

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the November 1, 2014 Meeting

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

I. Regional Representatives 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 and Gordon Wise; Blue Mountain – Bill Weaver and Steve Lewis; Philadelphia – Dale Gogel; NEPA – Gail Knorr; South Jersey – Sue Salsburg and Dave Arron; and Steel Cities – Mike Ancas and Cannon Roberts

Others attending: George Ackerman, Keith Bessette, Jennifer DeHart, Bert Geib, Dale Gogel, Jerry Hartman, Grace Huntzinger, Nelson Kase, Richard Kase, Nancy Lewis, Carol Lipperini, Dan Lipperini, Chad Moser, Timm Murphy, Bob Oswald Jr., Robert Oswald Sr., Norma Oswald, Tony Preston, Toni Oswald Rapp, Gary Reider, Timothy Rightmeyer (sp?), Michael Robinson, Matt Rowe, Randy Stilles (sp?), Jane Stinsmen, John Stinsmen, Donna Sumner, Keith Weikel, Dee Wilkie, Joseph Wilkie, Dale Witman and George Witman

II. Minutes of the March 29, 2014 Meeting

Printed copies of the March 29, 2014 minutes were distributed, read individually, and then approved based on a Dale Witman/Dan Lipperini motion.

III. Treasurer's Report

John Pitman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income (\$7,928) was from Assessments, Banquet reservations and the sales of merchandise. Expenses (\$8,766) were from the Banquet, Trophies and various other expenses. John replied to a question by Carol Lipperini about the profitability of the Banquet by indicating that Assessments helped cover the Banquet and Trophies. The Treasurer's Report was approved based on a Carol Lipperini/ Gordon Wise motion.

IV. Audit Committee

Gordon Wise and John Stinsmen reported that successful financial audit had been conducted at the conclusion of the March 29th meeting.

V. Rose Valley

Tom Knorr gave an update of the progress of having an event at Rose Valley. The event will be on the schedule, but there is still work to do.

- The meeting was surveyed, and there was a high level of interest to have the event
- May 2-3 was approved as event dates based on a Robert Oswald/Matt Rowe motion

- There was a discussion of finances and the potential for financial loss
 - There was some discussion on keeping both of the Jefferson events; will there be a price change?
 - Matt Rowe suggested a 50/50 profit split with the Trout Run Fire Co.
 - Matt Rowe volunteered to sponsor the event
- There was some discussion on equipment needs
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Radios – Dan Lipperini can get from Weatherly
 - Brooms and oil dry
- There was some concern about the condition of the road, which will need to be checked
- Grace Huntzinger suggested checking out the hill for wireless timing on a weekend soon
- Dave Merritt agreed to get the sanction through Steel Cities
 - Tom Knorr and Matt Rowe – Co-Chairmen
 - Sue Salsburg – road permit (Matt Rowe will send old road permits to Sue)
 - Norma Oswald – worker recruitment
 - Carol Lipperini – Registration
 - Matt Rowe – Chief Steward
 - Safety Steward – Dave Merritt
 - Driving Instructor – Steve Lewis
 - Tech – Kurt Eikenberg
- It was believed that Rose Valley is with the Central PA Region; Dave Merritt will get their permission

VI. 2015 PHA Schedule

Rose Valley Hillclimb	May 2-3
Spring Jefferson Track Trial	May 23-24
Spring Weatherly Hillclimb	June 13-14
Pagoda Hillclimb	June 27-28
Giant's Despair Hillclimb	July 11-12
Polish Mountain Hillclimb	August 1-2
Duryea Hillclimb	August 15-16
Fall Jefferson Track Trial	September 5-6
Fall Weatherly Hillclimb	September 19-20

The schedule was approved based on a motion by Mike Robinson/Gary Reider.

VII. 2015 PHA Supplemental Rules

Dave Merritt agreed to check with Matt Yip on any TTR changes and with SCCA for any GCR class changes; and incorporate the changes into the 2015 PHA Supps. Tom Knorr reiterated that we have support from Terry Hanushek

VIII. Critique of Season

The critique started with a request for comments from the participants (drivers, workers, etc.)

- John Stinsmen thought the food was excellent at Polish this year
- Mike Robinson suggested we start earlier at Duryea
 - Rich Rock indicated that schedule was moved earlier years ago

- Matt Rowe suggested doing the novice bit on Friday night; Steve Lewis indicated some success with the novice procedures at Weatherly
- There was some discussion on doing more of Tech on Friday evening (Kurt), and doing pre-Tech back in home regions (Cannon)
- Dale Gogel reported a radio conflict with a store at Giants

NEPA

- Tom Knorr indicated that NEPA wants to charge a \$10 per car assessment fee
- Tom also indicated that there had been some damage to the turnaround at Giants, and that K&K Insurance had been contacted directly

BMR

- Rich Rock asked about the change to the PA system at Reading which was rented
 - Dale Witman indicated that it could not be heard on Walnut Street
 - Mike Ancas indicated that it was too loud in some locations
 - Rich will looking for a sponsor in 2015 to cover expenses
 - Nelson suggested we may be able to use short range FM under penalty of FCC fines
- Tom Knorr reiterated that car numbers need to legible; perhaps on the front of cars for Duryea
- Rich indicated that there had been damage to the at Reading, and paint on the road; there may be potential fines from the city

Tom Knorr raised and tabled the issue of event drops

IX. Oil Dry

Rich Rock reported on a new style oil dry (Quik Clean) that he can source from the Maple Grove drag strip for \$15 per bag. Rich will work with the other regions for a group buy. Matt Rowe recommended that we have the Quik Clean in the course truck.

X. PHA Hall of Fame

John Stinsmen requested that the HOF be made a part of the PHA as a standing committee. The HOF has a ballot that was sent out (and is posted on the PHA website.) Jerry Hartman suggested that it should be the PHA HOF. Bill Weaver recounted that it has been a pleasure to be part of the HOF, having developed the original requirements.

John Pitman read a suggested addition to the Bylaws:

"Recommendation: That the PHA accept the Hall of Fame Committee as a standing committee of the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association. The Hall of Fame Committee shall be an autonomous standing committee whose purpose is to recognize individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association. Officers of the Hall of Fame Committee must be members of the Hall of Fame."

Rick Kase suggested that the HOF put in black and white what it is doing. Tom Knorr suggested that the HOF have procedures that it follows. Robert Oswald reiterated that the HOF wanted to be "autonomous"; i.e. that there would be no say by others.

The Bylaw amendment was tabled. Dave Merritt agreed to work with Carol Lipperini prior to the next meeting to address wording of the Bylaw recommendation.

XI. Nomination of Officers

The following were individuals were nominated for the following officer positions:

- Rich Rock – President (accepted)
- Mike Ancas – President (declined)
- Dave Merritt - Vice President (accepted)
- Treasurer – John Pitman (accepted)
- Secretary – Cannon Roberts (accepted)

XII. Other Agenda Items

Next year's banquet will be held on November 7 at the Holiday Inn Grantville

- Jerry Hartman suggested that we get a microphone for next year's meeting

John Pitman requested a volunteer to be merchandise chairman; Nancy Lewis volunteered

Mike Ancas indicated that he was going to restart the team challenge

- Mike will sponsor the jackets
- Teams will be formed randomly
- Will discuss further at the next meeting

Dan Lipperini asked if other regions can participate in the PHA and have Regional Reps.

XIII. Next Meeting – January 17, 2015?

The next meeting will be held January 10th at Giannotti's

XIV. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned based on a motion by Robert Oswald/Matt Rowe