



Central Pennsylvania Region Sports Car Club of America

Monthly Meeting Minutes

12 May, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm by Ron Dotts, (RE).

Members present: Ron Dotts (RE), Dan Warner (ARE), Steve Lower (Sec), Gami Sanchez (Treas), Dave Kraige, Charlie Faris, Paul Stinson, Lee Watson, Dave Gustkey, Dave Dix, Chuck Carroll, Charles Leighty, Zoha Memari, John Taylor, Chris More, Gary Gurchik, Bryan Smith, Mike Cunningham, Jeremy McCauley, Rob Beck, Steve Eastman, Jim Wegielewski, Aaron Eberhard, Bernie Betzema

Report of the Regional Executive:

Ron opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and gave a brief review of the proposed formation of the Allegheny Highlands Region. To be addressed further as a separate topic under new business.

Ron asked Steve to give a brief review of the 21st Century Automotive Challenge held @ PTI.

Ron has attended the Mid State Airport Authority meeting and has confirmed they are supportive of CPR using the facility. Ron also added that he has met with Bryan Smith at the hanger and has removed all items belonging to CPR.

Report of the Assistant Regional Executive:

Dan reported on the use of the merchandise awards cards. Should have cards and glassware available @ the next event. Has received a merchandise order from national office for resale/awards card exchange. 2nd order placed for club specific T-shirts for additional sizes requested.

Report of the Secretary:

Steve offered an explanation of why the minutes have not been posted on the web site prior to meetings. It was moved by Chuck Carroll to post minutes without financial information. 2nd by Stinson & Taylor. Approved.

Steve presented the April 2009 meeting minutes for approval. 2nd by Warner. Approved

It was noted that the secretary shall retain a copy of the minutes with the financial information included.

Report of the Treasurer:

Gami presented the financial report.

Gary Gurchik asked what records is felt that have not been turned over from the previous Treasurer.

Ron explained that what he feels has not been turned over is the "General Ledger Records". Included within this is all income and expenditures per category. Ron to request such from Lauren.

Paul S stated that he feels the club needs this information.

A question in club investments was brought up, Paul S recommended to leave them in the CD's. Jim W. suggested looking into passbook savings. Decision to keep investments in CD's.

Committees:

Newsletter: Nate has requested to resign as newsletter chair. Ron proposed that the newsletter committee be combined with the website committee and have a single chairperson. Chris More agreed to take on the task and asked for newsletter submissions. Action was approved.

Membership: Steve reported 143 on the membership list. Of that, 24 are expired, 15 more to expire at the end of May.

Sponsorship: Dix Honda has agreed to be the 2009 Title Sponsor. A round of applause was given to Dave Dix for his contribution.

It was moved by Gami and 2nd by Jim W. that Peaks Auto be listed as a sponsor for their assistance in making the van roadworthy in-leiu-of a cash sponsorship. Motion Approved

Gami S. reported that God Speed will provide dyno day on May 23rd as a portion of their in lieu of sponsorship. Contact Gami to schedule. Noted member must own the car.

Rules: Steve L. presented proposed revisions to the Solo Supplemental, Competition and Site Rules. Discussion on Supplemental rule 7.3. Motion to approve with exception of Rule 7.3 by Paul S. 2nd by Mike C. Approved.

Supplemental rule 7.3 to be revised and submitted for approval at next meeting.

Solo Report:

Dave reported that he feels events have gone fine. Paul S. Commended Dave on his efforts.

Airport Status: Ron, reported that he feels the club is about 95% on the way back to being able to use the airport. Mid State has approved our plans for separation of people and cars from aircraft. He is now dealing directly with the PA Dept. of Aviation. A change of the schedule may need to take place but feels at this time being flexible and mobile with multiple sites is the clubs best interest.

Site Searches: Dave Dix reported that the meeting with Grant Miller from CPAA was cancelled. He still feels it may be a viable site.

Ron again asked the membership to think about possible sites and contact him if they located a potential site.

Cone Killer Classic: Ron asked the membership to consider becoming the event chair. Should the club take a chance waiting on final decision on the airport? Dan W volunteered to chair committee. Serving with him, Jim W. and Charlie F.

