

Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: August 16, 2011; called to order at 19:38; time of adjournment not recorded

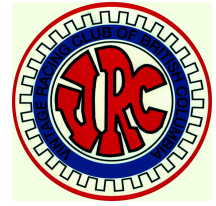
Location: ABC Country Restaurant, Hastings St., Burnaby

Attendance:

Stan Guy
Dennis Repel
Bruce Jamieson
Jim Latham
Tom Johnston
Tedd McHenry
and members

Regrets: none

Guests: Craig Phillips



Prior Minutes

Motion to accept by Tom Johnston; seconded by (not recorded); passed.

President's Report (Stan)

The last meeting, at the F440 kart track, had expenses of \$1110 and grossed \$720 for a deficit of \$390. In retrospect, a slightly higher fee for the karting was probably justified.

Victory Lane published a nice article on the HMR, which Stan has copies of.

Mr. Mike's Stakehouse & Bar in Mission has donated gift cards to VRC. He may be interested in a longer-term relationship with us, so please patronize his establishment. The owner has an XKE.

Treasurer's Report (Stan for Bruce)

We currently have \$13,611 in cash and \$3,780 in liabilities. The decline in our cash position is due to the HMR. Some discussion ensued regarding the HMR and our cash position, but the main discussion was deferred until later in the meeting. (Refer to the HMR report, below.)

Membership Report (Stan)

We have 118 members as of tonight, as compared to 124 this time last year.

Competition Director Report (Stan for Al)

We received very positive feedback regarding our turnout at the CCGP, which was excellent. One slight disappointment was that the Mallock did not run. The owner elected not to race when informed that he would have to run in the OW/SR group.

We will be putting on a push to get a good turnout of vintage cars at the final REVS/SCCBC event, in October. (There is no vintage race at the September event).

CACC Vintage Discipline Report (Dennis for Mark)

Dennis congratulated VRC members on the excellent turnout of vintage cars at the CCGP.

Annual tech is being implemented for vintage cars, but requires a change to the vintage discipline rules.

SCCBC Report (Stan)

Stan also congratulated VRC members on the turnout at the CCGP.

There are several SCCBC developments of significance to VRC members.

- There will be some changes to the Turn 8 flag station, possibly including lights.
- A new track sweeper will soon be in operation.
- They need more volunteers for the work parties.
- They are working on making their meetings more attractive.

Old Business

Some discussion ensued regarding organizing a trip to the Le May museum, which was proposed by Al Reid at the last meeting. Al passed out some brochures from the museum and reiterated what a great tour it is. A proposal was floated to organize a bus tour for VRC members.

New Business

None.

BCHMR Report (Tom)

Tom reviewed the BCHMR with the following pertinent observations.

- Entries are the key to success for the HMR (both financially and otherwise).
- From time to time there is discussion about potential entrants who are dissuaded from coming to the HMR because of our eligibility rules. Tom urged anyone who knows someone in that position to send their contact information to him.

Tom proposed a change to the class structure that he thought might make more effective use of track time, provide more interesting races, and be appealing to entrants. There would be four race groups: CW fast, CW slow, OW fast, and OW slow.

Tom also suggested for consideration the idea that VRCBC formally affiliate itself with VARAC (in Ontario) and align our rules with theirs. As we are the only two vintage road race organizations of much significance in Canada, this would effectively establish a national consensus on vintage road racing rules and procedures, which would probably be advantageous to both groups in dealing with CACC/CASC.

A wide-ranging discussion ensued around the topics of eligibility and ways of encouraging more entries. This discussion was not recorded in detail, but among the ideas discussed were the following.

- Use of sponsorship money to directly subsidize entries in some fashion. One objection to this proposal was that it could be perceived as being unfair (by competitors who did not receive the subsidy). Various ideas for ensuring fairness were floated.
- A 25-year rolling horizon on eligibility.
- A “70+” category, along the lines of that used by VARAC and some other organizations.
- Measures to smooth the path for potential new competitors, such as:
 - An information package on how to get started in vintage racing;
 - A mentoring program.
- Measures to make the sport more appealing to potential younger members.

Next Meeting

The September meeting will be at International Movie Services in Aldergrove, where they have an extensive collection of military- and vehicle-related movie props.

Ian suggested that we plan a meeting at the Trev Deeley motorcycle museum.