

## **PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION**

### Minutes of the January 31, 2015 Meeting

The meeting of the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association held at Giannotti's Restaurant was called to order at 1:00 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 – Steve Lewis; Philadelphia – Grace Huntzinger, Dale Gogel and Rich Sweigart; NEPA – Gail Knorr; South Jersey – Sue Salsburg and Dave Arron; and Steel Cities – Cannon Roberts

Others attending: George Ackerman, Charles Christ Sr., Joe Christ, Joyce Christ, James Crocker, Mike Crocker, Don DeHart, John Felten, Mary Ann Fieux, Bill Herbaugh, Nelson Kase, Nancy Lewis, Steve Moyer, Tony Preston, Gary Reider, Alex Sheridan, Ed Sheridan, Bill Shields, Gary Smith, Jane Stinsmen, John Stinsmen, Michelle Sweigart, Bonnie Weikel, Keith Weikel, Dale Witman and George Witman

#### II. Minutes of the November 1, 2014 Meeting

Printed copies of the November 1, 2014 minutes were distributed, read individually, and then approved based on a Keith Weikel / Kurt Eikenberg motion. Minutes can be found on the PHA website.

#### III. Treasurer's Report

John Pitman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income (\$391) was from miscellaneous and a 50/50 drawing. Expenses (\$8,027) were from the Banquet, Trophies, T-Shirts and deposit for the 2015 banquet. The balance as of January 7<sup>th</sup> is \$2,035. A future meeting will be held on options for the banquet. The Treasurer's Report was approved based on a Gary Reider / Nancy Lewis motion.

#### IV. Audit Committee

Gordon Wise and John Stinsmen will audit the financials at the close of the next PHA meeting (April 11, 2015).

#### V. 2015 PHA Supplemental Rules

Dave Merritt Indicated that there were no new TTR nor GCR changes that would effect the Supps. The 2015 Supps have been posted on the PHA website.

#### VI. 2015 SCCA Insurance

Rich Rock reported the following changes, and that changes will definitely help the smaller

hillclimb events. Rich indicated that the rates reflect the safety record. Matt Green reported that this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> decrease, and that at one time it was a flat \$4,200.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Sanction Fees</b>	\$200 per event	\$3 per entrant
<b>Hillclimbs</b>	\$1,300 + \$24 per entrant	\$28 per entrant
<b>Track Trials</b>	\$11 per entrant	\$10 per entrant
<b>Volunteer Incentive Program</b>	\$3 per entrant	\$6 per entrant

VII. Rose Valley

Tom Knorr gave an update of the progress of having an event at Rose Valley.

- All of the land owners have agreed, including the land owner of the concession stand
- The sanction has been approved
- The entry form will be posted in early March on the PHA website and on MyAutoEvents
- The Trout Run Fire Co. is enthusiastic, especially by the wireless timing
- We are set to go as planned for May 2-3
- We will need the support of drivers and workers
- The event will be sanctioned by the NEPA region
- The financials will be managed by PHA and sponsored by Matt Rowe (one year only)

Matt Green provided additional Information

- Approval from the township and state are next
- The entry fee will be \$150 (\$175 late)
- It is a quarter mile from the pits to the starting line; cars should be careful about overheating

The road surface is not great, but not bad

Sue Salsburg will take care of the road permit

Grace Huntzinger reported that she will retest the wireless timing with any other volunteers before the next PHA meeting.

It was suggested that Leaf blowers be brought to the event. The road can only stay reasonably clean if entrants stay off the shoulders.

VIII. Event Updates

Polish Mountain:

- John Felten and Bill Harbaugh attended the meeting on behalf of National Road
- This year will be the 9<sup>th</sup> running of the event
- A shuttle will be run this year on Friday night to take hillclimbers to the Fire Hall

Spring Jefferson:

- The extended course can only be run counter clockwise; a decision will be made on whether to run one direction or both by the next meeting
- The contracts are signed and deposits are in (both Spring and Fall)
- We have permission from the WDC Region (Spring, Fall and Polish Mountain)
- We are looking into improving the speaker system in the pits

- The entry fee will stay the same as last year

Other BMR:

- There will be a raffle again this year for free event
- The Reading Recycling Center may open earlier this year
- There will be events at the Fairgrounds Mall and Motorama (Harrisburg) in February
- There will be a pavilion at Carlisle

Other NEPA:

- A pavilion will be built where the tent used to be (Weatherly); it could be under construction for the Spring event
- NEPA fees have not been approved; Weatherly may make a donation (flat or per entrant)

IX. Oil Dry

Rich Rock provided an update on the new style oil dry (Quik Clean) that he can source from the Maple Grove drag strip for \$20 per bag. Rich will work with the other regions; Chuck Crist suggested that all regions considering using the new stuff.

X. PHA Hall of Fame

John Stinsmen indicated that “autonomous” means to operate within the HOF’s own parameters. John used the analogy that the Baseball Hall of Fame does not report to the New York Yankees. John also indicated that the previous objection to the nomination process had been simplified and resolved.

Tom Knorr referred to the 2004 PHA minutes when the HOF was formed (Lloyd Gieb), which Tom read from. He indicated that the officers/membership had gotten involved last year because there was concern expressed by PHA members on the notification process.

Further discussion of any Bylaw amendment was tabled until the April meeting.

XI. Nomination of Officers/Election of Officers

The following were individuals were elected for the following officer positions by unanimous vote, following a motion to close the nominations by Nelson Kase / Gary Reider:

- Rich Rock – President
- Dave Merritt - Vice President
- Treasurer – John Pitman
- Secretary – Cannon Roberts

Other Agenda Items

John Pitman reported that Nancy Lewis, as the new merchandise chair, was present with merchandise. John also indicated that members should think about ways to raise revenue for the banquet. One suggestion was membership cards. Another was a 50/50 raffle at events.

XII.

Nelson Kase indicated there was a problem with the laptop screen for timing, and that it need to be replaced in the future. Approved to repair/replace.

Rich Rock presented Tom Knorr with a ten year distinguished service award from PHA. John Pitman read the words.

XIII. Next Meeting – ?

The next meeting will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> at Giannotti's

XIV. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned based on a motion by George Witman / Gordon Wise.

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