ARPCA BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

January 9, 2025

Blackout Tinting, Gibsonia

Call to Order: Gus Vasilakis, 7:03 PM.

In attendance: Gus Vasilakis, Drake Core, Tom Uehling, Mary Jo Vasilakis, Jay Malobicky, Jason Brown, Stuart Wirtz, Tom Galey, Linda Scanlon, Mark Hanson, Rick Sobek, Justin Flagg, Rob Windsor, Larry Sachs, Marty Smith, Tim Hronek, Paul Bates, Kevin Rhule, Arnie Von Waldow.

Linda Scanlon moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Seconded by Kevin Rhule. Approved.

Special guest speaker: Jason Brown, Director of Carnegie Science Center. Invited by Drake Core. Science Center is planning to have a Science of Speed exhibition presenting the contributions of innovation in auto racing. Will have an interactive area and area displaying cars over the years to see examples of innovations in cars. Aimed for people of all ages. Jason is asking for feedback and ideas for the exhibition from our members as well as possible participation.

HPDE update: Track Chair Tim Hronek reported. Track registration is now on MSR. Heavy out of town registrants from areas such as New Jersey for Pitt Race and Michigan area for Nelson Ledges. Need to push marketing efforts inside and outside our region for the HPDE events. Thoughts of marketing towards novice drivers for Nelson Ledges (May 16-18) since the track is a good one for novices to learn HPDE. At Nelson, the onsite caterer will have a tent to purchase food and refreshments at the track during lunch/afternoon, along with tables for dining. Discussions forthcoming with social committee chair about having a picnic/food after track goes cold for HPDE and touring members and have touring group do a parade lap on the track prior to picnic. Nelsons' bridge completely redone and can handle more weight capacity. A new tech garage has also been built.

Communications: Tom Galey and Stu Wirtz reported. The deadline for the First Quarter issue of *Rundschau* is January 13. Target mailing date is mid-February. Next deadline, Feb. 25th for April magazine (distribution date around April 1). Larry Sachs is assisting this committee. The committee is collaborating with Justin Flagg. The committee will do an interesting article on Nelson Ledges (history, who raced there, etc.) to generate more interest and understanding about Nelsons. They would also like thoughts and ideas about doing a member spotlight section each month, including highlighting young members. An idea was floated to feature a person's car to share interesting history or restoration story, and maybe tie in a monetary donation to an approved charity or cause.

Important note to all committee chairs: Please submit any information you have for your events into the MSR and ARPCA calendar for the year, even if it is just for members to "save the date."

ARPCA Women's Group update: Linda Scanlon reported. Three Rivers Karting event Jan. 22nd. Women must register on MSR to drive the karts but no need to register if women just want to come to socialize. Light refreshments, non-alcoholic beverages provided. On site bar if anyone is interested in buying their own drinks. February 12th at Amanda Lee Glassware in Oakmont. May 17th at Duquesne Club (same weekend as Nelsons Ledges). Finalizing the scholarship donation check for Rosedale Tech, which will be presented to them at the Mid-Winter part there on Feb. 22nd. Women of ARPCA Meet & Greet again hosted at Sewickley Porsche on March 19th.

Membership: Rick Sobek reported the following: at the end of December there are 903 primary members and 543 affiliate members for a total of 1,446 members. For December, we welcomed 6 new members. There is a total of 2 test drive members. We currently have 60 PCA junior members. There was 1 transfer in and 0 out of our region. There were 27 expirations and 32 renewals. December anniversaries included the following: 40 members celebrated anniversaries of 5 years or more and 13 with less than 5 years. Member R. John Wean celebrated his 57th anniversary.

Driving Road Rallies: Kevin Rhule reported. Northeast Ohio tour (May 17) to line up with Nelson Ledges HPDE. Would like to have touring group end at Nelsons for track parade lap and possible picnic. Group will have tire technology tour at Bridgestone/Firestone facility – details still being worked out. Lunch at Gasoline Alley (Akron, OH). ARPCA-only Air-cooled trip (Apr. 3-8) to North Carolina area. 4 people signed up so far. Laurel Highlands Driving tour (May 31-June 1) to Fallingwater in-depth detailed tour, lunch location TBD, then Polymath Park. Dinner either at Polymath Park tree house cabana huts or go a 3–5-star restaurant. July 26th is the ARPCA PVGP Tour including Track Party and parade lap at Pitt Race. Sept 4-7 ARPCA attending Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival. Lodging at Glenora winery, with backup hotel is Harbor Hotel. Book your hotel early. A group will to leave PGH together on Thursday to drive up to Watkins Glen. Oct 11 is the next Das Herbstfahrt tour heading to the north. Gus to get Kevin a touring email @arpca.com for people to contact him about all things touring/rallies.

Social: Jay Malobicky reported. Mid-Winter part at Rosedale Tech on Feb. 22nd from 5:30-8:30 with pizza, beer, wine served. New Member/All Member dinner at Edgewood Country Club on Apr. 12th. This is the time of year he contacts The Lot & the borough (to block street) and set up the dates for this summer. Stay tuned.

Financial Update: Tom Uehling reported. Tom reviewed the Profit Loss report for December and the P&L by job report. Everyone did a great job managing their events in 2024. Overall, the events exceeded budget with an overall club profit of $24,891 vs. the budget of $6,752. The 2024 P&L shows a higher number, but the variance is due to the timing of the track deposits, so a truer reflection of how we did in 2024 is the "By Event" report. The ask of committee chairs to look at their offerings and see where we could improve the member experience at our events based on breakeven point and, for example, offer a nicer swag, nicer event offering where reasonable, or offset costs were reasonably possible. Caveat to keep in mind though is the general increased cost of food ahead for this year, so keep an eye on the food costs and breakeven point.

Larry Sachs moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Kevin Rhule. Approved.

PTC: No update. No chairperson present to provide update.

New Business: End of this year is election for new officers: President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary. Gus asked for volunteers for the nominating committee and Jay Malobicky agreed to lead it. He will need two more volunteers who are yet to be identified. Communications committee will put an article in the Rundschau about this. Gus will also mention it in his article for February distribution and provide Communications committee with some text to use for theirs. By-laws are on the ARPCA.com website.

Old Business: None

Closing: The next meeting will be February 13 at Steele Kustoms in Oakdale. Special thanks to Blackout Tinting and Luke Crawford for hosting and giving us very comfortable accommodations.

Larry Sachs moved to adjourn the meeting; Tim Hronek seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by Mary Jo Vasilakis