

Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting



Date & Time: September 17, 2013;
called to order at 19:25;
adjourned at: 21:14

Location: Burnaby Lake Rugby Club

Attending: Stan Guy, Dennis Repel, Gayle Baird, Phil Roney, Tedd McHenry, and members

Regrets: none

Guests: Randy Custer

Prior Minutes

Minutes for July were presented. Motion by Tom Johnston to accept. Seconded by Al Reid. Carried by the members present. (Note: There was no August meeting.)

President (Stan)

Stan reported on the status of the web site. The classified ads seem to be working well. Quadrocopter videos from the last Mission event, which will include the Vintage races, will be posted when they are available.

The annual gala is coming up, and Stan is looking for some help to organize it. It will be held at the Delta Town & Country, as in recent years.

Vice President (Dennis)

Dennis noted that the quadrocopter videos are also available at racing.ca.

Treasurer (Gayle)

Gayle has closed the account under the old club name and transferred the balance (\$4,871) to the new account. The total of our balances is \$16,971. Our accounts are mostly current, although West Coast Mazda's bill from the HMR has not yet been paid. [It is paid as of the date of these minutes. -- Secretary]. We have already given a deposit to the Delta Town & Country for the gala.

Membership (Stan for Ian)

Total membership as of tonight is 97; no change since the last meeting.

Race Director (Phil)

The last race weekend had a good turnout of vintage cars, with 19 total vintage entrants and 16 or 17 actually competing. Some discussion ensued regarding holding different forms of race events, such as dashes for cash, relay races, or Le Mans starts.

CACC Vintage Discipline (Stan for Mark)

The CACC AGM will be November 3 at the Delta Town & Country.

SCCBC (Stan)

Practice Day

The last practice day, on the Conference weekend, was well attended, with 41 cars.

Turn 8 Lights

The lights are meant to supplement the normal flagging system. Other lights may be added next year, such as a green light in nine (to help with large grids). The lights help keep things running when we are short on turnworkers.

Banquet

The SCCBC annual banquet will be November 16.

Washrooms at Mission

The SCCBC is getting quotes on a semi-permanent building to house washrooms.

Finances

This was a reasonably successful year, financially, and SCCBC projects that they will have approximately a hundred thousand dollars in the bank by years' end.

Discussion

Discussion on various topics ensued. Mike Bailey commented that the Turn 6 marshal station will be shifted to a new position that they believe will be easier for drivers to see. Keith Robinson also commented that the back of the Turn 6 marshal station will be painted white, for better contrast. Ian Wood mentioned that there had been some discussion of changing the location of the driver's meetings, to which Keith replied that both ICSCC and the motorcycle club continue to hold their driver's meetings at Tech.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Incidents and Incident Reports

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the procedures surrounding incident reports, the extent to which they are being followed, and possible improvements. Stan Guy noted that the Vintage Motorsports Council (VMC) of which we are a member sends reports of incidents and penalties to member club presidents and competition / race directors. Hugh Archer described the formal process by which stewards report incidents to the competition director, and noted that it is the competition director who needs to track incidents. Hugh Archer and Mike Bailey both stated that incident reports are being filed at Mission. Further discussion ensued regarding the timeliness of incident reports and penalties. Several members expressed the belief that incidents should be dealt with quickly. Hugh Archer explained that CACC rules require incidents to be formally recorded or reported within an hour, but that the findings and subsequent paperwork can take much longer.

Sport Racing Cars in Vintage Grids

Another lengthy discussion ensued regarding the participation of Sports Racing (SR) cars (such as the Stec's Royale) in Vintage closed wheel grids. According to Tom Johnston, there is no clear restriction on OW and CW cars running together; as well, there is no consensus on whether SR cars are one or the other. He noted that under VRC eligibility rules SR cars are a separate category from both OW and CW. Al Reid expressed a safety concern over the speed differential and visibility of SR cars when running in the CW Vintage group. This led to discussion of lights on the roll bar or other such mechanisms to make SR cars more visible. Keith Robinson suggested that SR cars could be black flagged if the roll-bar lights stopped working. Jim Latham noted that a change to the rules would be required to allow black flagging based on visibility lights, which would have to be implemented through the CACC Vintage Discipline process.

Upcoming Meetings (Stan)

Wes Stinson is organizing a collection tour for the next meeting. Ian Wood surveyed the members present regarding a possible kart night for the November meeting and perhaps also in January or February. The idea received strong support. Keith Robinson proposed a two-race kart “series.” Ian agreed to look into arranging a November event.

Good & Welfare

Keith Robinson surveyed the members present regarding an ongoing discussion, led by META to move the Turn one flag station to the inside of the turn (i.e., the track outfield). Some expressed concern that the new location would result in blue flags not being seen in time. Others stated that if a new location might be thought to be safer for the Turnworkers then it should be tried out. A straw vote of the Vintage racers present resulted in a majority expressing support for at least trying it if it should proceed to that stage.