



Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: April 16, 2013;
called to order at 19:24;
adjourned at: 21:28

Location: Burnaby Athletic Club

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

Regrets: none

Guests: Randy Custer, Bob Maynard

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the February and March meetings were presented.

- Motion to accept: Ian Wood
- Seconded: Tom Johnston
- Carried by the members present

Motions

Previous minutes (see above).

Motion: That Gayle Baird be appointed Treasurer, to replace Bruce Jamieson, in accordance with the club's bylaws.

- Moved by: Paul Haym
- Seconded by: Hugh Archer
- Carried by the members present.

Motion: That Paul Haym's recommendations regarding the awarding of REVS points be accepted, with the addition of the option to apply an equalizing formula to the laps-completed calculation, to compensate for differing vehicle performance, if that will affect the outcome of the calculation.

Modification: That participation be calculated on the basis of time in each session, not laps; that the time for all competitors who take the checkered flag in a given session be the time that the checkered flag was flown.

- Moved by: Jim Latham
- Seconded by: Dennis Repel
- Carried by the members present.

President (Stan)

Stan reported on the kart enduro night (March meeting). The event was very successful, with 36 drivers competing. The club made about \$500 on the event.

Stan also announced that Gayle Baird has agreed to accept the position of Treasurer if the appointment is approved by the membership. This was moved and carried (see above). Bruce is working with Gayle to bring her up to speed.

Vice President (Dennis)

Volunteers are needed to help run the Friday practice day (before the HMR).

Dennis also related several conversation he has had with potential vintage competitors, in which they expressed support for the “rolling date” eligibility rule. Potential competitors feel that this enables them to plan ahead, knowing that their cars will be eligible.

Treasurer (Stan for Bruce)

Stan passed on a report prepared by Bruce Jamieson.

- Income for the first quarter is about \$4,000
- Expenses for the first quarter are about \$6,500
 - Many expenses are earlier than last year, due to the earlier date of the HMR

Membership (Stan for Ian)

We have 92 members total as of tonight, with one new member expected to join tonight (Bob Maynard). Stan commented that Ian is doing a great job on membership.

Race Director (Al)

The new Mazda pace and chase cars were used at the first Mission race event (last weekend).

Vintage was well represented at the last event, with 16 cars registered and 12 running at the end. Al related several anecdotes from the weekend.

CACC Vintage Discipline (Stan for Mark)

Our eligibility rules were accepted by CACC at the AGM in March. Mike Kaerne gave an update on some developments at ASN Canada.

- Aging of seats and seat brackets is a safety concern; there will be new regulations covering that.
- Snell 2000 helmets are only good to the end of 2013.
- Some new models of FHRD have been approved.

Guest Randy Custer commented that VARAC has a rule on seat supports that we might review.

SCCBC (Stan)

The new scales and concrete pad are complete, and the grandstands look great.

This year's schedule for vintage is different from previous years, due to SCCBC trying to generate more revenue by including new groups of competitors (e.g., lapping groups). Vintage is scheduled for three of the six weekends, but SCCBC is open to adding vintage on another weekend, including a double weekend, if the numbers are there.

Keith demonstrated his “trophy” from the weekend, which is an alarm clock that makes race-car sounds.

Ian asked whether there would be a vintage race on the August long weekend, to which Stan replied no.

Keith also advised the membership that he has picked up the event permit for the HMR.

Old Business

Custom Car Show

Mike Bailey is organizing. They need more volunteers, especially for tear-down, and also on the Saturday morning. The event is this coming weekend (April 18-21).

ABFM

Patrick Stewart is organizing, but could not attend this meeting. The event will be held the weekend before the BCHMR, so we will be promoting the BCHMR. Help is needed with the booth.

Dyno Day

Dyno Day did not go ahead, mainly due to insufficient advance interest. Alan McColl suggested that participation would be higher if dyno day was held after the first event of the year. Several members concurred. Ian Wood agreed to investigate another date later in the summer, possibly in July.

New Business

The Delta Town & Country has been tentatively booked for either Nov. 2 or Nov. 9, for the gala. Some discussion ensued regarding the merits of holding the gala on Nov. 9, which is on the Remembrance Day long weekend.

REVS Points

Stan reviewed Paul Haym's recommendations for revising and simplifying the REVS point system. Discussion ensued, including the following points.

- Dennis commented that he likes all of Paul's suggestions, and agreed that some of the factors in the current point system cause confusion (e.g., the “original transmission” factor). He also recommended separate OW and CW championships, to avoid trying to equalize the two kinds of cars.

- Al Reid raised the issue that the current, laps-completed system penalizes slower cars. Much discussion ensued regarding this issue, culminating in the motion and vote described at the beginning of the minutes.
 - Ivan commented that there used to be a system for equalizing points between the various race groups, to compensate for performance differences.
 - Dennis commented that, which Al's point is correct in theory, in practice it doesn't usually affect the points standing.
 - Jim commented that, historically, the most important factor in winning the championship has been attending all the races and completing all the laps.
 - Paul reiterated the importance of keeping the points system simple.
 - Tedd commented that the speed difference alluded to by Al could be avoided by using time on track instead of laps completed. Keith observed that this would reverse the speed problem, benefitting slower cars. The suggestion was modified by making the session winner's time the time assigned to everyone who took the checkered flag, with shorter times only applying to those who did not complete all the laps.

VRCBC/CACC Eligibility Controversy

Stan advised the members that the issue of CACC influence or control over vintage eligibility was discussed at the CACC meeting. Stan is planning to form a committee to decide how to respond (after the HMR), and remarked that the issue is of fundamental significance to VRCBC.

Glenn Taylor inquired about possible motivations behind CACC's move, which resulted in some discussion. Tom Johnston noted that VARAC has faced a similar challenge to its eligibility rules, and is interested in discussing the issue with us.

Upcoming Meetings

The May 21 meeting will be a regular meeting at the Burnaby Athletic Club.

Wes is planning a social event for the June meeting.

Bob Maynard has offered to host a meeting.

Stan still hopes to hold a meeting on Vancouver Island. Dennis suggested that we ask members on the island to suggest a date that's good for them. Ian commented that some sort of group transportation would be a good idea (e.g., a bus).

Good & Welfare

Hugh Archer related his experience at Exotics Racing in Las Vegas.

Stan demonstrated an antique blow pipe (chemical analysis) set that he had acquired.