

# **2011 ARMS AGM Race Workshop Minutes**

RACE WORKSHOP MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2011

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Meeting called to order and proxies taken:

Mark Elliot represented Josh Nagle and Gerry Elliott;

James Whitman for Gord and Daphne Sleight;

Brian Partridge for Brian Gay, Brad Sellars, Taylor MacArthur;

Joel Nelson for Paul Gray and Derek Lugar;

Mike McCrea for Bob Griffiths;

Ralph Brooks for Jay Barthelotte;

Paul Susnis for Steve Manley.

Everyone was reminded of the voting procedure - only license holders and car owners such as Gerry Elliott - and proxies could be held by non license holders. 1 license holder can carry 2 proxies.

The agenda for the meeting is in the AGM handbook but some items were added as a result of the pre-agm meeting that was held in Truro Oct 30/11 in the Sobeys Community Room. The first topic discussed was politics. This was mentioned several times by different people over the past few months and this is the time and place to rectify the situation. A few pointed questions were asked and answered, we realize there will always be a few who are unhappy but all agreed that we are here to keep road-racing at AMP healthy and strong... end of subject....!

Race Director Debbie Miller reviewed some of the positive things that happened this year. We got the TRACguide out in time for the April Car Show in Moncton and they were passed out at the gate at each event. They were also handed out at the Quinpool Rd Cruise night in Halifax and at car shows at the Chickenburger in Bedford and the Woodside Ferry show in Dartmouth. We are aware that we had several spectators as a result of these shows. There are only a few guides left over so a lot less were wasted than in the past. Thanks to Jenn Harrie and Sherrie Hennigar for producing and printing them this year, we will print another guide for 2012 and intend to have wider distribution next year, and we'll possibly have a link from the forum or it's own topic. The committee will have to find someone to keep that site updated too. We also had 6 races as opposed to 5 in years past. We removed the second driver fee. Thanks to Dave Hull and Gary Marks the results were posted on the forum after each event. We raised \$4000.00 in sponsorship/donations, Harold Merklinger donated some mounted photos as a fund raiser and Derrick Clarke produced windshield banners also as a region fund raiser. The JCM was another success with approx \$2300.00 to be donated to AMP.

Region treasurer Mike McCrea was unable to produce an ARMS financial report in time for this meeting other than to say we only lost app \$1600.00 this year. Barring any changes in expenses next year, it has been determined that it costs \$5500.00 to run a single day and \$9000.00 for a two day event. We will work on getting sponsorship again next year but we still need to improve the entry numbers. We will use the forum and website and email blasts even more in 2012 and will utilize the pre registration list

again next year as we had for the Sept race. The race committee was instructed to determine the entry fees for 2012 and advise all the racers in plenty of time for them to work out their own race budgets. The committee will review race license fees, possibly making a 1 race day license available for those who cannot commit to a full year. Keep in mind though, that the license fee is only \$80.00. Over the past few years we have combined that fee with the Member Capital Cost Account for AMP fee of \$50.00 and the car number cost of \$10.00 plus a one time gate fee of \$10.00 for a total of \$150.00, this was done to keep it simple for the racers, a one-stop shopping kind of figure, so remember that only \$80.00 of this is for your license. Mike reminded everyone that the Member Capital Cost Account for AMP was instituted years ago as a car racer contribution to AMP, not for general funds but to be used specifically for something for the track, mostly in lieu of attending work-parties and such. The Newbie subsidy will also continue to be available for all new racers for 2012.

MOVED BY BLU VAN DAALEN AND SECD BY BRIAN PARTRIDGE THAT "LICENSES MUST BE PURCHASED IN THE HOME REGION OF THE LICENSE HOLDER" ALL WERE IN FAVOUR.

Regarding safety for 2012, SA2000 helmets are still ok, and the recommended head and neck restraint devices apparently are only those that are certified by the FIA and not SFI, according to a very knowledgeable ASN representative....

MOVED BY MIKE MCCREA AND SECD BY JOSH NAGLE "THAT AN APPROVED HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT SYSTEM BE RECOMMENDED FOR 2012 AND 2013 AND MANDATORY FOR 2014" ALL WERE IN FAVOUR.

Classes were reviewed and the Spec Miata competitors requested that they be considered GT5 and not GT4 when running a regular region race. Much discussion followed on how SCCA handles this and the differences between early and later models in speed and weight.

MOVED BY BRUCE MCNUTT AND SECD BY BLU VAN DAALEN "THAT SPEC MIATAS BE CLASSED AS GT5 WHEN RUNNING REGION RACES", VOTE TAKEN 11 FOR, 10 AGAINST, SO APPROVED.

Region Tech inspector Gerry Boudreau has advised that he is unable to continue as scrutineer for next year, we have also lost the services of Mike Benjamin and Carl Robichaud so we are now in need of an entire new tech team for 2012. Josh Nagel has offered to assist but we need a chief scrutineer. Anyone interested in this position please contact the race director. Spec Miata has also offered to have a person assist with tech who will also help with the SM classifications.

It was also mentioned that every Supp Rules and Regs list the positions and the volunteers who put their name up for those jobs. That way we can try to encourage people who may want to help but are not sure what needs to be done.

The number of races for 2012 were discussed, most were happy with a 5 event season so we are looking at a driving school and race in May, a single race for June, a double race weekend in August and a single in September. MMSC has traditionally organized the June race and made it a club event to encourage

their members to come out to AMP and they have offered to take on this responsibility again for 2012.

Timing and scoring advised they were offered a trial run of the AMB timing system with transponders for the May event. The usual cost to rent this system is \$450.00 and it would be interesting to see how well it would work at the track. Pidge is pretty quick with his "mouse finger" but this is an interesting opportunity.

A promotion committee has been set up, headed by Taylor MacArthur, to look into new lapping and parade lap opportunities, new ways of getting people out to and on the track. The oil spill at the last race presented a chance for many to their street car on the track and there was such positive feedback that we will look at doing this a each race, as well as running lapping sessions between races. Apparently, the open wheel class is not expected to return for 2012.

James Whitman and Bill Anwyll organized another successful JCM and James has already approached the race committee with ideas to improve on organizing next years event.

The Race Director 2 year term was up, Debbie Miller re-offered and, with no other nominees, was returned by acclamation.

Thanks to everyone who came out to this and the Oct 30 meeting....looking forward to a bigger and better 2012 season....

Yours in Motorsport

Debbie Miller  
ARMS Region Race Director.