

# **Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association**

## **Minutes of the January, 26, 2019 Meeting**

The meeting held at the Morgantown Classic Auto Mall was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Rich Rock after it was determined that a quorum of SCCA Regional Representatives were in attendance.

Those present were PHA Officers: President Rich Rock, Vice President David Merritt and Secretary Gordon Wise. .SCCA Regional Representatives: Don McLaughlin, Grace Huntzinger, Hugh Maloney, Rick Terrill, John Felten plus Alternate Representatives Don DeHart and Steve Lewis. Members: Nancy Lewis, Tom Knorr, Gail Knorr, George Witman, Steve Moyer, Nelson Kase, Mike Axarlis, Melinda Axarlis, Mile Robinson, Don Kennedy, Paul van Bemmelen, Gary Reider, William Norton, Jason Morris, Charles Christ and Mary Anne Fieux.

**Minutes of the November 17, 2018 Meeting** – Printed copies of the November 17, 2018 meeting minutes were distributed and read individually by attendees. Since there were no suggested additions nor corrections from the floor - upon a Hugh Maloney/Don DeHart motion - the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer John Pitman provided detailed printed copies of all income and expenditures for the 2018 calendar year. **The beginning balance was \$11,548.36. Our year-end balance totaled \$13,422.04.** Driver assessment fees increased \$1 in 2018. Upon a Grace Huntzinger/Mike Axarlis motion, the treasurer's report was approved.

**Audit** – The 2018 audit report was postponed to the March meeting due to the fact that John Pitman was unable to attend the meeting.

**2019 Schedule** – The 2019 event schedule - that is basically the same as last - had been approved at our November, 2018 meeting can be found on our website: pahillclimb.org. President Rock brought up the problem of constantly increasing costs to schedule events at Summit Point. Their charge for both Jefferson and Shenandoah circuit rent has gone up again this year. This will result in slightly higher entry fees.

**2019 Supps** – Our supps will be much the same as last year with a few minor changes. Nothing will be eliminated. At National there is a new group of people in charge of Time Trials. They are in the process of writing new rules for Time Trials. However, apparently for now we are free to continue what we have been doing employing our own rules. There is a new class "GTX" that covers former pro series cars. The street mod class now allows engine swaps from any manufacturer. National does no longer recommend the removal of air bags for Time Trial cars. There was some discussion regarding Time Trial event nomenclature in which Rich defined the difference among Time Trial events such as Time Attack, Track Sprint, Track Trials, etc. The event season is approaching rapidly which led to Rich Rock's suggestion that event organizers who need to apply for sanctions "should do it now!"

**Timing** – One of our timing boxes no longer functions and we have been using borrowed equipment from the South Carolina Region thanks to George Bowland. We need to address this problem immediately in order to prevent serious timing problems at our events. A new replacement box is no longer available. Grace indicated that the minimal cost to repair our box is around \$400 assuming it is repairable.

South Carolina has a new timing system and may send some of their people to come to one or more of our events to "try it out." If it works well, perhaps we could employ a similar system in the future. There is also the possibility of using some form of transponder system. What remains is that we need to work on this problem.

**Old/New Business** – WDC Region - Western Maryland Chapter is now a member Region of PHA joining Blue Mountain, Susquehanna, Northeast Pennsylvania, Steel Cities, South Jersey and Philadelphia. **WELCOME TO THE PHA!** John Felten will serve PHA as their Regional Representative. John addressed our membership regarding update plans for Polish Mountain. They need a greater number of cars to break even financially. The addition of the Jumbo Region WDC and its relationship to the PHA should assist us in promoting our events beyond just Polish Mountain. John indicated that they will make an effort to promote all PHA activities to their members. Previously, WDC offered every form of racing events that National offers except hill climbing. Their association with us now rounds out their calendar of events.

Ray Colbert is still gathering information regarding a possible hill climb site.

Mark Maynard a West Virginia State Senator contacted PHA regarding the possibility of running a hill climb event in Southwest WestVirginia. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the location was much too distant for PHA to conduct a successful event in that location.

Dale Gogel discussed the rapidly developing problem of lantern flies rapidly appearing “almost everywhere” indicating that we should check our cars for their presence in order to prevent their spreading.

The Susquehanna Region is hosting the Northeast Mini-Con in Harrisburg in mid February. Rich Rock will run a session on hill climbing.

The SCCA will no longer charge a fee for a Time Trial license any longer. The license will say, “Time Trials Level Intermediate.”

Time Trials is a timed event on a track

**Election of Officers** – At the November 17, 2018 PHA meeting the following members were nominated for PHA Officers to serve for 2019: President, Rich Rock; Vice President, John Pitman; Treasurer, Grace Huntzinger; and Secretary, Gordon Wise. Teller Dave Merritt opened the floor for additional nominations. Since no additional nominations were made Dave Merritt in his position as Election Teller “hereby moved that the Secretary cast one vote for each of the persons nominated for their respective positions.” With a unanimous second from the entire membership in attendance the motion was then approved.

Upon a motion from Don Kennedy with a second from/Charles Christ, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**The next PHA meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Canal Street Pub at 535 Canal St. in Reading, PA.** If the meeting needs to be postponed, it will be held on March 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary