

PENNSYLVANIA HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the November, 2016 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 was 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 – Kurt Eikenberg; Don McLaughlin; and Jennifer DeHart. Philadelphia – Grace Huntzinger; and Dale Gogel. NEPA – John Pitman; and Tom Knorr. BMR – Rich Rock; and Steve Lewis. Steel Cities – Dave Merritt; Mike Ancas; and Cannon Roberts.

Others attending: Susquehanna – Tony Preston; and Thor Pitman. Philadelphia – Only Reps. NEPA – Matthew Haegg. BMR – Nelson Kase; Rick Kase; Mike Robinson; Donna Robinson; Nancy Lewis; Donna Sumner; Mike Lascoskie; George Witman; and Bob Oswald Jr. Steel Cities – Timm Murphy; Tom Wuellette; Glenn Hoffman; Ted Theodore; and Dan Foley. Others – George Bowland; and Charles Greenhaus.

II. Minutes of the April 9, 2016 Meeting

Printed copies of the April 9, 2016 minutes were distributed, read individually, and then approved based on a Motion: Mike Robinson / 2nd: Steve Lewis. Minutes will be published on the PHA website.

III. Treasurer’s Report

John Pitman presented the Treasurer’s Report. A full spreadsheet was offered to Regional Reps. John reported that year began with \$10,955 and ended with \$14,753; and we need to pay for the banquet. John expects that PHA will end up with a higher year over year carryover in 2017 than 2016. The Treasurer’s Report was approved based on a Motion: Rick Kase / 2nd: Nancy Lewis.

IV. Audit Committee

Mike Robinson and Donna Sumner volunteered to be on the Audit Committee at the Organizational Meeting (March/April).

V. 2017 Schedule

The 2017 schedule was approved based on a Motion: Tom Wuellette / 2nd: Glenn Hoffman

Spring Jefferson	May 27-28(Memorial Day Weekend)
Spring Weatherly	June 10-11
Pagoda	June 24-25
Giants Despair	July 8-9
Polish Mountain	August 5-6
Duryea	August 19-20
Fall Shenandoah	September 2-3 (Labor Day Weekend)
Fall Weatherly	September 16-17
Rose Valley	TBD

VI. 2017 Supplementary Regulations

Two proposals were made for changes to the 2017 PHA Supplementary Regulations:

1. To eliminate the 5-year expiration for harnesses as allowed in the current TTR. A Motion: John Pitman / 2nd: Tom Wuellette was defeated by Yes: 6 / No: 16 vote. The Supps will remain as before.
2. To provide an Electric Vehicle class in Specials. Charles Greenhaus proposed two classes, for which he would draft classing rules. Dave Merritt agreed to work with Charles to help make consistent with the Supps.

VII. Critique of the 2016 season

Rich Rock – BMR events:

1. Jefferson Circuit (Summit Point) → increasing track rate still meets with negotiation from PHA each year
2. Reading events:
 - Security to prevent vandalism cost \$800 for the two events
 - Skyline Drive paving job has not been put out for bid
 - Paving sidewalk in the Pit area was completed
 - Additional road paving/repair was funded by BMR for \$12,000
 - Vinyl Reading stickers are available

Dave Merritt – STC events:

1. Polish Mountain:
 - Fire Department did a good job using sawdust in response to rain Saturday
 - We had more cars on the road (vs pits) this year, and that could be managed better in the future.
 - Donna Sumner indicated that workers need additional training on proper dress, instructions, cooperation, etc.
2. Shenandoah Circuit (Summit Point)
 - 74 drivers participated
 - Summit Point has offered same rate as 2016 (and as Jefferson) for 2017
 - Will plan doing the event for 2017, and include lessons learned
3. Rose Valley:
 - Trout Run Fire Department looking for new Chief
 - May look at using a different Fire Department

Discussion on making events more successful (esp. Polish Mountain)

1. Ted Theodore inquired about getting sponsorship for the PHA series, or events
2. Ted also mentioned working with Dave Williams regarding Polish marketing
3. Charles Greenhaus suggested a season pass, possibly with a discount.

VIII. Website

Nelson Kase Requested that feedback or suggestions be provided.

Steve Lewis indicated that he likes the improved links to Schedule/Results

IX. New Business/Non-agenda items

1. Mike Robinson will suggest classing changes for SMX for the next meeting
2. Grace Huntzinger requested that agendas and proposals be placed on the website one week before meetings
3. Rich Rock led a discussion on segment timing, and new/upgraded timing equipment

X. 2106 Banquet

1. John Pitman reported that expenses are increasing and we have not raised the attendance price.
 - John indicated we may need to raise the banquet price
 - It was also indicated that we may need to raise the per car assessment at events
 - Rich is looking at other venues (e.g. the AACA Museum in Hershey), and will report back
 - It was agreed to make a refundable deposit for next year at the Holiday Inn
2. Kurt and Nancy Eikenberg were acknowledged and thanked for assembling and printing the banquet program

XI. Nomination of Officers

Rick Kase facilitated Officer nominations:

- President: Rich Rock (1st: John Pitman / 2nd: Don McLaughlin)
- Vice President: Dave Merritt (1st: Mike Ancas / 2nd: Nancy Lewis)
- Secretary: Cannon Roberts (1st: Glenn Hoffman / 2nd: George Witman)
- Treasurer: John Pitman (1st: Rich Rock / 2nd: Dave Merritt)

Nominations will remain open until the Annual Meeting

XII. Next meeting January 21, 2017

XIII. Regional Reps

Each Region needs to review/revise their list for 2017

XIV. Adjournment

A Motion (1st: Dave Merritt / 2nd Mike Robinson) was approved to adjourn at 3:50

PROPOSAL 1

11.1. RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS

REPLACE:

8. All driver restraint systems shall meet one of the following:
 - SFI specification 16.1 or 16.5, FIA specification 8853/1985 including amendment 1/92 or FIA specifications 8853/98 and 8854/98.
 - A. Restraint systems meeting SFI 16.1 or 16.5 shall bear a dated SFI label. The certification indicated by this label shall expire on December 31st of the 5th year after the date of manufacture as indicated by the label.
 - B. Restraint systems complying with FIA specification 8853/1985 including amendment 1/92 shall be no more than five (5) years old. (Not all manufacturers are dating every belt in a set. They may be dating one of a pair of shoulder or lap belts or may only be dating one belt in an entire set. Scrutineers are reminded that restraint systems need only one date label.)
 - C. Restraint systems homologated to FIA specifications 8853/98 and 8854/98 will not have a date of manufacture label. Instead they will have a label containing the Manufacturer's Name, Type of Harness Designation and Date of Expiration which is the last day of the year marked. All straps in this FIA restraint system will have these labels. FIA restraint systems with the certification 'D ####.T/98' are equal to FIA specifications 8853/98 and 8854/98, and are therefore, acceptable restraint systems. FIA two-inch seat belts with the certification 8853/98 are acceptable restraint systems when used in conjunction with their corresponding FIA shoulder harness and anti-submarine straps.
 - D. If a restraint system has more than one type of certification label, the label with the latest expiration may be used.

WITH:

8. All driver restraint systems shall meet one of the following:

SFI specification 16.1 or 16.5, FIA specification 8853/1985 including amendment 1/92 or FIA specifications 8853/98 and 8854/98. FIA restraint systems with the certification 'D ####.T/98' are equal to FIA specifications 8853/98 and 8854/98, and are therefore, acceptable restraint systems. FIA two-inch seat belts with the certification 8853/98 are acceptable restraint systems when used in conjunction with their corresponding FIA shoulder harness and anti-submarine straps.

SFI and FIA harnesses are not subject to a time constraint but shall be in good condition (no cuts, abrasions, abnormal wear, etc.) Harnesses deemed not to be in good condition by the Chief Steward and another event official shall be instructed to effect changes before their next run at that event or before the next event.

PROPOSAL 2

SPECIAL CLASSES: Automobiles that are of a design and construction not covered in the TIME TRIALS RULES or these SUPPS may be placed in one of three classes based on engine displacement, **or one class for electric vehicles.** All cars competing in this category shall conform to the following specifications:

- a) Meet the safety requirements as outlined in the TTR.
- b) Have operating suspension on all wheels.
- c) The chassis must be equally distributed along the centerline of the car.
- d) The body style may be open or closed wheel.

Class by engine displacement (multiplication factor of 1.5 shall be used for forced induction)

S1 – 0 to 1650cc

S2 – 1651 to 3500cc

S3 – 3501cc to 500 cubic in

EV1 – Electric Vehicle