

Vintage Racing Club of BC

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021

Called to order: 1901 HRS

Chaired by President Michael Zbarsky

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM



Executive present:

- President, Mike Zbarsky
- Vice President, Mike Bailey
- Treasurer, Gayle Baird
- Secretary, Peter Valkenburg (absent)
- Director at Large, Alan Donaldson

Regrets: Peter Valkenburg

Executive & Members present: 17

Guests: 2 (Ray Stec and Matthew Bower)

Prior Minutes

Minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting were published on the website.

Motion to approve as published; Ralph Zbarsky, seconded by Mike Bailey; motion carried.

President's Report

Michael Zbarsky reported he was disappointed that we had to cancel the BCHMR. He feels we need to ponder how we 'brand' it. Is this an opportunity for a different model? With a year to plan, he hopes we can come up with something that will be successful. We need to develop something that will draw in lots of entries, sponsorship and spectators.

The biggest thing we need to do is find some energetic folks to make that happen. More people need to come forward and help with planning.

Vice President's Report

Mike Bailey reported there are opportunities for Lapping Days both on the Island and Area 27 on August 29th. There are 2 REVS races in September; the 4th – 5th and 18th – 19th at Mission Raceway Park.

Treasurer's Report

Gayle Baird submitted the following report.

As of today's date, we have **\$33133.33** in our chequing account, last year this time we had **\$26,585.25**.

Membership Report

Mike Bailey submitted that we have 88 members YTD comprised of;

- New - 7
- Life members – 6
- Regular members – 46
- Family members – 20
- Gold – 4
- Bronze – 4
- Honorary – 1

Membership for 2021 is \$70.00 (\$80.00 for Family) to be submitted via MotorsportReg.com or mailed with full application form attached. Information is on the VRCBC web site.

Director at Large Report

Alan Donaldson reported that he and Ralph Zbarsky are going to start working on the Eligibility Rules. Ralph has reviewed some of the rules from other vintage clubs. No progress at this time.

Eligibility rules were discussed at length.

Guest, Matt Bower mentioned that in Britain there is the *Classic Touring Car Racing Club Series*. They have pre-66, pre-83, pre-93, pre-03 classifications. They have very vintage cars and modern vintage. They set up a new championship and they got huge grids.

The website is <https://classictouringcars.com>

Stan Guy agreed that this is a good thing. Find a slot for as many older style, interesting and well presented race cars, and clones of race cars as we can.

It was agreed that an **Eligibility Committee** be formed, consisting of **Alan Donaldson, Ralph Zbarsky and Gunther Ruppel** and will start work on reviewing the rules.

CACC Vintage Discipline

John Elliott reported that CACC Novice Director, Al Harvey mentioned to him that there are 4 Novices that have taken the Driver Training last weekend who are potential Vintage drivers. In addition to that, Al has been trying to suggest to anyone who is a new race driver that Vintage may be a good group to start out with.

The Auto Slalom people of the Lower Mainland have been struggling to get a venue this past couple of years since they are no longer at the Pitt Meadows Airport. They have been holding events at Mission Raceway Park on the old Kart track.

SCCBC Update

Keith Robinson reported the Driver Training was just completed this past weekend. It was very successful. There were 2 notable Vintage entrants. George Houghton just finished building a Tiger. He passed D/T and is eager to get out on track. The other driver was Mark Clyde, a friend of Hugh Archer. He has a Formula Vee.

SCCBC has a member up in Midway, B.C. who is SCCBC Emeritus Member #1. His name is Paul Lautard and he will turn 99 years old on September 28th. SCCBC is going to dedicate and name CACC #4 race to him (September 18th – 19th). He raced an MG-TC at Bellingham Airport in 1951 and also Abbotsford Airport. We would like to have some MG guys come to the track during the race.

Alan Donaldson suggested he can get together a group of old MGs who would be keen to bring out their cars. The club is the Pre 56 MG Club. Alan will contact them and see if they will be available at that race weekend.

Keith, Alan and Vince Howlett will follow up on that.

META Update

Mike Bailey – There will be no August meeting for META.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ian Wood mentioned he drove to Edmonton (Dunlop (Castrol) Raceway) a couple of weeks ago with a friend, met up with Doug Lorraine and his son and they did a Double 8 (8-hour enduro on Saturday and an 8-hour enduro on Sunday) Car ran well, finished 10th on Saturday and 9th on Sunday. A Mazda rotary won overall.

Ralph Zbarsky is in Penticton and he ran across John Hall who is now 82 years old. He is a very famous driver of a Mustang and is in the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame. He sends his greeting to all the Club members. Ian Wood mentioned that John Hall was his Driver Training instructor in 1972.

Michael Zbarsky mentioned that he got a notice from VMC (Vintage Motorsport Council) regarding the increase in the number of infractions being reported across North America. We haven't had any infractions in our REVS series so far this year.

Vince Howlett mentioned that Monterey was this past weekend. The YouTube video is available online.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- **September 5** IWE REVS race (Ian Wood's Volvo is available for the race as he will not be able to attend...contact him if you would like to race his car.
- **September 19** IWE REVS race
- VRCBC Meeting **Thursday September 23, 2021 1900 HRS**, In person at **Burnaby Rugby Club & via ZOOM**

For Sale

- Check VRCBC web site for recent sale items.
- Patrick Stewart has a friend with a road 1974 TR6, for sale
- Tedd McHenry knows of a project Datsun 510 for sale.
- Steve Anthonsen still has his 1997 Tiburon for sale
- Roger's Mazda RX7 racer is for sale and he has 510 parts
- Paul Haym has Club windshield banners for sale
- Al Reid still has a Pontiac GT race car for sale
- The Zbarsky's have a championship winning 1958 MGA Twin Cam coupe race car for sale, contact them if interested
- Ian Wood has a race driving suit for sale good condition \$350
- Ralph Zbarsky has a Devin MGA c/w a Dave Roberts cross-flow 1800 engine. All mechanicals are available. Contact Ralph if you are interested.

Good and Welfare

Stan Guy reported that **Chris Genge** passed away from Cancer on July 29th. He was a very nice man who came to the BCHMR and shared the Mallock. He was 65.

Vince Howlett reported that **Pete Siddons** who lived in Victoria passed away. He raced Tom Johnston's cars among other things.

Michael Zbarsky mentioned that **Gordie Miller** passed away recently as well.

Michael Zbarsky reported that one of Tom Johnston's cars is back on track and going to be raced by Ian Thomas. It is similar to a Sports Racer. John McCoy is running another one of Tom's old cars.

Meeting Adjourned

With no further business, at 8:25 p.m. Michael Zbarsky moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Next meeting

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on – **THURSDAY**
September 23, 2021 at 1900 hrs.
Burnaby Lake Clubhouse (IN PERSON MEETING)
and also via ZOOM for anyone unable to attend.

New Quick Link (VRCBC's Zoom): <https://zoom.us/j/5891047610>