

The monthly meeting of the Central New York Region of the Sports Car Club of America was called to order at 7:10 PM, Wednesday March 11, 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 December and February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Bizzozero. Passed by unanimous vote.

Regional Executive's Report

R.E. Leubner received an e-mail from National regarding event insurance. Separate insurance certificates will be issued for each event this year.

An e-mail was also sent to R.E.s regarding the Corona virus situation.

Assistant Regional Executive's Report

A.R.E. Mark Bizzozero reported that all 45 slots were filled for the Green Grand Prix, so he did not enter his Mighty Prius. He also noted that solo sponsor Burdick has not yet provided images for vinyl for the trailer.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jay Cartini reported that February's only income was dues, and that expenses were slightly higher than income. RallyCross purchased a new EZ-Up on sale, which made him happy. He will have the club tax returns completed in the next day or two.

Secretary's Report

Stand-in Secretary Karl Hughes was busy writing and had no report.

Activities Report

Activities Co-Chair Chris Murphy reported that Pineview's opening day will be April 11, and he has not checked with them on holding the picnic there yet. The picnic date will be one week earlier than usual, and food will probably be from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Autocross Report

Autocross Chair Scott Newton reported that only two people attended the autocross meeting directly before the membership meeting. He brought up a couple of proposals regarding the upcoming season events.

1. Split the Street Class run group in two, like Finger Lakes Region and Western New York Region have been doing. Two run groups makes the event logistics and worker assignments easier to manage, because the Street run group is generally the largest. Another benefit is that this will make out-of-region events easier by matching the regions we are running with.
2. Unique car/number combinations (meaning no duplicate numbers across different classes). This makes life easier for Timing and Scoring.

Sites for 2020: The Destiny mall wants \$8,000 for a two-day lot rental, which is out of the region's reach financially. The current plan is to hold four events at the Fulton EVOC facility, and three at Seneca (one hosted by CNYR, one out-of-region by FLR, one out-of-region by WNYR).

Need to get the solo trailer out for the Street Survival School, April 26 at Rome.

RallyCross Report

RallyCross Chair Billy Meade reported that the March event with FLR was canceled due to weather. The next event is scheduled for April 26 at Adirondack International Speedway. Two events were held there last year, with 12 competitors at the first and 21 at the second. The plan is to schedule RallyCross events this year to avoid conflicts with stage rally events.

Meade attended the “Winter Snow Drift” event at Pineview this winter, and Pineview is interested in potentially hosting winter RallyCross events next year. He is also looking into events at Seneca. CNYRP is still not available.

Road Rally Report

Rally Chair Frank Beyer is not planning any rallies at this time. He is waiting to see how the current Corona virus excitement plays out.

Flagging and Communications

F&C Chair Mick Levy was absent. No report.

Street Survival Report

Dennis Hess reported that the first Street Survival school of the year will be on April 26 at Griffiss Park in Rome. 12 students have signed up so far, and he needs coaches to volunteer. The October school sold out at 20 students.

Membership Report

Membership Chair Andrew Beyer was absent. R.E. Leubner reported several anniversaries, notably Robert Chevako at 54 years.

Old Business

Not planning to try to hold any DE events at Pineview this year. Pineview no longer offers club memberships, therefore an event like this would have to be run under their rules.

Burdick has paid sponsorship, but has not yet provided the graphics images for the trailer vinyl.

New Business

Chris Murphy located a local source for inexpensive 28” tall cones, but these are tall for autocross and the region owns enough of that size.

The autocross program only has one local site at this time. Other potential sites were discussed, including the LaFayette Motorsports track and the Fulton community college lot. The old Oneida County airport, which is now an EVOC facility, requires a government agency to apply for use, and does not allow fees to be charged if events are held.

No 50/50 raffle was held, so Jay Cartini was unable to add to his collection of George Washington portraits.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 8 at the American Legion in Liverpool at 7 PM.

At 8:10 PM a motion was made by Mike Donofrio to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Jay Cartini. Passed with 11 votes, as Cartini abstained due to his sorrow over the skipping of the raffle.