

# ARMS Annual General Meeting

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## Previous AGM Locations

<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Organizing Club</b>
1988	Holiday Inn Sydney	Circuit Cape Breton
1989	Keddy's, Halifax	ASCC
1990	Magnetic Hill – Wandlyn, Moncton	MMSC
1991	Ramada Inn, Halifax	ASCC
1992	Holiday Inn, Dartmouth	BAC
1993	Magnetic Hill, Moncton	MMSC
1994	Best Western Glengary, Truro	ASCC
1995	Moncton CY'S steak house	MMSC
1996	White Point Beach, Hunts Point	BAC
1997	Old Orchard Inn, Kentville	BAC
1998	Hilton, Saint John	NBSCC
1999	Wandlyn Inn, Amherst	BAC
2000	Crystal Palace, Moncton	MMSC
2001	White Point Beach, Hunts Point	BAC
2002	Hilton, Saint John	NBSCC
2003	Park Place Ramada, Halifax	ASCC
2004	Crystal Palace, Moncton	MMSC
2005	Rodd Motor Inn, Charlottetown	IKC
2006	Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax	BAC
2007	Fredericton Motor Inn, Fredericton	FMC
2008	Future Inn, Moncton	MMSC
2009	Linkletter Hotel, Summerside	CKRA
2010	Quality Inn, Fairview	ASCC
2011	Holiday Inn, Truro	BAC
2012	Crystal Palace, Moncton	MMSC
2013	Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax	BAC
2014	Holiday Inn and Suites, Moncton	MMSC
2015	The Quality Inn & Suites, Halifax	ASCC
2016	Hampton Inn & Suites, Truro	ARMS
2017	Hampton Inn & Suites, Truro	ARRCA
2018	Hampton Inn & Suites, Truro	BAC
2019	Hampton Inn & Suites, Truro	FMC
2020	Hampton Inn & Suites, Truro	ASCC
2021	Millbrook Cultural Centre, Truro, NS	ASCC
2022	Four Points Sheraton, Moncton, NB	MMSC



# ATLANTIC REGION MOTOR SPORTS INC.

## SCHEDULE – 2023 Annual General Meeting

### **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Kart Workshop (at 91 Sackville Drive, Suite 105)

### **Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Administration Workshop**

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Social (cash bar)

### **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

09:30 am – 11:00 am

**Rally Workshop**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Annual Awards Presentations**

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Solosport Workshop**

2:30 pm – 5:00pm

**Race Workshop**

### **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

09:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Annual General Meeting**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**Calendar Meeting**



# Atlantic Region Motor Sports Inc.

## OFFICIAL PROXY

The undersigned; being a Member in good standing of

\_\_\_\_\_ (Club)

and the

ATLANTIC REGION MOTOR SPORTS INC. (ARMS)

as of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby appoints

\_\_\_\_\_;

a member of good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ (Club)

and the ATLANTIC REGION MOTOR SPORTS INC., (ARMS) as my (our) PROXY HOLDER with full power of substitution; to attend, vote and act on my (our) behalf in respect to any and all items of business that may arise at the ATLANTIC REGION MOTOR SPORTS INC., (ARMS) Annual General Meeting and the Race, Rally Sport, SoloSport and Kart Events Discipline Workshops. The undersigned has the right to delete any portion of this PROXY they do not want to apply.

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*Signature (member / member club)*

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*Name / Position (print)*



# ATLANTIC REGION MOTOR SPORTS INC.

## ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP - Agenda

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Proxys
3. Quorum Determination
4. Voting Procedure
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Minutes of the 2022 Administrative Workshop
7. Business Arising from the 2022 Administrative Workshop
8. Club Reports
9. Membership Report
10. Licence Report
11. Stewarding Report
12. Instructors Report
13. Scrutineers Report
14. Webmasters Report
15. By-Law Committee Report
16. Nominating Committee Brief
17. Future ARMS AGM
18. New Business
  1. Small Drones at Events - Mike Simms
  2. Square Reader, Cellphone, related equipment for AMP events – Alex/Joanne
  3. . . .
19. Adjournment

**Atlantic Region Motorsports Inc.**  
**2022 AGM Administrative Workshop Minutes**

Held on 11 November, 2022 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 40 Lady Ada Blvd., Moncton, NB and online via Google Meet.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:22pm by President Ming.
2. Roll Call:
  - a. Voting Members & Delegates:
    - a.i. Atlantic Formula Racing Association (Absent)
    - a.ii. Atlantic Motorsports Karting Association (David Isreal)
    - a.iii. Atlantic Sports Car Club (Alan Gray)
    - a.iv. Bluenose Autosport Club (Jim Theriault)
    - a.v. Fredericton Motorsport Club (David Charters)
    - a.vi. Moncton Motor Sport Club (Mike McCrea)
    - a.vii. New Brunswick Sporting Car Club (Stacey Chapman)
    - a.viii. Vinland Motorsport Inc. (Absent)
  - b. Non-voting Members & Delegates:
    - b.i. Atlantic Motorsport Park (Andy Hill)
    - b.ii. Atlantic Region Race Control Association (Kelsey Hill, online)
  - c. Board of Directors:
    - c.i. President & Autoslalom Solosport Director Ming-duc Wong
    - c.ii. Vice President Debbie Miller
    - c.iii. Treasurer James Whitman, online
    - c.iv. Executive Past President Dave Hull, online
    - c.v. Secretary Graham McCrea
    - c.vi. License Registrar James Partridge
    - c.vii. Chief Steward Daphne Sleigh
    - c.viii. Karting Director Jeff Martin
    - c.ix. Performance Solosport Director Alex Brunt
  - d. Others present:
    - d.i. Shawn Gayton
    - d.ii. Darrell Tower
    - d.iii. Andrew Sleigh
    - d.iv. Steve Lockhart
    - d.v. Joel Nelson
    - d.vi. Krista Nelson
    - d.vii. Cathy Partridge
    - d.viii. Brian Partridge
    - d.ix. Dwight Spenser, online
    - d.x. Dorothy Williamson, online
3. Quorum: With six of eight voting members present, a quorum was declared.
4. Voting Procedures:
  - a. President Ming reviewed the procedures for voting at the meeting noting that only votes cast by recognized delegates for voting members of ARMS would be accepted.
5. Approval of the Agenda:
  - a. The agenda was published in the AGM Handbook. No additions were proposed. Motion to accept the agenda by MMSC/FMC. Passed.

6. Minutes of the 2021 Administrative Workshop:
  - a. The minutes of the 2021 Administrative Workshop were read. Some typos and minor corrections were noted. Motion to approve the minutes by MMSC/NBSCC. Passed with one abstention.
7. Business Arising from the 2021 Minutes:
  - a. None noted.
8. Club Reports:
  - a. Written Club reports were presented in the AGM Handbook, and were presented by each delegate.
    - a.i.AFRA reported no activity for 2022.
    - a.ii.ASCC reported a successful year but having trouble finding good autoslalom sites.
    - a.iii.BAC reported a successful year, but noted a relatively high percentage of new members and turnover in the membership.
    - a.iv.FMC reported holding three events with a good turnout and membership level.
    - a.v.MMSC reported a successful year and noted the successful running of the 2022 National Solosport championships at Slemon Park.
    - a.vi.NBSCC reported a successful year with positive interest from the membership and a good outlook for 2023.
    - a.vii.VMI reported a good year, but noted difficulties with getting access to autoslalom sites.
    - a.viii.ARRCA reported a busy year with new membership and several members travel to work international events with the easing of Covid travel restrictions.
    - a.ix.AMKA reported healthy membership and the positive news of a new outdoor Kart track in Halifax.
    - a.x.AMP noted that they have paid off their bank loan early, and are continuing plans to make physical improvements to the facility.
9. Membership Report:
  - a. Total membership of ARMS Clubs was reported as 525 as of September 1, 2022.
10. Licensing Report:
  - a. A total of 104 licenses were reported broken down into Race (40), Race Novice (3), Lapping (14), Time Attack (29), HPDS (10), and Kart (8).
  - b. It was noted that ARMS owns 20 transponders, and the licenses for most of them expire in 2024.
  - c. Discussion was held over whether to continue to prepare license hard cards as done in past years, in which case additional supplies will be needed. Discussed whether there may be alternative means of preparing the cards at less cost. Motion by MMSC/ASCC to review available options for printing license cards and obtain sufficient supplies to continue issuing license cards. Motion passed.
11. Stewarding Report:
  - a. Daphne noted that there were a lot of new bodies helping in the past year, as well as many rookie race drivers to monitor. She had the opportunity to work a National Rally event in Quebec which was a positive learning experience.
12. Instructors Report:
  - a. Not presented.
13. Scrutineering Report:
  - a. James Whitman reported that the year went well with no significant issues. He noted that there may be a new technician interested in helping with race scrutineering next year.
14. Webmaster Report:



- a. Discussed that some of the documents on the ARMS website may not be up to date, and require review and updating.
  - b. Discussed ownership of websites that are operated in the name of ARMS or being represented as affiliated with ARMS. Ming recommended that all ARMS-related websites should be hosted under an ARMS-managed hosting service to maintain control over sites representing ARMS entities. More discussion and coordination is required.
15. Bylaw Review Committee Report:
- a. Dave Hull (chair) reported that the committee is making a comprehensive review of the bylaws. They have held several productive meetings to date, and hope to be able to present a report to the membership in the new year. Several areas being reviewed include:
    - a.i. Revise/update gender terms, references to the ASN for Canada, and clarify ambiguous terminology.
    - a.ii. Reviewing definitions for membership categories, including better definition of corporate membership requirements.
    - a.iii. Reviewing criteria for club membership levels to maintain active membership. Several comments were voiced that setting a minimum membership level for clubs would not be a good idea. Agreed that this is a review only, and no proposals will be put forward without further discussion and consultation with the Clubs.
16. Nominating Committee Report:
- a. The nominating committee was introduced as Daphne Sleight, Chris McCrea, and Dave Hull (chair).
  - b. Positions open for election are Treasurer, Vice President, and License Registrar. The election is to be held during the annual meeting on Sunday.
  - c. The committee reported one candidate for Treasurer (Brian Partridge) and noted that James Whitman may reoffer as well. No candidates were presented for Vice President or License Registrar.
  - d. Noted that directors for Karting, High Performance Solosport, and Rally will be peer-elected at the appropriate discipline workshops on Saturday.
17. Future AGM:
- a. A request was made for a Club to volunteer to host the 2023 Annual General Meeting.
18. New Business:
- a. The relationship with Sport Development Group as the ASN for Canada was discussed. It was noted that there has been minimal contact from them, and there is no ongoing dialogue. Dave Hull noted that the National Solosport Committee has been very active on the National level but they have no involvement or support from SDG. Also noted that National Race Licensing is being coordinated through CASC-OR.
  - b. Discussed proposal for several donations by ARMS which will be presented for approval during the AGM:
    - b.i. Donation of \$1,000 to ARCCA to assist them with their van repair expense.
    - b.ii. Donation of \$1,000 to MRTS in support of their safety activities at AMP.
    - b.iii. Donation of \$500 to the Lung Association in memory of Wayne Schnare, past President of CASC-Atlantic Region and founding President of ARMS who passed away in 2022.
19. Adjournment:
- a. Motion to adjourn by FMC/MMSC. Passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Graham McCrea, Secretary.

## **AFRA – Annual Report 2023**

AFRA was minimally active in 2023 due to the president's limited availability. The plan is to return to a normal 2/3 event schedule for lapping in 2024 with the help of some of members to host. AFRA has missed a few years at the track, but there is continued interest and its promises to be back to the same numbers as in the past.

AFRA was able to assist in organizing 7 test days for local Atlantic Racing Team and their Halifax based F4 driver, James Lawley. It was a great opportunity to practice locally instead of Stateside and this was only made possible thanks to ARMS and AMP. AFRA is pleased to announce that this young driver will be participating in Formula Regional Americas Championship in 2024. Go James!

Submitted by:  
Lucas Strackerjan

## **AMKA – Annual Report 2023**

The 2023 Season for AMKA began on May 13, 2023, with the Don Nickerson Memorial Race. This was the first full season at the new Kartbahn HEC. This was a growth year for the club with numbers increasing in both membership and drivers. This year also challenged the drivers when it came to weather. Many morning practice sessions started out in the fog and then by mid-morning the sun would be pushing the temperature up. This year the club was even able to race on damp, misty, or rainy days. This gave many drivers the opportunity to put on their rain tires for the first time and hit the track to find the limits of traction.

The Club was also able to host some of the drivers from the Moncton club on August 26. Even though the day started out misty and at some points pouring rain, it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the drivers in attendance.

The Cadet group with seven rookies, saw lots of growth both in number of drivers and driving skills. These young drivers showed their expertise in both learning their lines and gradually increasing their speed. The fastest track lap time changed a few times during the season with the final fastest lap time for this group being 38.076 seconds.

The Junior group seemed to always be the biggest group. This group was always testing each other in both passing and speed. These drivers continued to increase their speed and skills during every race. Several drivers in this group also broke the fastest lap time a few times with the final fastest lap being 34.442 seconds which was set on the final race day.

The Senior group struggled a bit in numbers this year but that did not show on the drivers that came race after race. With the added numbers when the Moncton drivers attended this was a fun group to watch. They jostled positions and gave the AMKA members a chance to increase their skills and strategies. Multiple drivers in this group set the fastest lap but one driver keep knocking it down and the track record was also set on the last race day at 34.071.

The Master group increased in numbers this year with a mix of veteran drivers and rookies to Karting. The new drivers were quick to learn their lines and start to challenge the drivers, even stealing a couple heat wins. Multiple drivers held the track record at times throughout the year, again with the eventual track record being set at 34.334 seconds on the last race day, with the sun out and cool fall air for horsepower.

The Club would like to thank all of the volunteers, marshals, the substitute Race Directors and St. John Ambulance. A special thanks to Kartbahn HEC for giving the club a place to call home.

Submitted by:  
Jim Williamson  
AMKA Director / Treasurer

## ASCC – Annual Report 2023

Despite a lack of venues for our solo events we had 4 well attended slaloms and a very busy high performance driving school. Many of our competitors travelled to other club events as well and I thank them all for supporting our sister clubs' activities.

We have been working hard at trying to find new lots and have approached possibilities near and far but no luck yet. We're not giving up though and will continue to search out new locations.

The club reached a total membership of 200 for this year and I need to thank our VP Alan Gray for taking care of all our new and renewed members. Also thanks to our long time Treasurer Brian Jarvis for his busy accounting of fees and entries and to Secretary Krista Nelson for keeping track of all our meetings and spreading the message on all of our social media. Discipline director Ian Pearce kept us up to date on the rally world as well as all of his dedication to marshalling at AMP (I hear we may try to host a January rally in 2024!!), Joel Nelson carried the load on the race front and the busy season they had this year, new solo director Zack Miller had plenty of help from the experienced Scott Montgomery and HPDS director Shawn Luciano put together a great school in May. Gord Sleight continues to help us maintain our website and our director at large Chris Ward channels George when required.

We are looking forward to a busy 2024 and would like to wish all the Region clubs a successful year!

Submitted by:  
Debbie Miller  
President, ASCC

## **BAC - Annual Report 2023**

### **Executive Structure**

2023 started with an incumbent president until resigning in March leaving the executive to fill position via election bylaws. With nominations only for Vice President the candidate was voted in at the clubs April general meeting , shifting the initial VP to president for the duration of the term. A new candidate was found for Treasurer. The current President and Secretary are not re-offering for 2024 and replacements have not been found as of the time of this report.

### **Membership/Communications**

As of Oct 24 BAC had 50 annual members and 2 single event members. Also recording 4 Honorary Members for 2023.

BAC continually strives to improve communications utilizing its social media presence and website as well as new Communications director position.

### **Performance Rally**

For 2023 Performance Rally Committee (PRC) had 2 regional rallies planned, unfortunately due to dry conditions and fire hazard the first event (Ledwidge Lookoff Rally) had to be postponed to Nov 18/19 and results are not known at present time.

Trout Lake rally being the second event planned for the year was run on completely new roads thanks to the hard work of the PRC. The new roads were a test of both cars and competitors as 4 started and only 2 finished.

Although not a BAC event but included in the regional championship Rallye baie des chaleurs (New Richmond Quebec) saw 5 Atlantic region teams enter, hopefully sending a message of our enthusiasm for rally here in Nova Scotia.

### **Navigational Rally**

The traditional Bluenose Rally took place again on April 22 with 4 experienced and one novice team competing. A non competition Navigational rally was also organized by BAC for BATANS (British automobile touring association NS) with 14 entrants.

### **RallyCross**

Rallycross continues at Stewiacke Mud Slingers and AMP , but has been plagued with unfavourable ground conditions for most of its competition season. With a mild winter and biblical flooding in the summer it was a struggle to hold events that did not harm the venues or competitor's vehicles. Of 12 events 5 were canceled with one being due to low entries. We applaud the efforts of Cal V. and Barb C. for their coordination and organization of these events as we realize (for the time being) that we are at the mercy of mother nature.

### **Other**

As in previous years BAC assisted with timing and scoring at AMP, thanks to James P. and everyone who helped out with these tasks in 2023 and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

BAC once again had a rally car on display at the ARMS booth during the Outdoor Sports and RV show at Halifax Exhibition Centre, much conversation was had and hopefully some awareness of performance rally in the region. website hits were up roughly 30% for that time frame.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, 2023 has been a challenging year involving many factors out of our control but the continuing hard work BAC, its volunteers and committee members allows us to share the joy of motorsport. For this I cannot thank them enough.

Submitted by:

Jonathan Conrad,

President

## **FMC – Annual Report 2023**

### **Summary**

Our third season post Covid, and the club continues to move along fairly well. We will be hosting our first AGM in a few years this fall (probably not before the ARMS AGM), and will look at bringing a few new faces into our leadership/executive team. A few members expressed interest in helping in these areas in the spring, and will look to make those official appointments as well.

### **Memberships**

With 31 members for 2023, we're up a bit this year, though not as high as the 2010-2016 seasons. Member priorities change & life happens, which is understandable. That said, a few new members have joined us, and returning members that we haven't seen for a few years as well. Glad to see both new & returning faces.

### **Events**

After scheduling 7 events for the 2023 season, we ended up hosting 4 events for the season, with events getting canceled to do weather, venue and personal schedule conflicts. Good turnout for the events we went forward with. We have toyed with the idea of offering winter events again, but will play that by ear as winter progresses.

### **Topics of Note**

#### **Online registrations**

These were very useful this year, but we do still need to print & have entry & self-inspection forms signed. I'd like to bring this up for discussion during the 2023 AGM to see what other clubs are doing, and if there's interest in strictly electronic entry registrations. We probably want to maintain club memberships on paper, though.

#### **Continued “school” and “timed” event format is popular.**

Since before Covid, we changed our event format, to allow open laps (timed) in the morning & competitive timed runs in the afternoons. Sure, this gives those who run the morning an advantage, but it also allows our members to become more familiar with the sport and their vehicles.

Some members also elect to just join us for the morning, forgoing taking part in the competitive event, but still getting lap times & having afternoons free for other activities. I've seen some of our members who spend the day get as many as 20 laps for the day. A great return on their time investment (though perhaps harder on tire budgets!). This format has served us well for the last 5+ years or so, and we will continue it into the future. Location rental & insurance costs being the same, to me, this provides our members with as much lap time as they can handle.

### **2024 Season**

We look forward to continuing to offer events into 2024, though we'll work a bit more closely with our peer clubs in NB (MMSC, NBSCC) to avoid having events scheduled on the same days. Club loaner helmets expire at the end of 2023, so we will plan on replacing them with new ones.

Submitted by:  
Dwight Spencer, President

## **MMSC – Annual Report 2023**

As usual I am happy to report that MMSC had another successful year of operations and managed a great motorsport season.

I must start where I left off last year and report (sadly?) that I lost my run for the position of Past President and I agreed to chair this fine group one more year. While I like to see the humour in my words it is a serious issue for all of our clubs - where do we recruit and develop the successors we need to keep providing these opportunities and events for competitors. It has been discussed for decades around here... not all work is fun but not all fun is work. Some of us enjoy actually making these events happen. If you are reading this please consider whether you are doing enough to help your club help you.

In 2023 we held a very busy autoslalom season along the lines of what has become our regular offering. The first two (2) dates on the autoslalom schedule were Test & Tune events and were well attended. This format is a very good way to combine coaching and instruction to newer members and we strongly recommend these early season events as a way to build new competition. The rest of the season was made up of eleven (11) events including the two days of Slalom@Slemon. It was a successful series and the results will show a high level of competition. MHPDC had the longest season in its history and continues to be the quality lapping club it was designed to be. There are always interesting folks doing interesting things with this group.

The racing involvement of our members in 2023 was diverse and like last year covered many different aspects of the sport. All the same characters were involved and some great results were achieved. Congrats to our members!

MMSC's involvement with Atlantic Motorsport Park remains at a high level and the club has helped in multiple ways with the operation and the recent improvements propelled by the Lugar Fund. Another sizable undertaking over the last year or more was working with delegates from other clubs and ARMS Exec in reviewing and updating the ARMS Bylaws. This rather dry task was long overdue and a lot of progress has been made in keeping the technical side of the organization current. Thanks to those that participated.

Our Awards event has been scheduled for after the new year and it looks like our forever Christmas Banquet has been postponed for 2023. Out of the ashes of this news we plan to get the Social Committee reinstated and fix this stuff. It is a sign of how things change and we are actively looking at doing more of this type of gathering – like the old days. We'll let you know how we make out.

