

2021 ARMS AGM Race Workshop Minutes

Proxies

- Mike Reese
 - Mike Brunt
- Scott Montgomerie
 - Ben Brown
- Brian Gay
 - Steve Phillips (arrived later to meeting online)
 - Brad Sellars
 - Phil Tuff
- Colin Naulls
 - Zack Miller

In Attendance

In Person – Joel Nelson, Ming Wong, Mike McCrea, Marc Veniza, Leigh Pettipas, James Partridge, Stephen Lockhart, Graham McCrea, Eugene Pettipa, Brian Partridge, Mike Reese, Scott Montgomerie, Andy Hill, Andy Mitchell, James Partridge, Jeff Martin, Andrea Smith, Cindy McCarron, Debbie Miller, Alan Gray, Stacy Chapman, Brian Gay

Online – Gordon Murray, Colin Naulls, Dave Charters, Andy Clement, Chris McCrea, Gerald Elliott, Paul Gray, Steve Phillips

Meeting Particulars

Meeting started at 14:55

2020 Minutes - Joel requested a motion to bypass the reading of the minutes, as they were in the Admin booklet. James W motioned, Scott M seconded.

2020 Race Report - Joel read the 2020 Race report, also included in the Admin Booklet.

2021 Race Committee Representatives

- ASCC – Marc Veniza
- MMSC – Mike McCrea
- FMC – Dave Charters
- NBSCC – Matt Trivett
- BAC – Acting Blu Vandaalen
- AFRA – Lucas Strackerjan

Race Committee also includes ARMS Race Director Joel Nelson, Past Race Director James Whitman, Region Chief Steward Daphne Sleigh (non-voting)

Financials

We lost money. Questions about some errors in the math in registration, that might mean that we lost less money than initially reported. Note that transponder rentals are not accounted for clearly and should be amended for following years.

Numbers in July were down slightly (through no one's fault), better in August and September (average of 22 cars per weekend). JCM is not finalized as all invoices have not been remitted. Assuming all is approximately correct, JCM should be able to donate approximately \$13,000 to the track.

Sponsorship and Bequests

Sponsorship Banners and increased visibility – did some with AMP, will continue to do more and do better next year.

AMP received word that Derek Lugar's state has given the track a \$250k bequest.

Rule Change Discussions

Pitstop Window During 1-Hour - Do we want to change the mandatory window in which to do their mandatory stop? IE first 10 and last 10. (Currently only last 10 is not allowed)

- Pros, if we set it to be before last 15 minutes, that would eliminate most of the issues with red flag rules
- General agreement to leave it as is (take the green lap, then not in the last 10 minutes)

ACTION: None. No change to rule

Length of Mandatory Pitstop - Do we want to change the time (i.e. less than 5 minutes)? General consensus is no, should stay as 5 minutes to be safe for refuel.

Penalty for Not Completing Pitstop - What should the penalty be for not completing the mandatory pit stop?

- Option 1 – 10 Lap Penalty (returning to original)
- Option 2 – DQ

Vote:

- 10 Laps – 14
- DQ – 8

Decision: Will will be a 10-lap penalty

ACTION: Daphne to add 10-lap penalty back into rule book; to be reviewed and finalized by Race Committee.

Penalty/Adjustment for Races where Pit Stop Cannot be Completed - What should the remediation be for the instance where cars are not able to complete a 5-minute pit stop because of race conditions? Suggested 4 lap adjustment for cars who could not pit. Suggest that we table discussion for the wording to the race committee and to be shared out well before the race season.

ACTION: Race committee to discuss and finalize wording.

Pit Window for 51 Lap Race - What about the 51 lap race? Since it is not determined on a fixed time, a board will have to be created to warn racers that the limit is about to be reached. Decision: will clarify and cover in the supp regs for that weekend.

ACTION: Race committee to discuss and finalize wording before the first race of 2022 Season.

Pit Open Boards - Pit Open boards will be scrapped; pits are always open unless there is an issue in Pit lane.

This will require an adjustment to the Red Flag / Safety Car section of the rule book.

Generally agreed to keep the rule that was originally discussed at a previous workshop, on mandatory pit stops not being completed under safety car, and drivers must take the green once racing resumes.

ACTION: Daphne to check 2019 (or earlier) workshop meeting notes for this info/wording, and present to the Race Committee for finalizing.

Classing in the 1-Hour – Do we want to do an Enduro Cup – 51-Lap, 1-Hour and JCM? Would require keeping track of breakouts and classes at the JCM. Agreed to leave as-is (Just the regular season and not the JCM).

ACTION: None. No change.

2022 Schedule

2-Day weekends – The open schedule is nice, but it is hard on the volunteers. Part of the reasoning was insurance, the pricing was supposed to go 50% to Race and 50% to Time Attack and Lapping. Can we count on Time Attack for next year? Yes, or we could just do lapping which does not need the Time Attack/Lapping Director. Might be bigger and more entertaining with other race series on a visiting basis.

Dates for 2022**

- May 21 or 22 - May Test and Tune
- June 4&5
- July 9&10 (with East Coast Mini Stock Tour)
- Aug 13&14
- Sept 10&11
- JCM Oct 2

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE RECORDED BEFORE CALENDAR MEETING. NOT OFFICIAL

Lapping – Ideally keep lapping on race days to space out and give something between car groups. Would also like to try to have Time Attack join us on weekends.

Friday Night Practice – there has been an interest in the option of Friday practice. Issues with high cost and volunteer time. Are there enough people to make it worth it? Are they willing to pay for it? General agreement that it's not necessary.

Split Races – anyone opposed to not having split races when we have a single day event? Do we keep them split on 2 day weekends? Suggest Split Sensory and not KMM? Suggest to keep it as-is – leave it open to 2 day splits on 2 day weekends.

Chris McCrea suggested that we create a minimum threshold number for splits – tabled to the race committee to determine and share out to the racers.

ACTION: Race committee to discuss and finalize by early 2022.

Support series - Does anyone have an issue with us trying to bring them in? Question about insurance? Have to make sure they are insured properly and the track and AMP needs to see it. As long as AMP is happy with the insurance they carry, that's great. Great from a promotional point of view. Would need security/crowd control, noted.

Bracket Changes

Bracket sizes are larger (more seconds) for some brackets. GT6,5,4 – not suggesting a change. Vote to change:

- GT2 to 1.12.5 and slower
- GT3 to a 1.14.5 and slower

For – 17

Against – 0

Abstain – 2

Continue to split GT1,2,3 and GT4,5,6 when splitting races.

ACTION: Daphne to update bracket rules for GT2 and GT3, and present to the Race Committee for finalizing.

Other Misc

Do we want to look at doing something with class dependent pit stops in the JCM? Opinion: either go to classes altogether, or don't change it. Does anyone want to see classes in 3 hour? No. Does anyone hate qualifying? No. Room appears to fully agree that qualifying is a good idea.

2-day weekends will try to host something Saturday evening. Early evening 6-9pm, done early since sound carries and not to disturb the locals.

Race committee to examine room in the schedule to start at 10am on Saturday mornings on 2-day weekends.

Positions

Race Director – need to find a new race director. Joel is not re-offering.

Media Person – required – post results and photo and videos

Grid Personnel needed

Safety Car – Dave Charters last year in 2022. He is available to offer insights/training for 2022, then will be handing the job to someone new. This can be coordinated through the 2022 season.

Event Coordinator – Need someone on the day to make the day run smoothly

More Rule Change Discussions

Breakout Change – Suggested to adjust from breaking out 4 or more times in a race results in a DNF instead of a class reassignment for the remainder of the year.

For – 11

Against - 2

Abstain - 3

ACTION: Daphne to update wording of Breakouts section, and present to the Race Committee for finalizing.

Flag Changes - Requesting to add Behavior flag into regular ruleset, removing Safety Car In flag, updating Red Flag rule.

ACTION: Daphne to update wording of Flags section, and present to the Race Committee for finalizing.

ACTION: Race Committee to coordinate with AARCA for purchasing new flags for behavior.

Penalties: Requesting to change scale of penalties to be more in line with FIA list of penalties.

ACTION: Daphne to update wording of the Penalties section, and present to the Race Committee for finalizing.

Retired Numbers

List of retired numbers:

- 32 – Jack Canfield
- 51 – Derek Lugar
- 3 – Bob Guthrie
- 19 – Paul Hilchie
- 90 – Les Fraser
- 74 – Bruce McPhail
- 75 – Arnold Hoar

Retired except under special usage – i.e. on the same car by friends or family in keeping with spirit.

Motion to accept the list – Scott M motion, Mike R seconded. All in favour.

Election

Joel is not reoffering for Race Director, Brian Partridge asked for nominations from the floor. Eugene nominated James Whitman. James accepted with the caveat that he is allowed as Treasurer, and Eugene offered to help with any tasks he can do from home.

Other Notes from the Floor

Safety Car doesn't always catch the leader – suggestion that safety car goes down to between 2 and 3 and waits to pick up leader. In the sprint race, trying to find a safe way around the track. Remind you to stay in your car unless there is a fire issue. Much safer to be inside the car.

ACTION: Race Committee to discuss and consider options.

Daphne's note, post meeting: Race Control/the Tower cannot see between 2 and 3, and it might be hard to assist and advise the safety car in that position.

Please watch your speed in the paddock, limit is 10km/hr and that kids and dogs are better reigned in for the duration of the event.

Leigh mentioned that the bikes asked him to bring up that they intend to build garages, privately funded – 2 to 4 bays. Wanted to know if racers would be interested in renting them, \$125-\$150 per day.

Awards for the season were presented.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Marc Veniza