

Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: October 18, 2011; called to order at 19:47; adjourned at 21:47

Location: Burnaby Lake Rugby Club

Attendance:

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

Regrets: Al Harvey

Guests & New Members: Al Cruickshank



Prior Minutes

Motion to accept both the June 21 minutes and the September 20 minutes, by Tom Johnston; seconded by John Picard; passed.

President's Report (Stan)

There have been offers from members on Vancouver Island to host a meeting somewhere on the island. We will try to organize one in the new year.

We're also investigating some kind of two-day race weekend for vintage cars, possibly in a swap arrangement with the solo group. They have expressed general interest in the idea, but no details have been discussed yet.

Turnout for 2011 REVS races was good, averaging 13 cars per event – improving throughout the year.

We're looking for volunteers to take on a couple of roles. One is the REVS records, and the other is to manage video and other interesting content on the web site.

Vice President's Report (Dennis)

Dennis reviewed some aspects of our relationship with CACC, as he believes there is misinformation circulating regarding some of the changes to regulations and the organization of events. The principal driver of many of the changes has been changes to insurance requirements. There is only one suitable insurer, and they have dictated certain requirements that have affect various things, including the following.

- Track personnel and responsibilities
- Medical services
- Pace cars and drivers
- Helmets, belts, and HANS devices
- Licensing
- Vintage chair position

Dennis also emphasized that the CACC is clear that they are not interested in influencing eligibility rules. They regard that as a matter for VRCBC to decide.

Dennis also passed on praise from Peter Harding, regarding Mission, who said that we have the best-organized track he's ever been to, not counting the big professional events.

Treasurer's Report (Bruce)

As a follow on to the VP's comments regarding insurance, Bruce noted that CACC also provides Directors' and Officers' insurance for VRCBC, which is critical. This was followed by some discussion regarding D&O insurance.

Bruce reported that we have \$9,945 in the bank, and have picked up some new members since last month.

Membership Report (Stan)

We have 125 members as of tonight, as compared to 126 this time last year. There have been 3 new members added since the September meeting.

Competition Director Report (Stan for AI)

AI is extremely pleased with how the year went, and thanked all the competitors.

CACC Vintage Discipline Report (Mark)

Mark thanked competitors and extended special recognition to single-seater competitors, of which we had many more this year.

The HANS-type device will be mandatory for 2012. CACC have been pushing ASN for a decision on SFI units, but it looks like they will not be approved. There is a list available of FIA-approved units. Some discussion ensued, with the following comments.

- We should advise SOVREN of the HANS requirement, as it will affect a lot of them.
- We should post information about the safety changes on the web site.
- Mark also commented that we might be able to get a one-event waiver to allow SFI devices, to accommodate U.S. entrants who use SFI devices at the HMR.

Mark also reported on a survey that was sent to Vintage-licensed drivers. The full results will be published. A lot of drivers on the Island (and other distant locations) said they would come more often if there more opportunities to race for two days. Further discussion ensued regarding the possibility of running two-day events in conjunction with the solo group.

SCCBC Report (Stan)

Mike Kaerne commented at the last meeting that they have been pleased with the vintage turnout and the conduct of vintage competitors all year.

Ryan O'Connor (CCGP) reported that they have hit their 100-thousand-dollar target (over three years). Regarding the proposed Surrey race, they are targeting 2013. The feasibility study has been done, but we probably won't hear anything more about it until after the municipal elections.

SCCBC has been having trouble achieving quorum at their meetings.

Track improvements and finances:

- Paving around Turn Six
- New sweeper is in place
- Pre-grid area may be expanded
- Concrete block replacements
- Changes to the Randall building
- Tire bundles required (track credits are available to volunteers)
- A skid pad may be added behind the Turn Two bleachers
- Lots of assets were added this year

Old Business

Al Reid: Planning for the Le May museum trip is coming along nicely, and there has been a lot of interest and commitments. Al noted that the trip will not be appropriate for younger kids (younger than 15). There are still plenty of spaces left. You can mail a cheque to the club, or pay through PayPal. They will be meeting at 5:45 at the South Surrey park and ride, and expect to return around eight or eight-thirty in the evening.

New Business

None.

BCHMR Report (Stan and Tom)

Planning for the 2012 event has begun. We are ahead of where we were this time last year. The main focus of the planning is on reducing or deferring expenses and increasing revenue. Since the SOVREN situation is unlikely to improve for next year, we will focus on maximizing the number of local entrants and other Canadian entrants. The U.S. economy is still thin, and grids are down everywhere. We are also looking at combining forces with another event, but have no details as yet.

There is no perfect date, but an August date is our first choice, with July second and June a poor third choice. Every year there are more schedule conflicts, so we just have to manage the best we can.

Tom outlined some planning considerations that are being looked at, such as the following.

- Four racing groups (fast/slow; OW/CW)
- In-fill entertainment
 - Car corral on both days (worked well this year)
 - VIP rides (there are issues, but it can be done)
- Shorter races (but more of them)
- Changes to or elimination of the program

A discussion ensued regarding eligibility, mainly focussing on various assertions by Randy Custer.

Next Meeting

The location of the November meeting has not yet been determined. There will be no December meeting. The AGM will be in January.

The Gala will be at the Delta Town & Country on November 19, with a ticket price of \$45. Due to the difficult financial situation this year, freebies will be reduced compared to past years.

Good and Welfare

Tom Johnston reported on the Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society.

Jim Latham reported on Alan McColl's "test run" at the Chilliwack kart track, in his FF.

Martin Phillips asked for a minute of silence in memory of Dan Wheldon.