All the best with your 2024 plans,

Submitted by:  
Mike McCrea,  
President



## **NBSCC – Annual Report 2023**

Despite many, many years of best laid plans to rekindle the motorsport passion of years gone by in Saint John, NB the stars just never seemed to align ...that is until this year!

Think back to the 1990's where NBSCC was hosting Autoslalom events on the last Sunday of every month, we put on the Loyalist Rally, Don't pay the Ferryman Rally, and the Sir Walter Rallye which were all well attended ...and we even organized race weekends at AMP.

Then Sunday shopping happened in 2004

So without the Solo II volunteers that reciprocated in lending a hand to the other motorsport disciplines ...it wasn't just driving around parking lots that suffered in our club, but everything slowed down. Over the years a few pockets of holiday Monday events and the ability for Saint John motorsport competitors to enter events in other cities kept us alive, but having learned not to over extend ourselves like in the mid eighties when the club really fell on hard times, we were able to stay viable.

Then in 2014 we took a chance at paying thousands of dollars on renting a prime waterfront property known as Long Wharf. This one event a year was enough to start to bring our numbers back up and coupled with the odd holiday event at Walmarts, Kmarts, and Superstores grew our club again. So over the years since we had many promising leads going into the Fall of each year leading us to predict a better year to come every AGM, but more often than not ...things just didn't work out. That is until this year.

I am happy to report that after 19 years NBSCC has finally been able to run a successful season of Autoslalom again with events at least once Sunday a month at a brand new location ...that has a Tim Hortons onsite which is awesome. We also now have 44 club members, 35 times that many Facebook members (look out bigger clubs we only a few hundred away from having more followers, now if we could just turn them into paid members, LOL), we have paid off our club trailer, and everything is in place for another great season next year for our 59th incorporated year.

So this year I can finally say quite confidently we look forward to good things again next year. Our plan is to host our Regional Autoslalom event back at the Port again, but to continue with our club events at Loch Lommond. Meanwhile with this solid plan for Slaloms firmly in place, we can once again also turn our focus back and Rally and Race events.

Yours in Motorsport,  
Stacy Chapman  
NBSCC President

## **VMI – Annual Report 2023**

VMI has had a challenging 2023 season, with access to the Bell Island airstrip for the full season not secured in liaison with the provincial government. Very little feedback was given to our Club's numerous requests as to the reason for future access being denied, with only an e-mail stating that the airstrip's primary use is for aviation.

The loss of this venue after over 20 years of access was a significant blow to the club, with the only other venues available to the club being ice rink parking lots at variable rental costs and with limited availability. We used Ken Williams Southern Shore arena parking lot in Witless Bay as well as the Danny Cleary Community Centre parking lot in Harbour Grace with good results. We are continually looking for more suitable venues as well as planning on further pursuing gaining access to the Bell Island air strip for future events.

VMI completed eight events in 2023, a test and tune event at Bell Island airstrip, our one and only event there before permission was no longer provided by the provincial government. We managed to complete six club points events and one charity event.

Our membership numbers for 2023 comprised of eighteen single memberships and seven family memberships for a sum total of thirty two members.

We have seen numerous new drivers and members improve their core driving skills and gain further knowledge on how to better set up their car, especially with tire selection.

VMI looks forward to hopefully a more successful 2024 season under the new Executive following our own Club AGM in November.

Regards;  
Gordon Maxwell  
President

## AMP – Annual Report 2023

### **The Year in Review**

2023 was my first season as President at AMP. I'm very grateful to Mike, Brian, and Dave for all their guidance throughout this year. We started the season needing to complete a pavement repair to turn 2 where the pavement had deteriorated from use. It proved to be difficult with road closures etc. to get it repaired early enough for the pavement to cure properly. A small mistake with the grinder exacerbated the problem when they touched the end of the concrete accidentally. The upper patch exiting toward turn 3 was also somewhat substandard. Mike and I met with Basin to discuss repairing the patch and it was decided anything we tried at that point in the season would likely make matters worse or interfere with the race schedule. We made the decision to hold off and add the repair to the major project we had planned for the fall.

There were two work parties early this season by SARL which focused on repainting barriers, curbing, electrical buildings, and the comfort station. The Marshall stand in turn 7 was replaced and the Marshall stand in 5 was repaired. The stand in 5 will likely need replacement in '24 or '25. The shared sea can was also tidied, and new shelving was donated by Halifax Trailer Company to help organize that space for all who use it. There were several other work parties organized by member clubs to help clean up and maintain the track through what could only be described as an unusually wet summer. Thank you to all the clubs and people who participated in those work parties. We couldn't do this without your generous donations of time and skill.

We had a very successful event with Subaru Canada this year which brought in a significant amount of revenue for AMP. Special thanks to Brian and Dave Hull for all their hard work to organize and make this the great corporate event that it was. Hopefully this will be the first of many successful events to come.

CSBK was a busy weekend in for all the wrong reasons this year. On Friday night Nova Scotia was hit by a once in 100-year storm which took the bridge out on North Salem Road. This not only forced the cancellation of the event but left a few hundred racers and fans stranded until Sunday night. Thank you to all of those that made the calls to local decision makers and various levels of government to get the bridge repair moved to the top of the very long list of repairs required in the province so that we could get everyone out in a safe and timely manner.

We had a few other minor issues, gravel traps washing out on to the track surface, Racetrack Road washouts, amongst others which made for an interesting first year. Everyone worked together to keep all the events running smoothly despite the challenges. Thank you to everyone that helped to keep things moving in the right direction and made decisions quickly so as not to interfere with the event schedule.

