

# Vintage Racing Club of BC, Minutes

November 15, 2016

19:34 HRS

Burnaby Lake Rugby Club



Executive present;

- Stanton Guy, President
- Paul Haym, Vice President
- Gayle Baird, Treasurer
- Peter Valkenburg, Secretary
- Dennis Repel, Competition, Director
- Mike Bailey, Membership Secretary

Regrets:

- Roger Van Der Marel, CACC Vintage Discipline Director

Executive & Members present: 22

Guests, Randy and Brian Pratt (GVMPS)

## **Prior Minutes**

Minutes of September 20, 2016

Motion to approve, Tom Johnston, seconded by Brian Pratt, carried

## **President's Report**

- Stan thanked Wes Stinson for organizing the tour of Kremyr Racing's shop in Abbotsford; saw a customized replica Ford GT40, Doug Yip's new electric Cobra plus other interesting projects
- Reminder of Banquet & Gala this coming Saturday, November 19

## **Vice President's Report**

Paul held his comments re: the SIR meeting - update to follow.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Gayle reported;

- Account balance at this date \$12,162, with the majority of bills paid; only significant item left this year is the banquet
- BCHMR saw a similar net loss (approx. \$5K) to the 2015 event.
- Gala ticket sales, 56 to date

## **Membership Report**

Mike reported that of this date we have 104 memberships comprised of;

- Life members – 8
- Regular members – 51
- Family members – 34
- New members 2016 – 11
- Total – 104
- Plus Associate members 13 (Additional family members beyond the first – not included in membership count.)

## **Competition Director's Report**

Dennis reported that he was engaged in the rewrite of the CACC Vintage regulations, with the goal of making the general rules as consistent and as clear as possible. Many are familiar with obsolete wording and inconsistent messages across the Vintage rules documents. This would only be a 'cleanup edit', with no changes in the substance of the rules. These will be presented at the spring CACC Vintage Discipline meeting for approval for the 2017 season.

## **CACC Vintage Discipline**

The CACC intends to again have a large display at the Vancouver International Auto Show March 28-April 2, 2017. One of the themes this year will likely be promoting the joining of turn workers.

The CACC AGM is this coming Sunday Nov 20. All Vintage licence holders are encouraged to attend the Vintage Discipline meeting in particular.

## **SCCBC Update**

Ian and Stan attended the September meeting. There was considerable discussion / concerns raised as to low numbers of available turn workers.

Changes to grandstands are progressing, you will see the new 140ft units in place of the old 100ft. stands, and they will likely be placed at a diagonal to Turn 2 to provide better viewing for spectators.

Ian attended the October meeting and presented his Coventry Climax fire pump engine – but it wouldn't start!

## **BCHMR**

Stan has asked Paul to organize a debrief session, (in Jan 2017) to look at details of our past event and evaluate where a new focus would be / plans for 2017.

Patrick commented that the feedback from the major event sponsors for 2016 was very positive.

## **Old Business**

No items for discussion

## **New Business**

- Paul: On November 5 Paul attended a meeting at SIR organized by Andy Collins of Armadillo Racing. The topic was “the Future of Club Racing”. Club racers (including Vintage) and other interested parties (approx. 50) from around the PNW attended this session organized by Armadillo Racing, as follow-up to a recent email survey questionnaire. Basic theme was to answer why the number of entrants to ‘traditional’ club events is declining. Some of the many comments / feedback;
  - Poor marketing
  - Too many events and tracks conflicting
  - Affordability
  - Getting a licence was difficult
  - Poor outreach to other possible interested parties

Stan and Paul have all of the survey comments, meeting notes and follow-up emails for anyone interested. This theme will carry to Paul's Jan 2017 meeting.

- Stan: We have two dyno gift certificates from BCHMR sponsors:
  - One for \$150 from MOPAC, which will be raffled/donated at the Gala this Saturday.
  - One for \$450 (3 hours) from Independent Speed Shop in Langley. It was suggested that we try to use this to arrange a Club Dyno Day some time in the spring.
- Stan: Vince Howlett provided some promotional cards from SGP (Scalextric) in Aldergrove and suggested that we look into having an event there.

## **Upcoming Events**

- VRCBC Annual Gala, November 19 2016
- CACC meeting, November 20
- META AGM, November 23

- Christmas Party at Anne Peter's and Roger Salomon's home on December 10
- Old Racers Luncheon, ABC in Coquitlam, December 13
- VRCBC AGM followed by regular monthly meeting, January 17 2017
- Ian will organize a (gas) Kart event for the March 2017 meeting
- Area 27 is hosting a grand opening in June 2017, we may be invited
- Keith is planning to attend a major Formula Ford event at Indianapolis June 8 2017, event bounces to Mosport the week after

### **For Sale**

- Stan has a Corbeau seat for sale and a cheap Jeep.
- Mike has a GMC ¾ diesel truck for sale. He says it'll be cheap to run, he promises.
- Ian is selling off all his old BCHMR tee shirts.
- Check VRCBC web site for recent sale items.

### **Good and Welfare**

Mike Tate's wife (Lori) has recently under gone surgery for cancer. Gayle has sent a get well card on behalf of the VRCBC, wishing her well.

David Ledlin has suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and is now recovering.

A big Thank You to Brent Martin for the great pics and articles in Victory Lane (Oct) and Vintage Drift (Nov).

A 1990-93 Miata is now considered "vintage". The SVRA has organized a Miata Heritage Cup for 2017.

Ian chatted about his recent trip to Sears Point, describing how well his McLaren ran on old tires and the many VIP's he chatted up.

Robert commented on his trip to the Can-Am event at Watkins Glen.

### **Next Meeting**

AGM followed by regular monthly meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Burnaby Lake Rugby Club.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

08:55 PM, Motion tabled by Tom Johnston, seconded by John Elliot.