

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the April 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:* Rich Rock; *Vice President:* Dave Merritt; *Treasurer:* John Pitman; and *Secretary:* Cannon Roberts

SCCA Regional Representatives: *Susquehanna* – Don McLaughlin; Gordon Wise; and Don Dehart. *Philadelphia* – Grace Huntzinger; Dale Gogel; and Rich Sweigart. *NEPA* – John Pitman. *BMR* – Rich Rock; Bill Weaver; and Steve Lewis. *South Jersey* – Sue Salsburg. *Steel Cities* – Dave Merritt; and Cannon Roberts.

Others attending: *Susquehanna* – Ursula Whisler; Joyce Christ; Keith Boden; Tony Preston; and Dennis Williams. *Philadelphia* – Michelle Duczak. *NEPA* – 0. *BMR* – Jane Stinsmen; John Stinsmen; Richard Kase; Nelson Kase; Pat Shannon; Jim Crocker; George Witman; Mike Robinson; Dale Witman; Barry Koch; JoAnne Foering; and Keith Weikel. *South Jersey* – Terry Hanushek. *Steel Cities* – 0. *Not Listed* – Alex Sheridan; Mike Crocker; and Skip Levensgood.

II. Minutes of the January 31, 2015 Meeting

Printed copies of the January 31, 2015 minutes were distributed, read individually, and then approved based on a Motion: Jim Crocker / 2nd: Rick Kase. Minutes can be found on the PHA website.

III. Treasurer's Report

John Pitman presented the Treasurer's Report. Income (\$95) was from Misc. Inc. Tees. Expenses (\$564.76) were from PC Repair, Bumper Stickers, Trophies, Website (Annual), Wireless (Annual). The Treasurer's Report was approved based on a Motion: MaryAnn Fieux / 2nd: Dale Whitman.

IV. Audit Committee

Gordon Wise and John Stinsman audited the financials before the (April 11, 2015) PHA meeting. All was in good working order with no errors or questionable entries.

V. SCCA Changes

For 2015 Time Trial program will not be part of Club Racing, but Experiential program. PHA should be proactive about giving insight into proposed rule changes.

VI. **Wireless Timing / Rose Valley**

Grace Huntzinger checked wireless timing antenna sites at Rose Valley. Rick Kase is making extra wireless Antenna base spacers.

VII. **Other Event Updates**

1. Gordon Wise relayed details about the PHA Display at Import Carlyle Scheduled for 2 weeks after Rose Valley. This event is important for promotion and reaches thousands of people potentially. This year we will have an entire pavilion instead of just a small tent. The It is quite large; one could probably fit 100 cars in it. We would like to get as many as we can. Gordon already has 14 confirmed entries at this point. Everything is free for us as well: free admission, tow vehicles and trailers, cars. If you know of anyone you think might be interested in displaying their import car, everyone is welcome. If they didn't already get Nelson's mailing with the information, they can email Gordon or call him. It will take place Friday, Saturday, Sunday May 15-17. You can bring your car for the whole weekend or just part of the time.

2. Rich Rock noted that there is also a BMR Autocross at Carlyle (same event Gordon discussed above). If you bring your car for the display you can also take your car over for the autocross. Rich said he would check with Kendrick for updates on details.

3. Sanctions and insurance are done for Polish Mountain, Fall Jefferson, Spring Jefferson, Spring Weatherly. The issue was raised as to who is handling sanctions for some other events. The issue of some organizations charging for events in their region was discussed. NEPA does not run their events themselves but they do loan equipment. The question as to whether someone may be taking advantage of a situation was raised. Terry Hanushek said he would work on this from his board position. If NEPA charges a \$5 assessment fee for entry, what are they providing in return? NEPA does not seem to be providing much equipment anymore because it has gotten so expensive.

4. Rich Rock reported that Matt Rowe issued a plea for corner workers at Rose Valley. The fire department can't provide help so we need to find corner workers. Leaf blowers are also needed to clean off the road. Sue Salzburg said that PennDOT approval is secured and therefore some work will be done on the shoulders. State permit approval is easy to do and online, Sue said – township approval is a little harder.

5. Rich Rock said next event is Spring Jefferson and some people are registered already. The public address system needs improvement and that is being worked on.

6. Rich Rock gave an update on Reading events. First, there are raffle tickets available for free entries. The drawing will be held at Spring Jefferson. If you want tickets see Rich. For a few years money has been collected to renovate the flag pole at Reading, and that campaign is finally completed. There is electricity and marking, the new flag and rigging has been purchased. Work will be fully done in mid-May and a dedication ceremony in June. Also note Reading Recycling center building has been closed as mentioned at last meeting. But things have not progressed as we thought. The building has been condemned so the

lots at the recycling center will not be available in June – there will be no parking permitted by turn 2. Last update on Reading: there is a new food vendor this year. Our previous vendor retired and sold his business.

7. Rich Rock announced there will be a BMR Autocross at maple grove next week, details on the BMR website.

8. A reminder that at Rose Valley, all drivers will take a touring run.

VIII. **Website**

1. Dale Witman added Rose Valley information to website. There are directions on there. Some people tried to sign up and couldn't, so it seems mailing list has not been working properly.

2. A link has been added on the site to mailchimp so people can register. Dale gave this over to Nelson who will upload the list he has already. We can send 12,000 emails a month which will be more cost and time-effective than what Nelson currently has. The only issue still to be investigated would be whether or not attachments can be sent consistently. Dale asked for any other input about the website.

3. Grace Huntzinger has updated wireless instructions that needed to be posted on PHA website.

4. Cannon Roberts asked Dale Witman about a mobile friendly version of the PHA website. Dale will check into it. Mailchimp is one program that can show both a desktop and a mobile view.

5. Dale Witman added a link to Ronn Man's, and Nelson Kase's newsletter.

IX. **Oil Dry**

Contact Rich Rock if you would like some, \$20 per bag.

X. **Team Challenge**

Mike Ancas is supplying awards or prizes for the Team Challenge and would like competitors who are interested in participating to contact him before the Rose Valley event.

XI. **PHA Banquet**

1. November 7th at Holiday Inn Grantville, PA.

2. John Pitman was requesting help or forming a commity for 2015 end of year banquet.

XII. **Other Items**

1. Solo car clasification link to be posted on PHA site.

XIII. **Hall of Fame**

The PHA Hall of Fame committee (which are members of the PHA Hall of Fame) will recommend a chairperson and co chairperson to the President of the PHA for approval.

Motion: Gordon Wise; 2nd:Bill Weaver.

XIV. **PHA Governance proposal**

Nothing substantial noted.

XV. **Volunteers for Training**

Dave Merritt is asking for Steward Volunteers (people willing to be trained in 2015); Chief, Safety, Timing, Driving Instructors, and Tech Inspectors.

XVI. **Next Meeting**

November, 7th 2015 1pm.-3pm. At Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA.

XVII. **Adjournment**

Motion: Dale Witman; 2nd: Rick Kase