### **Track Improvements**

AMP received a large donation upon Derek Lugar's passing a short while ago. Because of the tremendous generosity of Derek Lugar and his 250,000-dollar gift to AMP we have been able to complete another major resurfacing project at AMP this fall. Working with the executive and the member clubs I think we've addressed several pressing problem areas that will make the facility safer and faster for 2024. Turn 1, Turn 5, Turn 2 and the roller coaster have all had attention paid to them within the scope of this project. Great care was taken by the board to try to dispatch these funds where they were most needed and where our collective members would get maximum benefit.

There were several other contributors that made this possible. Thank you for all of your generous contributions:

Donations were as follows:

ARMS	\$12,480
MMSC	\$3,000
ASCC	\$2,500
SARL	\$63,500

There is an additional donation that needs to be gratefully acknowledged and was given to AMP by Craig MacDonald from C.C. MacDonald Plumbing of Halifax Nova Scotia. Craig has donated \$15,000-dollars toward the guardrail improvement and gravel trap installation in Turn 2. This is a very important improvement which should greatly increase the safety margin for vehicles entering Turn 2. Many thanks to Craig for this generous donation.

In conclusion, it has been a year of learning about the history, structure, priorities, and inner workings of AMP for me this year. I'm looking forward to serving the member clubs in 2024. For informational purposes we have both the Vice President and Treasurer positions being re-elected at the AMP AGM this year. I hope we'll see everyone there.

Sincerely,  
Eric Stanley  
President, A.M.P.

## **ARRCA – Annual Report 2023**

Well, 2023 has certainly been an interesting year. Due to some innovative ideas from Linda Neal, our membership has slightly increased this year and hopefully we will continue to grow in the future. Our marshals are starting to travel again, with ARRCA members working F1 in Montreal and Las Vegas.

Mother Nature has definitely made her mark on this season. The cancelation of CSBK to the postponement of the Mack & Jack and the JCM due to major weather events have made this a memorable year in more ways than one. I can honestly say that I've never been literally stuck at the track before, but we still had a good time.

We're looking forward to 2024, with hopes for better weather.

Submitted by:  
Arlene Chase, President

## 2023 Membership Report

### ARMS Reported members 2023

<b>Club</b>	<b>01-Feb</b>	<b>01-Mar</b>	<b>01-Apr</b>	<b>01-May</b>	<b>01-Jun</b>	<b>01-Jul</b>	<b>01-Aug</b>	<b>01-Sep</b>	<b>01-Nov</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>AFRA</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	<b>22</b>
<b>AMKA</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	5	0	<b>44</b>
<b>AMP</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>ARRCA</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>ASCC</b>	71	4	15	24	52	23	2	10	0	<b>201</b>
<b>BAC</b>	16	16	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	<b>50</b>
<b>FMC</b>	4	0	0	0	0	11	0	14	0	<b>29</b>
<b>MMSC</b>	6	20	10	13	20	21	11	11	0	<b>112</b>
<b>NBSCC</b>	0	0	0	8	0	15	0	11	0	<b>34</b>
<b>VMI</b>	0	3	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	<b>29</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>521</b>

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Note: There are 16 members that belong to two clubs included in the total tally.

Submitted by:  
James Partridge, License Registrar

## 2023 Licence Report

### ARMS Reported Licences 2023

	01-Feb	01-Mar	01-Apr	01-May	01-Jun	01-Jul	01-Aug	01-Sep	Totals
<b>Race</b>				24	11	0	0	0	<b>35</b>
<b>Novice</b>				4	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>JCM/1 DAY</b>									<b>13</b>
<b>Time Attack</b>	2	1	0	11	26	19	0	0	<b>59</b>
<b>Lapping</b>	2	0	0	2	1	31	1	0	<b>37</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148</b>

I have an ASUS lap top computer and a Polaroid P5500S card printer. 400 cards left.

We have 2 new replacement cartridges. We have enough to last 2024

### ARMS Transponder Rentals 2023

Car #	Driver	June	July	August	Sept.	Time Attack	Total
15	Mike Reese				1		<b>1</b>
24	Devon Thorpe				1		<b>1</b>
27	Ryan Burrill	1	1	1	1		<b>4</b>
50	Chris McCrea	1			1		<b>2</b>
55	Jeremy Simmons	1	1				<b>2</b>
57	Steve Spudik	1	1	1	1		<b>4</b>
64	Fraser Murray	1	1	1	1		<b>4</b>
66	Ben Easson				1		<b>1</b>
84	Mike Brunt				1		<b>1</b>
149	Nick Roussakov	1		1	1		<b>3</b>
	Time Attack					10	<b>10</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>

41 is break even

I have 20 transponders with chargers. The licence expires for most of them in 2024 before the next race.

The cost for a 5 year extension on 19 of the transponders is approx \$8.000.00 USF. (\$10.400.00 Cdn).

It is paid through a credit card . Each transponder is upgraded online.

Submitted by:  
James Partridge, License Registrar

## **2023 Chief Steward Report**

This year was a difficult one on many fronts for motorsports, but I'm glad to say that I was pleased with how well the stewarding community came together, both to cover all the events that needed oversight, but also to welcome and train a few new stewards. As anyone who has attempted to do the job knows, it's about 30% knowing the rules, 10% knowing how to slowly and carefully read a rule book and 60% listening and conflict management skills. I'm excited for the crew of stewards we have working right now, they're a careful and considerate bunch.

I was shown the ropes by some very kind folks in Karting this year, and stewarded my first event in Karting. The individuals running that series are a delight and I felt really welcome. The competition was fierce but inspiring, too. I'm looking forward to doing it again whenever they need me.

As I have since 2016, I acted as Clerk of the Course for the TRAC Race Series at Atlantic Motorsport Park. It was a tough year, with low numbers. Motorsports is a changing landscape, with economic and environmental pressures taking its toll on an expensive sport, especially in a year where so many people were impacted by the wildfires and floods. When people came to the track, they largely seemed glad to be racing and behaved professionally.

In June, I acted as national steward at the CARS rally in Baie Des Chaleurs in New Richmond, Quebec. It was a great rally; extremely well organized. I learned a ton - this event was also a NACAM event, and I spent a lot of time traveling and working with the international steward Mark Williams while I was there. The final scoring (and the international personalities) were a real challenge, I got to experience some of what it is like to steward a top-tier FIA event, which included heated conversations in three languages.

As always, I welcome feedback and ideas on how to better the officials community in our region. This year is the second in my two-year appointment; I am happy to continue if asked, or to help transition a new steward into the role. Thank you to everyone who has stewarded and/or supported stewarding in 2023.

Thanks  
Daphne Sleigh  
Region Chief Steward



## **2023 Chief Instructor's Report**

*{Written report not available at time of printing.}*

## **2023 Scrutineer's Report**

*{Written report not available at time of printing.}*

## **2023 Webmaster's Report**

*{Written report not available at time of printing.}*

## **2023 By-Law Review Committee Report**

*{Written report not available at time of printing.}*

## **2023 RALLY WORKSHOP – Agenda**

**Scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:30am – 11:00am**

*{Agenda not available at time of printing.}*

### **Minutes – 2022 Rally Workshop**

12 November, 2022, 09:30-11:00  
Four Points by Sheraton, Moncton, NB

Two proxies for Cal Vandaalen (For Blu VanDaalen) and Meg Grandmaison (for Mark Grandmaison) are attached. No proxy documentation for Daphne Sleigh (holding for James Whitman) was immediately available.

#### **Attending In-Person**

Clarke Paynter  
Laura Paynter  
James Partridge  
Cal Vandaalen  
Meg Vandaalen  
Cathy Partridge  
Libby Partridge  
Tim Dine  
Jim Theriault  
Gordon Sleigh (acting as secretary)  
Daphne Sleigh  
Ming Duc-Wong

#### **Joined After Start**

11/12/2022 9:52 AM Brian Partridge  
11/12/2022 9:52 AM Leigh Pettipas  
11/12/2022 10:36 AM Andy Mitchell

#### **Online**

Steve Philips  
Gary Spicer  
Ian Pearce

#### **Online Joined After Start**

11/12/2022 9:45 AM Chris Pye  
11/12/2022 10:18 AM Kevin Partridge

### Proxies

Meg Grandmaison carries proxy for Mark Grandmaison

Cal Vandaalen carries for Blu Vandaalen

Daphne Sleigh carries for James Whitman

### Minutes

- 11/12/2022 9:38 AM Meeting started
- 11/12/2022 9:40 AM Clarke read the Minutes
- 11/12/2022 9:47 AM Motion by Jim Theriault seconded by James Partridge to accept the minutes without correction, All in favour.
- 11/12/2022 9:48 AM Business arising from the minutes
  - Pidge wanted to know what timing system CARS has chosen, Clarke indicated they have gone with RallySafe
  - Ian asked if there was any competitor/organizer feedback about RallySafe now that it has been in use
  - Daphne indicated that it was very successful and useful at Defi which she Stewarded at this year.
  - Clark mused whether the region should reach out to Peter MacDonald regarding the EZTrack equipment
  - Pidge had questions about how RallySafe stage controls are managed regarding people management with Daphne providing feedback based on Defi
- 11/12/2022 9:54 AM Call for additional Agenda Items
  - Jim asked about how motions for new rules would be added, Clarke indicated it would be handled within New Business
- 11/12/2022 9:55 AM Review of Competition Year
  - Clarke indicates that CARS has been active with one event lots requiring changes to the schedule and points structure.
  - The Pacific Forest Rally event will be on probation as a National event for 2023 due to organizational concerns.
  - Daphne was Second Steward at Rallye Defi this year with James Whitman attending as a Scrutineer
    - Daphne described her experiences at the event
    - The same organizational issues exist everywhere around Volunteers, scheduling, etc.
  - Clarke mentioned that CARS Series Manager Terry Epp has retired and CARS is seeking a replacement
  - In sad news Brian Hyland, who was deeply involved in Rally and Subaru Canada passed away suddenly this week
  - It was planned to have Region events in 2022 but all events were reduced to Club level Sprints
    - Ian expressed concerns about volunteer requirements for a full Regional multi-stage event considering current turnouts, especially concerning present number of entries

- Daphne mentioned we should be thankful for the events we have while moving forward, even that means running smaller events while we rebuild
  - Gordon said that we should conduct an informal survey of the cars and competitors that exist and their reasons for not competing and what we can do to bring them back or at least their reasons for not entering.
  - Cal mentioned he's talked to competitors like Stan Hartling who indicates he needs hard dates to plan around. Hard dates year over year make planning easier. Jim echoed this affected his entries this year.
  - Chris Pye indicated that fixed dates are very important for Volunteers.
- 11/12/2022 10:23 AM Pidge, Mel and Brian have been searching for new stage roads. Pidge indicates that Mel has put over 10,000km on his vehicle finding roads. With some roads being 'too good' for Sprint speeds.
- Clarke asked Tim Dine if there are any viable roads around Fredericton. Tim indicated that there are and some interested individuals.
  - General discussion about the advantages to have an event in New Brunswick which would be easier to pull from both East and West directions.
  - Tim indicated that road permissions would be the first step which would require a timeframe to be used.
  - The idea of a snow event was discussed but plowing costs might be a concern
  - Gary Spicer mentioned that Canadian Forces Bases tend to have plowed roads and might be available
  - Cal mentioned having a summer event first to build up volunteers and interest before switching to winter.
- 11/12/2022 10:38 AM Discussion about a rough scheduling for a calendar for 2023
  - General consensus around the room for competitors was to have multiple regionals
  - Decided to aim for three regionals in 2023
- 11/12/2022 10:40 AM Navigational Rally
  - Jim Theriault would like a rule change to the Navigational Rules to avoid conflicts when you have to add Supplemental rules which may conflict with other published rules to allow more flexibility.

