

The monthly meeting of the Central New York Region of the Sports Car Club of America was called to order at 7:12PM, Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the American Legion in Liverpool, NY by Regional Executive Ed Leubner. 12 people were in attendance.

Leubner made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Newton and approved passed 11-0 with 1 abstention. Leubner next made a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis Hess and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Regional Executive's Report

R.E. Leubner thanked Chris Murphy for his efforts coordinating the annual awards banquet and congratulated Billy Meade for earning the Richard H. Posenaur Memorial CNY SCCA Outstanding Member of the Year for 2019.

The region's charter renewal was sent in on December 27, 2019. TRSS sanction and insurance have been received for the upcoming season.

Assistant Regional Executive's Report

A.R.E. Mark Bizzozero reported that he got to drive the new Toyota Supra to and from the Auto Expo. Our solo sponsor, Burdick Automotive, had the car on display at the event.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jay Cartini submitted reports for both December 2019 and January 2020.

The December report showed a December 1st opening balance of \$17,461.37. Monthly income of \$2,290 and expenses of \$503.46 resulting in a December 31st closing balance of \$19,247.91. Checks outstanding totaled \$387.44.

The January report showed a January 1st opening balance of \$19,247.91. Monthly income of \$2,004.79 and expenses of \$2,869.71 resulting in a January 31st closing balance of \$18,382.99. Checks outstanding totaled \$2,703.45. The bulk of January's expenses came from the banquet, which cost the club approximately \$8 per person on top of what attendees paid for their tickets.

Cartini had lunch with Joe Speech to discuss our August picnic. He is already booked on the 2nd Wednesday of August, so if we would like to use his services in 2020, we will have to do it on another date. A brief discussion ensued and the general consensus of those present was that the 1st Wednesday of August (August 5, 2020) would likely be a good date. Part of the discussion included moving the venue. Pineview Run was mentioned and Cartini said that he would contact them to explore possible options.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Pro Tem Mark Mangicaro had no report.

Activities Report

Activities Co-Chair Chris Murphy reported that we had 54 attendees at the banquet, which was down a little bit from last year. The feedback he got from attendees was overwhelmingly

positive. Of the people attending, 51 pre-paid and 3 paid at the door. Quite a few of the pre-pays were close to the pre-pay deadline, which was a few days before the venue needed a hard number. A brief discussion ensued regarding price and location.

Everyone present was happy with the Dinosaur and it was determined that their prices are in line with what we would pay elsewhere. We were less sure of the pricing for admission. Would a lower price entice more members to attend? That would cost the club more money in a low cash flow month. Even if we leave the price the same for next year it would likely mean a slight increase in expenses to the club. Or, would a higher price (less subsidy by the club) be the way to go? That would reduce the likelihood of an attendance increase. Further discussion at future meetings is warranted.

Autocross Report

Autocross Chair Scott Newton reported that the schedule is pretty much set for 2020. Once we have a signed contract from Destiny USA we can publish the dates. Assuming that happens, we will have a total of nine points events in 2020. Three will be at Destiny USA, three at Oswego County EVOC, and three at Seneca Army Depot. Only one of the SeAD events will be hosted by CNY; the other two are out of region events hosted by FLR and WNY.

Our monthly autocross meetings will resume in March at 6:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. This time is immediately preceding the general membership meeting and will be held in the same location.

RallyCross Report

RallyCross Chair Billy Meade reported that a tentative schedule has been completed. The plan is for 10 events, two of which will be out of region events. Most events will be single-day events. The only two-day event currently planned will be the one at the Adirondacks venue. Walczyk's farm will once again be welcoming us in 2020 and we will add a new venue, currently referred to as "Brian's field" for this year.

Road Rally

Rally Chair Frank Beyer reported that this coming Saturday (February 15th) FLR is host a 150-mile rally starting and ending in Canandaigua. Next Saturday (February 22nd) the New England RoadRally Championship will hold an event in Barre, VT. Beyer is think of doing a TSD rally from WGI to Syracuse on the day of the Green Grand Prix, Friday, April 3rd.

Flagging and Communications Report

Mick Levy was absent. R.E. Leubner reported that Peter Argetsinger died early this month at his home in Watkins Glen at the age of 69. Argetsinger was a professional road racer for several decades. He was the son of Jean and Cameron Argetsinger – the people who first organized racing in Watkins Glen.

Leubner also noted that ChampCar racing started at Road Atlanta, however, the racing had to be red flagged to do several inches of snow.

Membership

R.E. Leubner noted the following membership anniversaries occurred in January: Mick Levy, 24 years; Scott Newton, 14 years; Mike Wilson, 7 years; and Ricky Ottman, 2 years. February anniversaries include: Karl Hughes, 30 years; Pete Hirschey, 21 years, and Dave Cardillo, 6 years.

Old Business

Pineview Run is no longer offering memberships to clubs. It is unclear at this point whether or not we will have any access to the track if we hold our summer picnic there. As noted above, Jay Cartini will discuss options with Pineview Run management.

New Business

Dennis Hesse noted that our Street Survival presence at the Auto Expo resulted in two students signing up for our April 26th event; several more expressed interest in attending. There are currently 10 students signed up for our April date.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Jay Cartini. Jay added 12 portraits of George Washington to his collection.

At 8:20PM a motion was made by Rex Franklin to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Scott Newton and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the American Legion in Liverpool at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Mangicaro