Old Business:

Aaron asked about the timing software. He will work with Dave K on use.

New Business:

Proposed formation of the Allegheny Highlands Region (AHR). Ron gave highlights and explained that it is in everyone's best interest to explore ways to develop the area without negatively impacting CPR given it's 53 year history. Ron noted that this is an information gathering meeting and based upon discussions the executive committee will make a recommendation to the membership for a vote.

Members making application and serving as representatives to SCCA for the formation of the AHR are Bryan Smith, Mike Cunningham, Rob Beck, Jeremy McCauley. Per application received from SCCA, Dave Mohar serving as RE pro tem.

Highlighted items presented by AHR representatives: (Provided by Mike C.)

Requesting areas from multiple regions. Counties within CPR – Indiana, Cambria, Blair, Bedford, Somerset.

Proposed event site at Wyotech in Blairsville, PA

Emphasized that AHR wants to serve underutilized area of regions.

Emphasized that AHR does not want to detract from current operations of existing regions.

New region will grow membership in SCCA. Potential growth of participation in CPR events.

Jaffa Mosque event OK if it goes on, possible future co-sponsoring of Jaffa events.

Questions and discussion from membership.

Q - Jim W. – What other regions? A-Mike C. does not want to overstep authority, will not disclose other regions at this time.

Q - John T. – Aside from Autocross, what other interests? A-Mike C. Have not explored.

Q – Chuck C. What growth in membership? A-Bryan S. Appx. 25-50

Q – Paul S. – Why not simply use CPR for area development? A-Mike C. Want sense of autonomy.

Bryan S. noted that this application was initiated by himself, other members were asked.

Q - Ron D. – Why was the Wyotech site never mentioned at a CPR meeting while CPR was actively seeking membership input on new potential sites? A- No reply given.

Ron made the suggestion of AHR seeking a lesser number of counties given CPR's scheduled event in Blair county and proximity to CPR's main membership location in the State College area. He is troubled by splitting of the region given it's 53 year history and suggested AHR representatives consider becoming a CPR chapter rather than a separate region.

John T. asked a general question of when was the last time SCCA national office approved a region split. Answer was unknown.

Ron noted that any action would still require national office approval.

Ron stated that the definition of a chapter needs explored.

Question was asked about possible AHR – CPR – other regions schedule conflicts. A – Mike C. would try to work around others as best as possible.

Q – Steve L. Is AHR willing to disclose their business plan? A- Mike C. Unknown if AHR is able to disclose that.

Ron stated that he feels more information is needed for CPR and asked if CPR could contact national office and request additional information. Mike C. agreed to allow CPR to ask national office for additional information.

At this point in the meeting, several questions were asked in rapid fire succession and the secretary is unsure if they were appropriately answered. Questions were documented but most discussions/answers were not.

Q – Charlie F. What prompted this action?

Q – Jim W. What happens to area if region fails?

Q – Lee W. Can more information on past experience of usage of this area be provided?

Q – Gami S. Why this year?

Q – Paul S. Was the group looking for another event site for CHR use or AHR use? A- Group made the decision to pursue site as new region.

Q - Paul S. Contact made as CPR member?

Q – Charlie F. Is there a level of dissatisfaction with CPR within the AHR group?

Q – Will AHR seek financial Autonomy?

Q – Chuck C. Is AHR financially stable? A – Yes

Q – Jim W. What are we as CPR losing?

Q – Chuck C. What is the downside of creating a chapter?

Q – What is the downside of creating a region?

Comment or answer by Mike C. Level of autonomy would have to be extreme.

Comment - Make it very clear, AHR has no financial interest in CPR.

Comment – As a Chapter, CPR could be used as a resource.

Comment – Mike C. AHR will consider a chapter.

Comment – Ron D. Propose that groups get representatives together mid-month and work out best interest for both groups.

Comment – Best interest to involve membership.

Ron asked that the membership think about this issue and thanked everyone for remaining calm and civil during all discussions.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn made by Chuck C Seconded by Paul S. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Lower, Secretary

Minutes approved @ 9 June, 2009 meeting. Financial information omitted for internet posting. The Secretary will retain a printed and electronic copy of the full minutes for records.