

Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association

Minutes of the March 2, 2019 Meeting

The meeting held at the Canal Street Pub in Reading was called to order at 1:10 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum of SCCA Regional Representatives were in attendance.

Those present were PHA Officers: Rich Rock, President; John Pitman, Vice President; Grace Huntzinger, Treasurer and Gordon Wise, Secretary. Regional Representatives: Doug Austin, Don McLaughlin, Hugh Maloney and Rick Terrill. Members: Nancy Lewis, Steve Lewis, Ursula Whisler, Don DeHart, Richard Kase, Nelson Kase, Tom Knorr, Mike Axarlis, Glenn Hoffman, Norma Oswald, Robert Oswald, George Witman, Jim Crocker, Thor Pitman, Matthew Hoegg, Beth Turner, Ray Kochin, Ed Grega, Dawson Hughes, Richard Kane, John P. Russell, Joseph Cyburt, Chuck Christ, Mary Anne Fieux, Don Kennedy and Emily Oswald.

Minutes of the January 26, 2019 Meeting – Printed copies of the January 26, 2019 PHA meeting were distributed and read individually by attendees. Since there were no additions nor corrections from the floor, upon a motion from Charles Christ with a second from Don McLaughlin, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Since the January 26 meeting when our treasury balance was \$13,422.04, there were only three transactions – a deposit for \$24.60 and two expenditures totaling \$269.86. Our balance today stands at \$13,176.78. The report was then approved upon a motion from Hugh Maloney with a second from Thor Pitman.

Audit – The treasury audit will be held after today's meeting.

SCCA Licenses – National will begin to issue three types of Time Trial licenses: (1)Time Trial Novice Permit; (2)Time Trial Intermediate and (3)Time Trial Advanced. In addition, they are now planning to issue separate Hillclimb licenses. National is beginning the process of identifying all drivers by their SCCA I.D. numbers who have held licenses for hill climb events in the recent past in order to issue these new licenses. There will be no charge for Time Trial Licenses, however a charge of \$35 will be assessed for Hill Climb licenses. National will also provide a new participation book to be used for drivers of hill climb events in place of the present Novice Log Book. To enter Time Trial events that fall within the new SCCA TT Series, drivers will need TT Intermediate Licenses. Licenses that PHA drivers now hold will suffice for PHA events until these new licenses will be issued.

2019 Supps – PHA Supps will remain basically the same as last year. At our January, 2019 meeting an error was made regarding the discussion on roll bar size and thickness specifications. Since then, a correction was made indicating that these specs would remain the same as in the recent past.

Event updates – Blue Mountain recently submitted paper work to National for two events : Spring Jefferson and Pagoda. Prior to running Jefferson, some decisions need to be made regarding lap sessions or/three car pods or running a track sprint event. **Weatherly** reported that several new people recently joined the Weatherly Hillclimb Association. Michelle Conners has agreed to serve as event registrar. Long time former registrar Carol Lipperini will assist Michelle as she familiarizes herself with the process. The construction of the new building has been held up due to the continuing wet weather that has prevented the foundation to be built. Darrell Danko of **Giants Despair** is interested in organizing some sort of training for workers to deal with the responsibilities related to safety and emergency procedures. **Steel Cities** indicated no changes to the format for running Shenandoah. **Polish Mountain** is looking forward to their event and hopes for a good turnout.

Website/Timing – Nelson Kase reported that he has completed a PDF file on Jefferson and is continuing working on other events. Grace Huntzinger reported that we have been using borrowed timing equipment from the

South Carolina Region that replaces an inoperable box of our own that may not be repairable, and, for which there exists no available replacement. South Carolina has generously agreed to our continued use of their hardware. Grace has been seeking various alternatives to solve this problem. She is looking at alternate equipment and other timing systems.

New Business – This year is PHA’s 60th Anniversary. Discussion centered upon what we could do to celebrate this occasion. One suggestion indicated that since our merchandise inventory is getting low (T-shirts and hats), we may consider ordering a limited amount of special 60 anniversary merchandise. Gordon Wise informed the members in attendance that the PHA would again organize a display of PHA race cars for exhibition at the 2019 Carlisle Import/Performance Nationals to be held on May 17, 18 and 19. This event serves well to promote the PHA and its activities to a wide range of automobile enthusiasts. Our display has become a well established part of the Nationals as it attracts hundreds of visitors to the Race Car Pavilion on each day of the event. Mary Anne Fieux expressed concern related to the safety of course workers at events. Specifically she called attention to the fact that some workers dress inappropriately in that they wear shorts and sandals (rather than long pants and shoes) which serve as little hand, feet and leg worker protection when involved in emergency situations. She suggested that long pants and proper shoe protection be required. While members in attendance agreed that it is desirable that workers exposed to hazardous conditions be dressed appropriately, a dress requirement would be difficult to enforce. For instance, it is common for event officials to be faced with having to recruit workers from among event visitors, spectators, driver friends and family members when insufficient numbers of workers show up to staff all necessary worker sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. upon a motion from Charles Christ with a second from Ursula Whisler.

Next Meeting/Banquet – The next PHA meeting will take place at the **Grantview Holiday Inn** located just off **Interstate 81 at Exit 80 at 2 p.m. preceding the PHA Banquet on November 2, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,

R. Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary