tabled after which President Knorr volunteered to summarize the ideas discussed, then to place the item on the agenda again at the next meeting in April.

Event Updates – Rich Rock announced that BMR will have an exhibit of cars and related display material at the upcoming Racing Legends Show at the Reading Fairgrounds Mall during the week of February 24 until March 2, 2013. BMR is again holding a raffle for free registration at all three of their events in 2013. See Rich Rock for tickets at \$10 each or 3 for \$20. BMR will be running an autocross on March 10, 2013 at the Morgantown Outlet Mall. The NEDIV Roundtable is planned for March 17 at Pocono Manor. BMR will have a “course clean-up” at Duryea Hill on March 23, 2013. Persons willing to help should meet at turn 2 at 8:30 a.m. Jack Burrows from the D.C. Region has been in touch with Rich regarding cooperative plans for the future. Duryea finish line improvement plans with Lower Alsace Township are moving forward. A car show was held at the Pagoda Hillclimb last year. This year a mini-car corral parking area is planned. BMR is looking for ideas – such as for a car club – that may be interested in attending the event. NEPA reported that there are no significant plans for changes at Weatherly this year. Dave Merritt has produced a supply of helmet stickers for the annual tech. The 2013 version of SCCA Time Trial Rules have not as yet been published. The SCCA continues to require that drivers and crew members may not – under any circumstance – consume alcoholic beverages during the hours an event is underway. The PHA will again have a major exhibit of cars, printed and visual materials including constant video from in-car video at the Carlisle Import show in May 17-19. Bill Miller has again generously offered the PHA a display area free of charge under a 20’x30’ tent with a large surrounding space for race cars. John Pitman and Gordon Wise would appreciate any PHA people who plan to attend the show to stop by for a visit and “hang out.” President Knorr announced that he appointed Gordon Wise as PHA Public Relations Coordinator.

Other agenda items – The SCCA has some new road racing classes for 2013. Any changes must appear in the PHA supps prior to our first event. Matt Yip from the D.C. Region is the new NEDIV Time Trial Program Manager. Tony Preston is recuperating from several serious surgeries. Please send cards. The next PHA meeting will be on April 27, 2013 at Giannotti’s.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. upon a Dave Merritt/Gordon Wise motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary