

# Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association

## Minutes of the March 6, 2021 Meeting

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Rich Rock at 6:05 PM, after which it was determined that a quorum of Regional Representatives were in attendance.

**Officers present** were Rich Rock, President; John Pitman, Vice President; Grace Huntzinger, Treasurer; and Dave Merritt, Secretary. **Regional Representatives:** Dave Arron, John Felten, Dale Gogel, Glenn Hoffman, Hugh Maloney, Don McLaughlin, Sue Salsburg, Rick Terrill, and Gordon Wise. **Alternative Representative:** Steve Lewis. **PHA members:** Brenda Ancas, Mike Ancas, Jeff Avril, Kacey Rovere-Avril, Jim Crnkovic, David Cutchins, Bill Feist, Trevor Filipowicz, Kathy Fisher, Shaun Fraley, Keith Gerhard, Amanda Haines, Kristen Hack, Matthew Hoegg, Don Kennedy, Mike Kurtz, Robert Laravie, Nancy Lewis, Amanda McCafferty, Shawn Mellinger, Patti Murphy, Timm Murphy, Brian Murray, Matt Phillips, Kristie Reid, Donna Robinson, Mike Robinson, Eli Sharp, Stacey Silverbank, Adam Weaver, Crystal Whisler, Ursula Whisler, Vince Wieczorek, Dale Witman, George Witman, and Tom Wuellette. There were additional participants who could not be identified.

**Minutes of the February 2021 Meeting:** <http://pahillclimb.org/about/pha-meeting/>

There were no changes requested. Gordon Wise made a motion to approve the minutes; John Pitman seconded. The motion was approved.

Rich Rock requested for a moment of silence for Brandon Lazar and Gene Brown who passed away recently.

**Treasurer's Report:** Grace Huntzinger presented financials as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Since the last meeting expenses were \$105; \$51 for timing equipment repairs and \$54 for website fees. Income was \$0. There is \$18,530 in the account. There is \$36 pending for website and PHA domain renewal charges. Rich Rock asked about the .NET domain; it was decided to keep that for now. John Pitman made a motion to accept the report; Rick Terrill seconded. The motion was approved.

**Audit:** Grace Huntzinger reported that the financial audit went fine. Nancy Lewis and Mike Robinson participated.

**2021 Schedule:** <http://pahillclimb.org/schedule-results/>

**Carlisle:** Gordon Wise reiterated that that Carlisle has invited the PHA back for 2021. The event will start at noon on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and close at 5:00 PM on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>; two weeks before Spring Jefferson. We have been offered half of a pavilion with camping in trailers and RVs at the pavilion (tents will be in a separate camping area). Everything is free.

Gordon reported that the information details was ready for distribution. Grace Huntzinger agreed to put the details on the PHA website and send out a notice to the PHA email distribution list.

**Spring Jefferson:** Rich Rock reported that he was working on the sanction request, and informed Nancy Lewis that there would be updates to the entry form.

**Spring Weatherly:** Rich reported that Joe Cyburt indicated that they still expected to complete the pavilion and a larger billboard before the event. Hugh Maloney confirmed that he approves the Weatherly and Giants sanction requests, that he had seen the sanction request changes from SCCA and that there was still a \$5 per entry fee to NEPA for hillclimbs. Rich suggested that NEPA consider dropping the \$5 fee.

**Pagoda/Duryea:** Rich reiterated that Reading is looking into creating two-way traffic on the road at the Pagoda, rather than have downhill traffic go through the Pagoda parking lot. Reading plans to make an announcement about their plans by the end of March. The work is expected to be done between the Pagoda and Duryea events. Rich reported that Reading is not issuing permits yet. Rich announced there will be a hill clean-up day on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Giants Despair:** Bill Feist reported that the event organizers were optimistic the event will happen. John Pitman reported that Pocono was proceeding with a road race in June; another cause for optimism.

**Polish Mountain:** John Felten reported that the Maryland State Highway Administration had a new permanent contact for permits. John expressed concern about both the SCCA and WDCR Covid procedures published last year. John will reach out to The WDCR RE (Wayne Armbrust) to get clarification for 2021. Rich suggested that John or any other event organizer could come to Jefferson at the end of May to see the Covid procedures they have put in place.

**Fall Shenandoah:** Rick Terrill reported that nothing has changed since the February meeting.

**2021 Supps/Classes:** <http://pahillclimb.org/rules/>

Rich Rock reported that there is nothing new; everything is in place.

**Timing:** Grace Huntzinger reiterated that the older timing system that PHA has used at Jefferson to support lapping is broken. Grace has made contact with the CEO/designer of the system and still hopes the problem can be resolved. If not resolved, Grace reiterated that this may cause Spring Jefferson to become a Track Sprint, similar to Fall Shenandoah. Steve Lewis reiterated that there are challenges with timing lapping sessions (e.g., Spring Jefferson), especially if a car leaves the track before completing both timed laps. Steve requested that Control announce pods and cars coming off early; Trevor Filipowicz agreed.

**Website:** Grace Huntzinger reported that there was no new news. Grace will add the Carlisle event details and minutes from this meeting to the website. Grace plans to do a further review of the website.

**Banquet:** <http://pahillclimb.org/schedule-results/>

The banquet is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Holiday Inn, Grantville PA. Rich Rock reported that the banquet was the same weekend as the Turkey Bowl at Summit Point. After discussion, the consensus was to try to change the banquet to November 13<sup>th</sup>. John Pitman will follow-up with the hotel.

**New Business:** Nancy Lewis reported that BMR was planning to assess an additional fee for on-site registration at Spring Jefferson. Rich Rock requested other events consider doing the same to ensure consistency.

Rich reported that the BMR events use MotorSportsReg for registration and encouraged other events to do the same. In any case Steve Lewis will need access to whichever registration system used to be able to get entry lists for timing. Steve reported that he has set up an email address for timing that he will share with registrars.

Grace Huntzinger reported that she is looking into PHA jackets. They would be sold by individual order, probably at the beginning and at the end of the season. Grace plans to have samples at Jefferson.

Gordon Wise requested 2021 business card calendars from Nancy Lewis for Carlisle in May.

John Pitman Asked Grace Huntzinger about the stock of PHA decals. 125 were recently made; Rich Rock will have some at the hill clean-up in Reading on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** <http://pahillclimb.org/schedule-results/>

The next meeting will be on the date and location of the PHA banquet. Information will be posted on the PHA website.

Rich Rock adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM based on a motion by Grace Huntzinger; seconded by John Pitman. The motion was approved.

Respectively submitted,

Dave Merritt  
PHA Secretary