

Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: March 15, 2011; called to order at 19:12; adjourned at 21:03

Location: Burnaby Athletic Club

Attendance:

Stanton Guy
Allan Harvey
Tedd McHenry
Dennis Repel
Mark Brown
and members

Regrets: Jim Latham; Bruce Jamieson.

Guests: none.



Prior Minutes

January minutes: motion to approve by Tom Johnston; seconded by Al Ores; approved.

February minutes: motion to approve by Mike Bailey; seconded by Randy Custer; approved pending correction to spelling of SCCBC President's name.

President's Report (Stan)

Stan reported on the previous meeting, which was held at Intermeccanica. For those who missed Intermeccanica, the Lotus club will be going in April and they have space for more people.

In addition to the very interesting tour and presentation by Intermeccanica there was a presentation by Ryan O'Connor on the proposed Surrey race. After discussion and approval at an executive meeting, he has sent a letter to Ryan expressing the club's support for the event, and included a cheque for \$500 to support the costs of the initial planning and proposal.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Regalia Report (Stan)

We now have large (~6") VRC decals, suitable for display on cars, trailers, etc.

Membership Report (Stan)

We have 100 members as of tonight, which compares with 87 members this time last year. There are two new members since the last meeting.

Competition Director Report (AI)

AI was very pleased to announce that we have secured two Mazda pace/chase cars for 2011: a 2011 RX-8 and a 2011 Speed 3.

There was a work crew at Mission Raceway Park on March 12. Despite “ugly” weather, the crew was able to clean up the leaves and sticks on the track and clean up some of the drainage problems. There are still some drainage issues to resolve and lots of work to be done before the first event.

Another dyno day, as was held last year, was discussed and a show of hands indicated that 11 members present would likely go if one were held. The price is expected to be roughly the same as last year. Several members commented on what a good deal the dyno day is, compared to getting dyno time individually.

AI also discussed the issue of tire availability, commenting that the earthquake and tsunami in Japan will only make the situation worse. Jim Latham has a contact for 205/60x14 tires.

AI also clarified the situation regarding REVS points, about which there has been some confusion lately. Every VRC member is eligible for REVS points, regardless of the license they hold. To receive bonus points you must register for the series. VRC also encourages members to register so that we have their vehicle information.

CACC Vintage Discipline Report (Mark)

HANS (or equivalent) devices will be mandatory in 2012. Equivalent SFI-approved systems may be allowed, which will mean that a wider choice of seat and belt compatibility will be available. The FIA web site has information on how to choose a HANS device. There will be a \$30 rebate for race license holders who purchase a HANS device between October 2010 and October 2011 – keep your receipt!

Mark clarified some issues regarding licensing that have caused confusion recently:

- Vintage OW and SR competitors require a race license (because they're in the same sessions as regular race competitors)
- Vintage CW competitors only require a vintage license
- The license you hold has no effect on REVS points
- If you once held a race license but are now racing under a vintage license, the races you compete in may not count toward renewing your race license; you may have to do driver's school, especially if it has been more than one season since you competed under a race license
- A race license does not entitle you to vote on CACC Vintage Discipline issues
- A vintage license does not entitle you to vote on other CACC Discipline (e.g., Race) issues

A discussion followed during which several more points were raised:

- License fees are the sole source of revenue for the CACC Vintage Discipline; as there are only about 30 license holders, net revenue each year is small
- There is no point getting a race license if your car doesn't qualify for a race class (e.g., OW or SR)
- If you have any doubts about a licensing issue ask an official (Mark would be a good place to start). Don't make assumptions!

SCCBC Report (Stan & Keith)

There will be an orientation/open house for volunteers on March 20.

The SCCBC will celebrate it's 60th anniversary in 2011.

Keith reported that of the 10 people who came out for the work crew 4 were VRC members. The track is almost ready for the first event, which will be March 20. The new tech shack arrives March 18. There will be a new canopy for META and other volunteers, and a water tap to be installed near the man-gate by the clubhouse.

BCHMR Report (Tom)

We are making good progress on preparations for the BCHMR. We have sent individual letters to everyone who has entered the HMR for the past three years, encouraging them to come again this year. The entrant's package will be on the web site within a day or two. As always, the two big variables are the weather and the number of entries. In 2009 we made \$12,000 at the gate, which perhaps represents a best-case scenario, but in a bad weather year that could be nearly zero. So our revenue situation can potentially vary quite a lot with the weather.

The Exhibition Class will be for OW and SR cars. There will be two groups: "Fast" and "Faster"

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having John Morton as a guest-competitor. While he would unquestionably be a popular attraction to VRC members, there was some question whether he had great enough name recognition, generally, to be worth the cost of bringing him.

Old Business

Stan relayed information about several upcoming car shows:

- Vancouver International Auto Show (Vancouver Convention Centre, March 29 – April 3)
- BC Classic & Custom Car Show (TRADEX, April 29 – May 1)
- All-British Field Meet (Van Dusen Garden, Friday, May 21 – Saturday, May 22)

Robert Barg reported on the World of Wheels show:

- VRC had a car on display
- The crowd was good early on Saturday, but petered out as the weather deteriorated

New Business

Stan presented the 2011 eligibility rules that were approved at the last executive meeting. There are no substantive changes to the 2010 rules, but a lot of work has gone into clarifying everything. There is an eligibility committee that will review the rules annually and consider any proposed changes. The committee consists of: Jim Latham, Hugh Archer, Tom Johnston, Ian Wood, Leigh Anderson.

Hugh Archer asked why a rolling eligibility date was used for SR cars. Tom Johnston explained that it was done to parallel the Monoposto Racing rules.

Mike Tate moved that the 2010 Eligibility Rules be approved. Hugh Archer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Meeting

The next two meetings will be held at the Burnaby Athletic Club.

For Sale

- Datsun 510 (Robert Barg)
- '73 MGB/GT (Mike Tate)
- Race-prepared Corvette (Tom Johnston)

Good and Welfare

Ian Wood related that Steve Martin, the terminally-ill young man who was attempting to prepare an RX3 to race this year, has passed away. He was able to briefly drive the car he and his friends were preparing, though not on the track.

Brian Harvey has been in contact with someone at BCIT regarding students from the media department video-taping at Mission this year.

Wes Stinson announced that the Luxury Supercar Show would be coming up in September.