



Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: February 21, 2012; called to order at 19:20; adjourned later

Location: Burnaby Athletic Club

Attendance: Stan Guy, Dennis Repel, Al Harvey, Jim Latham, Tedd McHenry and members

Regrets: Evan Williams; Leigh Anderson

Guests & New Members: Frank Micucci from Driver's Edge Autosport

Prior Minutes

Motion to accept by Jim Latham; seconded by Tom Johnston; carried.

President (Stan)

Stan directed members' attention to the historical bar chart of VRCBC member drivers entered in REVS events over the last decade, which was mounted on the wall of the meeting room. The analysis and the chart was prepared by Glenn Taylor.

There are several new additions to the web site, including a promotion video that Mike Tate has produced, using footage from the 2011 HMR. It will be used to promote this year's event.

Paul Haym has volunteered to take over calculating the REVS points.

The ASN Canada FIA National Time Attack Championship will be held at Mission over the June 30th – July 1st weekend.

VRCBC members will once again receive NAACC cards, which qualify us for a discount at Mark's Work Warehouse, Lordco, and other stores. The normal \$5 per member fee for membership in the NAACC has been waived for us, for 2012.

Vice President (Dennis)

The CACC AGM will be held on March 18 at the Delta Town & Country.

Treasurer (Bruce)

Nothing to report since the AGM. The bank will no longer accept cheques made out to acronyms (such as VRCBC). The Club's full name must be used. "BC" is okay.

Race Director (Al)

The turnout of VRC members for the track work party was excellent and a lot of good work was accomplished.

We are working on a date swap with SoloSport that will allow each organization to have a two-day race weekend. Our current potential plan is that we would give up our Sept. 23rd date in exchange for Saturday, June 23rd (i.e., in conjunction with the June 24th REVS event). A possible complication is that the SCCBC may be scheduling an Enduro race for June 23.

Frank from Driver's Edge Autosport is here to answer questions about FHRDs and other safety items.

Membership (Ian)

Total membership is currently 71, with several members who have not yet renewed.

SCCBC (Stan)

The SCCBC has a new executive for 2012. Steve Hocaluk is the new president. Sarah Harvey is now the media and marketing director. They also have a new Facebook page.

BCHMR (Tom)

Everything is moving along well and the financial situation seems less bleak than at the previous meeting. The potential revenue picture has improved substantially with the potential addition of extra entries from the CCGP and “pro” FV races. If everything works as expected we will double revenue over last year and reduce costs by about 10 percent.

The HMR will have the usual features of previous years, such as the banquet and the program, but there will be some changes, mainly related to cost cutting. We will also probably have a Friday test day.

Jim Latham commented that the nation anthem will be sung by the new Mayor of Abbotsford – Bruce Banman. (Same great singer as last year, but with a new title!)

A discussion ensued regarding potential sponsors. Alan McColl commented that having a portion of sponsorship revenue go to charity might help attract sponsors.

We haven't yet decided what will be the feature race. We will wait to see how entries shape up.

Old Business

Dennis reminded members of the up-coming Dyno Day, which is booked for March 31st. The form is online, and the cost is \$50 per car. This is a very good deal compared to the normal cost of dyno time.

Someone is needed to organize volunteers for the Vancouver auto show. Dennis' Camaro will represent the VRCBC and he agreed to help coordinate VRCBC volunteers with the SCCBC who we are sharing the space with. The date is April 3rd - 8th. Ian Wood commented that we should have a dress code for volunteers at the show – nothing elaborate but something reasonable.

The BC Classic & Custom Car Show will be April 20th – 22nd. We will be sharing space with the SCCBC adjacent to the IWE booth. We will need at least one car. Mike Bailey agreed to coordinate VRCBC volunteers.

The ABFM is Saturday, May 19th. This year Lotus is featured, and they will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the MGB. We will have our usual booth and several cars.

New Business

Dennis announced the new Eligibility Committee for 2012, in accordance with the VRCBC Eligibility Rules passed last year. The committee is appointed by the executive, meets at least annually, and is to investigate and propose eligibility changes that will be voted on by the membership.

The committee consists of the following members:

- ^ Dennis Repel, Chairman
- ^ Tedd McHenry
- ^ Glenn Taylor
- ^ Paul Haym
- ^ Fred Semple

The general strategy of the committee will be to make vintage racing more inclusive. Members are encouraged to discuss eligibility issues with any member of the committee at any time throughout the year.

Mike Bailey asked whether we will expand the years covered by eligibility. Dennis responded that expanding the years is definitely under consideration. We will be looking at what other vintage organizations are doing. For example, the SCCA already has a rolling 25 year rule.

Dennis clarified that this committee considers eligibility issues for REVS only. The BCHMR eligibility is a separate issue and is developed each year by the BCHMR Committee specifically for that year's event.

For Sale

- ^ Alan McColl: '81 Van Diemen FF; excellent condition; \$12,900
- ^ Keith Robinson: practice day rental available on 1980 Van Diemen; no new drivers, please
- ^ Robert Barg: half interest in a 510 project, for sale

Good & Welfare

Stan announced the passing of Robert Currie. Hugh Archer gave a brief eulogy. Martin Phillips shared several anecdotes of his experience with Robert, who was instrumental in Martin's involvement in road racing.

Al Harvey announced that the Mazda "Racing Heritage" grassroots racing program would be coming to Canada. This program has been active in the U.S. for some time, but was not previously available in Canada. Mazda will create a registry of Mazda racers in Canada, and they will be eligible for discount parts prices and other benefits to help their racing activities. The program will eventually reach parity with the U.S. program. Stan urged members to keep an eye out for opportunities to give Mazda some profile, in recognition of their support for grassroots racing.

Bruce announced that the "Vette" team will be competing at the ROLL X 16(!) hour Enduro at Pacific Raceways over the March 10th -11th weekend.