

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the January 18, 2014 Meeting

The meeting of the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association held at Giannotti's Restaurant was called to order at 12:54 PM 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, Gordon Wise and Don DeHart; Blue Mountain – Steve Lewis; Philadelphia – Dale Gogel and Rich Sweigart; and South Jersey – Sue Salsburg and Dave Arron

Others attending: George Ackerman, Keith Bessette, Joyce Christ, JoAnne Foering, Craig Gaul, Rod Holtzapple, Grace Huntzinger, Nelson Kase, Richard Kase, Nancy Lewis, Tony Preston, Gary Reider, Jane Stinsman, John Stinsman, Dennis Williams, Tim Williams, Dale Witman and George Witman

II. Minutes of the November 2, 2013 Meeting

Printed copies of the November 2, 2013 minutes were distributed, read individually, and then approved based on a Gordon Wise/Kurt Eikenberg motion.

III. Treasurer's Report

John Pitman indicated that opening balance from November 1st was \$10,509, and the closing balance for December 13th was \$3,887. Most of the expenses for the period were for the 2013 banquet and trophies, along with a deposit for the 2014 banquet and website costs. The treasurer's report was approved based on a Dale Witman/Gordon Wise motion.

IV. Nomination of Officers – Election of Officers

Richard Kase is the Teller. Nominations were re-opened. There were no new nominations, and nominations were closed. One vote was recorded per nominee as was unanimously approved based on a Rick Kase/Nelson Kase motion.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>
President	Tom Knorr
Vice President	Rich Rock
Treasurer	John Pitman
Secretary	Dave Merritt

V. 2014 Spring Weatherly Sanction

Tom Knorr reported that he had submitted a sanction request for Spring Weatherly on December 13th, and that it had been approved by SCCA and Matt Yip including the reference to the March, 2013 TTR. Tom expects the insurance next week.

VI. 2014 SCCA Time Trail Rules – 2014 PHA Supplemental Rules

Dave Merritt presented the committee members (Steve Lewis, Rick Kase, Gary Reider, Matt Rowe and Sue Salsburg) and described the process that the committee used to develop the new PHA Supps. This included combining the March 2013 TTR with the previous PHA Supps into a single document. The PHA Supps will encompass both Track Trials and Hillclimbs, combining the roll cage rules for both. Entry forms will contain event specific information, such as scheduling and run groups. The committee had discussed reorganizing the Supps so that new driver information could be found more easily; and this is planned to happen at a later date. The events chairs, stewards and Matt Yip have all had a chance to review the new Supps.

Rick Kase suggested that an indication of the difference of our Supps, and a phone number be added to the entry form for questions (and volunteered his name). It was also suggested that, in addition to posting the PHA Supps on the PHA and region website, that a link and contact number be provided with the entry form on My Auto Events.

There was discussion about the specification of safety rules (TTR and Supps) and class specifications (GCR), especially with regard to fuel cells, fire systems and harnesses. Rick Kase pointed out that the new TTR stated "In areas where the TTR conflict with other preparation rules, the TTR takes precedence", and also pointed out that the new TTR stated "The TTR shall not be given a strained or tortured interpretation and shall be applied in a logical manner, keeping in mind that it cannot specifically cover all possible situations." It was reiterated that the 2013 TTR had been approved for use for Weatherly by Matt Yip. Dave Merritt agreed to follow up with Matt Yip for clarification.

John Stinsman presented a letter he had drafted to Lisa Noble at SCCA seeking to address the differences that have occurred multiple times historically between the SCCA and the PHA in the rule making process. Tom Knorr mentioned that he had looked into independent insurance (from SCCA) and that it would cost \$18,000 per event. Tom Knorr suggested inviting Lisa Noble, or the incoming President, to attend one of our events.

Dave Merritt mentioned that the officials preferred the new Supps to the March TTR, assuming we can resolve the conflicts; else we should use the TTR. This was also the consensus of the event chairs (Tom, Rich and Dave)

VII. Jefferson Track Trial

Rich Rock reported that the extension (0.5 miles) has not yet been approved by SCCA (Matt Yip), although the Washington DC Region is interested in using the extended track. Nelson indicated the clockwise direction would have a longer "in lap" with the potential for more catch-ups; and that the timing equipment can only 4 cars on the track at a time. Steve Lewis suggested that we move the finish line, although this may cause a pit area printer problem. It was also suggested that hot laps be limited to 2 from the current 3. A majority of the attendees indicated an interest in the longer course. Rich Rock and Dave Merritt (the event chairs) will discuss the Jefferson events off-line.

VIII. Polish Mountain

Tom Knorr indicated that Polish Mountain had had 66 entries and that part of the issue may be that while it is relatively the same distance for many drivers as Jefferson, Jefferson has the advantage of being held on holiday weekends.

Tom suggested three options:

- Make lowest entry count event a double points event
- Eliminate the 1 event drop rule
- Get sponsorships and other fund raising

Tom indicated that the first two suggestions would have not affected championship results in the past except for one class (with no drops). The elimination of the 1 event drop rule was approved 13 to 2 based on a Kurt Eikenberg/Nelson Kase motion. The Reps were polled and there was no Rep challenge.

IX. Pennsylvania Hillclimbing and Vintage Cars- 9th Annual Motorsport Caucus, PA State Capital, June 10 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Tom Knorr indicated that PHA would be featured. Gordon Wise and George Ackerman indicated that they would participate. Tom circulated a sign-up sheet for further participation, and indicated he would get more details.

X. Workers – Norma Oswald

Norma Oswald has agreed to keep track of workers. A write-up is needed for worker responsibilities. Tom Knorr indicated that NEPA has one that could be used as a starting point. PHA events will also be paying into the Volunteer Incentive Fund (VIP). Dave Merritt will look into documentation on how the program works.

XI. Website

Tom requested that the word 'March' be added in front of TTR, and J.W. Orr's name be removed.

XII. Other Agenda Items

A treasurer's audit needs to be conducted after the conclusion of the next meeting. Gordon Wise and John Stinsman volunteered to participate.

Tom Knorr reported that SCCA's insurance (K&K) paid the claim on the damage at Weatherly.

Grace Huntzinger reported that there would be an expense to renew the AXware software, and asked the status of the finish line pole at Giants. Tom Knorr will look into the later.

Rich Rock indicated that race cars would be needed to show for the Reading Fairgrounds the week of February 23rd. Anyone one interested was asked to see Rich.

Rich Rock indicated that the Reading events poster needs a featured car and sponsorship for 2014. Rich also indicated that BMR would be the 3 event raffle as in 2013.

Rich Rock mentioned that Ron Mann would like to set up a tent at events to display memorabilia as a way to socialize PHA history.

Tom Knorr raised a question about the hall of fame process; which he indicated should be 1 driver and 1 organizer. The issue had to do with notification of future recipients with enough lead-time for their attendance at the banquet. The following wording was approved by the membership:

“All new inductees to the PHA Hall of Fame are to be notified that they will be inducted into the PHA Hall of Fame at least one month prior to the PHA Banquet. This will allow new inductees to:

1. Notify friends and family who might want to attend the Banquet
2. Register for the Banquet and reserve a room
3. Provide an opportunity to provide to the presenter an accurate and complete resume.”

XIII. Next Meeting

John Pitman had researched a meeting place in Carlisle at Hoss' on Harrisburg Pike for April 5th. April 5th is the date of the next NE Division Roundtable in the Pocono's. It was agreed to hold the next PHA meeting at Giannotti's Restaurant on March 29th.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned based on a Gordon Wise/John Pitman motion.