

2010 ARMS AGM Race Workshop Minutes

Race Workshop Minutes
November 13, 2010

Region Race Director Debbie Miller called the meeting to order at 1pm, proxies were presented and noted. All were reminded of the voting procedure, race competition license holders only are allowed to vote.

We made a quick review of the operations of the race committee this past year, a total of 10 meetings took place via conference call and skype. These routinely last 3-4 hours and are usually well attended. We will continue to use this format for next year. We also had a general race meeting Oct 30/10 to prepare for the Nov 13 workshop and had 20 racers attend.

Results were posted online shortly after the last race, thank you once again to Gary Marks for putting these together for us.

Mike McCrea gave us an overview on the financial situation for 2010 and we were able to keep the loss to \$1100.00, an improvement over the last 2 years considering the number of entries have not increased. We had 3 newbie subsidies in 2010, the intent is to have the newbie subsidy continue for next year.

During the last race committee conference call on Nov 10 we looked at race dates for 2011 consisting of a school and race in May and a double weekend in June and in August and moving the Jack Canfield Race to Sept. Double weekends are not the ideal situation but, in view of the cost savings (\$7500.00 to run a 1 day race or \$10,000 to run a double), we have to control costs as best we can. Much discussion ensued at the workshop about the points season ending so early so we revised the schedule and have proposed a school and race on May 28/29, double on June 25/26, double Aug 20/21 and single race Sept 25, keeping the JCM on the Thanksgiving weekend. Lapping will be incorporated into the weekend, either on Friday or Saturday or after racing on the Saturday of a double weekend. We should also take advantage of the double race weekend to have a social event on Sat night. We did discuss the idea of having a second 5 minute stop during the 3 hour enduro, making it easier to have a 3rd driver of the car but most wanted to leave the race with only 1 stop.

Next topic was entry fees. We have removed the charge for the second driver and will charge \$350.00 for a single race and \$450.00 for a double weekend. A cancellation policy similar to 2010 will be used for the double weekend, if you break on Sat then you get \$100.00 refund.

No change in license fees, still \$150.00 includes license, car number and \$50.00 AMP MCCA and gate entry.

Spec classes were reviewed next. John Alchorn moved and Dave Charters seconded to accept the Spec Miata as a region class and all but 2 voted in favour. Toyo Tires has been approached for sponsorship, we were reminded that any sponsorship deal had to be approved by the race committee and Region.

Then James Whitman moved and seconded by Stacy Chapman to accept the SR/R class, all were in favour. SR/R drivers can run their race for \$100.00 or pay the full entry fee to compete all day. Class rules and specs were provided by Bruce McNutt and James Whitman & Jeff Martin. Bruce offered to produce the rules for the Region rule book for the SR/R class.

Guest races, such as the Legends race this year, can be handled when they buy their own insurance, run by their own rules and run in their own race.

We will look into alternatives for dash plaques for each race, we will still have a presentation at the end of race day but may try to find an attractive and cost effective option.

Chief Tech Inspector Gerry Boudreau reviewed his plans for 2011, he hopes to have a crew to help with tech and we will have an annual tech inspection at the beginning of the year and a safety check on each race day. He was concerned that the advanced age of some of our race cars means the structural integrity is eroding along with the metal. He wants to be able to request reinforcement of the body without resulting in a class change for the car, i.e. any additional tube framing might result in a move to GT 1 or 2 class. It was moved that, for any vehicle older than 10 years, the chief tech inspector can recommend reinforcement of the body without any change in class. Moved by Gerry Boudreau, seconded by Gerry Elliott, all were in favour. Tech will start 8am on race day and Brad Sellars and Derek Lugar offered to help Gerry out with tech inspections from the Vantage Volkswagen shop in Truro, especially for the first of the season.

We may have access to a safety car for AMP. Bill Anwyll moved and ?? seconded that we investigate the use of a Safety Car at AMP.

Andy Hill reported on the work done at AMP, including that the tunnel has been widened at entrance to T1 but still requires some grading and a support. Some pavement patching has been completed, the berm on driver left thru T5 needs upgrading and parking in the paddock needs improving.

Timing and Scoring was discussed, it will soon be time to upgrade the system and the next step will be transponders at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00. Region will look into the exact costs and requirements and how to cost share. Keep in mind this system can be used for Solo events too.

TRAC is now legally owned and trademarked by region. Mike cCrea and Jason Smith will work with Jenn Harrie to update and use this website and track guide for next year.

The MMSC Speed Sport East Show next April is an ideal advertising venue for the track and we reminded everyone that race cars are required for display at the show. This is an ideal opportunity for any car owner to provide exposure for his/her sponsor.

Derek Lugar mentioned that, at the other tracks that he attends, they offer track rides, not always in a race car. For a donation they can get a lap or 2 of the track, this would be an ideal way to let a spectator or track worker see the other side of the wall. He will check out how this is done to see if we can offer something similar at AMP.

We will continue to use the announcement section of the website to post Supp Rules and Regs and will send out reminders prior to each race weekend that would provide details on any change for that particular weekend, i.e. schedule.

Respectfully Submitted

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