

Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association

Minutes of the January, 18, 2020 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 Regional Representatives were in attendance. Officers present were President Rich Rock, Vice President John Pitman, Treasurer Grace Huntzinger, and Secretary Gordon Wise. SCCA Regional Representatives Joe Whiteley, Rick Terrill, Don McLaughlin, Glenn Hoffman and Alternate Representative Steve Lewis. WDCR- Western Maryland Chapter Representative John Felten attended the meeting via a video conference call. PHA members in attendance were Nancy Lewis, Mike Robinson, Richard Kase, Nelson Kase, Don Kennedy, Chris Merring, Mike Axarlis, Melinda Axarlis and Linda Young.

Minutes of the November 2, 2019 Meeting – Printed copies of the Minutes of the November 2, 2019 meeting were distributed, then read by attendees. Since there were no additions nor corrections from the floor, upon a Rick Terrill motion with a second from Glenn Hoffman, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report and Audit - Treasurer Grace Huntzinger presented both an oral plus a comprehensive printed treasury report listing all income and expenditures since the 2019 November meeting at which time our total asset balance stood at \$13,422.04. As of today our total current assets are \$16,565. 21. We have a current account payable liability of \$400.45 which results in a total equity of \$16,164.75. After the financial description by Grace, upon a motion from Nance Lewis with a second from Mike Axarlis, the treasury report was approved. An audit of the 2019 year treasury activity will be conducted after the close of today's meeting by our audit committee of Mike Axarlis and Mike Robinson.

2020 Event Schedule – President Rock indicated that there were no changes to the 2020 event schedule.

2020 Supps - Rich Rock called to attention that at our November meeting approval was given to two new supps changes. GT Spec full roll cages are now required for all SMX cars. A new class was added for FV cars that are equipped with non FV spec tires. There is a new definition of the SCCA Time Trials program with a new set of rules that do not apply to hill climb events. There is a need to clear up the difference between Time Trial and Hillclimb rules that are specific to PHA events. To this end Rich is currently in the process of revising the rules under which we operate to make them specific to our needs. When finished, drivers are encouraged to read the revised Hill Climb rules prior to the event season.

Timing/Website – After many years of serving the PHA as our principal timing equipment volunteer, Grace Huntzinger announced at our November, 2019 meeting that she was no longer able to continue in this capacity. We needed someone to fill this important and necessary vacancy. Today, when this topic was raised – almost immediately - Rick Kase announced that he would volunteer to transport and set up the equipment at each event. Grace, then, indicated that she would work with Rick to transfer the equipment to him. Steve Lewis indicated that he is still looking at new timing possibilities.

Old Business/New Business – John Felten, Representative from the WDCR-Western Maryland Chapter, attended the meeting through a video conference call. He indicated that the 2019 Polish Mountain event was successful and for the first time ended slightly above the financial break even point. For some time Polish Mountain event organizers had been making efforts to deal with the deteriorating condition of the road surface. Recently John arranged for Maryland State Senator George Edwards to visit the event site to look at what John described as dangerous in that both driver and spectator safety is jeopardized. The Senator agreed and through his

effort arranged for the Maryland State Highway Department to repave the entire road course prior to this summer's hill climb.

President Rock announced that Regions are responsible for any deductions related to claims arising from SCCA sanctioned events. There will be a deduction on liability claims of \$1,000 per incident. The SCCA region that holds the event will be charged the deduction. If the event has several incidents, the accidents claims can be combined and only charged the \$1,000. Also, another liability deals with "restricted area property damage." There is a \$2,500 deductible charge for damage in a restricted area. Rich indicated that we need clarification as to what is considered property damage and what is the definition of property damage in a restricted area. What is a restricted area? Regions will have to discuss if they need to budget money for possible deductions resulting from accidents. John Felten indicated that WDCR will not accept any financial responsibility for expenditures, income, etc. for Polish Mountain events.

While the SCCA event sanction fee for Hillclimbs and Time Trials will remain unchanged, the insurance rate for all sanctioned events will increase anywhere from 10 % to 19 %. The insurance rate per driver for Hillclimbs will increase about 10.5% (\$3). Summit Point Motorsports Park is under new ownership and has a new director. Rich recently received a new contract for Jefferson. There is a slight increase in rental cost plus a cost of \$50 per day for the on-site wrecker plus a charge of \$50 per response for the flatbed. Rick Terrill indicated that the cost increase for Shenandoah will be \$1100. Also there will be no food service on site. Food will be available at the concession area at the main track.

BMR has enjoyed a good working relationship with the past Mayor and Director of Public Works in Reading regarding the PHA events there. New officials now occupy these offices and he hopes to continue mutual cooperation with these folks. He has already contacted the new mayor. Spring cleanup on the hill is scheduled for April 25. He would appreciate all the help he could get in this regard. BMR will be making a bulk purchase of new oil dry for their events as well as several others. Contact Rich if your event would like to participate. Giants organizers are considering installing water filled barriers to install at the "elbow" turn for the safety of spectators. Don Kennedy indicated that Rally America no longer exists. That group will now be named, "ARA."

A Time Trial (Novice, Intermediate or Advanced); Hill Climb; or SCCA Competition license is required to compete in SCCA hill climb events. If you already have a Time Trial license and want a hill climb license, call SCCA National and request it. Some discussion regarding the possibility of combining more than one type of event at the same track on the same weekend to increase attendance was entertained. Such as at New Jersey Motorsports Park running a time trial event and a PHA event (such as a track sprint). This idea sounds interesting! President Rock thanked Nelson Kase for compiling a wide array of numerous statistical lists of past hill PHA activity that serve as important historical reference. They describe who we are and what we have done.

Election of Officers — Rick Kase, Elections Teller, opened nominations for PHA Officers to serve for 2020 At the November, 2, 2019 meeting. Both Rich Rock and Glenn Hoffman were nominated for President; Both John Pitman and Don McLaughlin were nominated for Vice President; Grace Huntzinger was nominated for Treasurer and Gordon Wise was nominated for Secretary. Today, prior to the voting, both Glenn Hoffman and Don McLaughlin withdrew their names from the election stating that they were no longer interested in running. Upon their decisions, Elections Teller Rick Kase moved that the Secretary cast one vote for each of the candidates. John Pitman seconded the motion which was then approved.

Upon a motion from Gordon Wise with a second from John Pitman the meeting adjourned at 3: 40 p.m. The next PHA meeting will be held at the Canal Street Pub in Reading, PA on Saturday, February 29 at 1p.m. Lunch at noon.

Respectfully Submitted, R. Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary