

2012 ARMS AGM Race Workshop Minutes

Race workshop 2012
Moncton New Brunswick

Race Director Debbie Miller called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm and recorded proxies:

M McCrea for M and G Elliott and G Boudreau;
J Nelson for P Susnis, B Sellars and D Lugar;
J Whitman for J Sampson;
P McDonnell for J Wilson;
B Partridge for J Barthelotte, B Gay and P Gray.

Debbie gave a review of the actions of the race committee for the past year. In addition to regular Skype calls, identifying officials with lanyards (thanks to Subaru) and laminated ID cards, ARMS billboard erected on pit straight, 2012 TRACguide distributed to car shows and events, ads in ARL and Rally programs, spaghetti dinner and a movie social, ran events on time and according to schedule. For 2013 we will look at other promotion opportunities such as the Atlantic Nationals in July in Moncton. We will start work on the 2013 guide in January and all drivers are encouraged to make sure their Bios are up to date.

Race day schedule will remain the same with these two exceptions: We will dedicate two 15 minute sessions during qualifying to allow for separate GT and SM track time; secondly we will reverse the race order on alternate racedays. This will mean SM is the last sprint race before the 1 hour A/C on 3 race days, and then the GT class will run before the 1 hour on 2 race days.

Also, since the sponsorship for Spec Miata is based on 15 races (3 races X 5 race days) SM have requested that they keep one car number regardless of the drivers so that the team can accumulate points. To aid with driver identification, we will request the drivers name be shown on the left side of the helmet.

Legible car numbers remain a problem plus this year two drivers showed up to race without registering, for 2013 the grid marshall will not allow any car on the track unless they display a proper car number AND appear on the entry list for that event. Car owners were reminded that they are responsible to make sure all their drivers are properly entered for the event.

Region confirmed the Newbie/Oldbie \$2000.00 subsidy will continue for 2013. Region also pays the \$50.00 MCCA donation to AMP.

We will try for 5 separate race days next year so we should again have a July race. Tentative race dates are May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 11 and Sept 22. The calendar should be finalized by early January.

With the increased entries, paddock parking is becoming an issue. We will attempt to have signage to keep spectators and family parking in the lower paddock or by the comfort station.

Bruce McNutt and Mike McCrea will put together a map of the paddock and grid out the pit stalls. Multi car teams will still be able to pit together with the usual first come first served basis. A motion was proposed by D Charters and seconded by B Vandaalen that we encourage all haulage and support vehicles be parked in designated areas on the right side of the paddock. Motion carried.

Hans devices are recommended and will be mandatory for 2014. There are indications that prices may be coming down for these units soon. Also SA 2000 helmets are still OK for 2013. It was mentioned that right side nets certainly provide valuable restraint and are highly recommended for additional driver safety.

Supp Rules and Regs will continue to be distributed electronically, in addition to being posted on the website with the addition of email blasts direct to the racers. We ask EVERYONE to pre-register on-line, payment can still be made at registration the day of the event.

Mike McCrea gave a brief AMP report. As a result of a recent track inspection by Roger Peart of ASN there are some areas of improvement required before racing starts up again next year. In particular most of the armco needs to be replaced or upgraded. Also the logging has concluded and has provided some income to AMP.

Transponders were the next topic and, after much discussion it was moved by B Vandaalen and seconded by P McDonnell that we recommend that ARMS investigate the purchase and financing of a Transponder timing system for 2013. Motion was carried.

ARRCA was represented and we thanked them for their help and support all year. Nate Perron advised that work is still be done to upgrade safety and comfort on the stands in corners 3/6/10 and 11. Debbie also asked if the starters bridge could be considered for repair and possible cover for protection from the weather.

It was mentioned that the drivers meeting should include a reminder that slower cars hold their line and allow the faster cars to overtake, there is still too much dodging and un-anticipated moving around by the slower vehicle making it harder to overtake safely.

Race steward Taylor MacArthur requested that the race committee clarify section 11.6 in the GCRs concerning the penalty to any vehicle that causes a red flag situation, Taylor moved and Blu seconded that we clarify the intent of the rule, motion was carried. Taylor will provide a revised wording for the race committee to look at. Taylor will also put in place a way to better document infractions and penalties.

Dave Charters thanked Blu and Bruce for making Spec Miata such a success. Blu said they are hoping for 10 Miatas next year!!

Debbie mentioned that we really need an announcer!!

Last to be discussed was the safety car. it has worked well at the last few JCMs and allows laps to continue to be counted. Maybe not a solution for a 15 lap race but could work well for the 1

hour. Dave Charters offered to use his vehicle, he is aware that full nomex and helmet will be required. We need to investigate FIA standards too. Moved by S Phillips and seconded by D Charters, motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Miller
ARMS Race Director