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*13.1.8 Para m*

*(m) Any rules that the organizers are not applying at the rally (e.g. scoring, checkpoints) to avoid conflict with 13.1.8 paragraph l.*

- Motion to add rule to Regional Rule Set, Clarke suggested tabling the discussion to a follow-up committee call since the discussion of the specifics of the rule will take more time than we have in this session. (Per later decision this session will take place December 10th)
- The New Scotland Rally will not be on the planned calendar for 2023 until the complications involved are resolved. Three dates are possible and provided to Pidge.
- Chris Pye has a Navigational Rally event planned for October.
- 11/12/2022 10:48 AM Election of ARMS CARS Rally Director
  - Clarke called for nominations.
    - Brian Partridge nominated Ian Pearce who respectfully declined.

- Jim suggested Tim Dine
  - Tim was concerned about the time required.
- Tim Dine nominated Jim Theriault
  - Jim accepts contingent on resigning as BAC President
  - Ian indicated that this may put BAC in a tricky spot for Executive.
- Ian Pearce suggested the nomination of Max Meconse but he is not present to accept and has not formally expressed interest.
- Clarke indicated that we could have a follow-up session. **December 10th, 10am** to formalize CARS Nomination and the above rule change. Ming confirmed that ARMS will schedule a Presidents meeting to ratify this outcome if required.
- 11/12/2022 10:59 AM Any other discussion
  - Cal made a motion to adopt CARS RallyCross Ruleset for ARMS GCRs, Gary Spicer Seconded. ARMS RallyCross GCRs have not been updates since 2013. All in favor.
  - Cal proposed 4 2022 Regional RallyCross event dates, Dec 4th, Jan 22, Feb 19th, March 19th. Seconded by Jim Theriault . All in favor.
- 11/12/2022 11:02 AM Motion for Adjournment by Brian Partridge. All in favor.

Prepared by:  
Gordon Sleigh

## **2023 SOLOSPORT WORKSHOP – Agenda**

**Scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance / Proxies
3. Voting Procedure
4. NSC Update
5. Minutes of the 2022 Solosport Workshop
6. Performance Solosport Report
  - a) Performance Solosport Topics
7. Autoslalom Report
  - a) 2024 Regional Format
  - b) 2024 Regional Event(s)
8. New Business
9. Elections: Autoslalom Director
10. Adjournment

### **Minutes – 2022 Solosport Workshop**

**Four Points by Sheraton, Moncton  
November 12, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Ming Wong at 1:03pm. There were 19 members in attendance in person, 7 members online via Google Meet, and 1 proxy.

Ming went over the voting procedure. Anyone that has participated in at least 1 regional Autoslalom is eligible to vote on Autoslalom motions. Anyone that held a lapping or time attack the last 2 years is eligible to vote on High Performance Solosport motions. The position of High Performance Solosport Director is up for election.

Ming read the minutes of the 2021 Solosport Workshop. Joel Nelson motioned to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Scott Montgomery. Motion passed.

Gordon stated that VMI believed that EVs are covered by insurance. A discussion was held.

VMI wants a letter from the Insurance company/broker stating whether electric vehicles (damages) are covered or not.

Clarification by the insurance broker on whether electric vehicles or hybrids are covered is needed.

More discussion on electric vehicles.

NSC thanked MMSC for holding the 2022 Canadian Autoslalom Championship. It was a great event and well received.

Dave Hull gave an update on the search for a host for the 2023 CAC.

Mentioned the solosportcanada.ca website is getting a lot of traffic. The website hosts the national solosport regulations.

The NSC only had 3 video calls in 2022, however there has been a lot of discussion via email. A lot of discussion around electric vehicles.

The NSC is keeping close track of the changes SCCA is working on.

Alex suggested personal competition insurance as a requirement for EVs to compete. A discussion was held. Not certain whether that insurance would cover the organizers. Need confirmation from the insurance broker.

Dave mentioned that the National Time Attack Regulations are based on the CASC-OR Time Attack Regulations.

Discussion was held about Regional Autoslalom events in 2023. Ming asked if there should be 6 Regional events like last year. Also mentioned there was a suggestion about holding 3 double events. A discussion was held. Decision to hold 3 double events:

- NBSCC @ Long Wharf in early June
- ASCC @ Digby in July (around Canada Day)
- MMSC @ Slemon in August (New Brunswick Day weekend/Natal Day weekend)

Discussion about having a maximum number of runs at a regional event. Discussed that the number of runs should be determined no later than the Driver's meeting. Motion from Scott Montgomery that the minimum number of runs at a regional event is 2 as stated in the National Solosport Rules, maximum number of runs is 6, and expected number of runs is 4. Seconded by Joel Nelson. Passed.

A discussion about storms and regional events was held. Mentioned that organizers should consider how weather affects competitors around the regional more and cancel regional events (or back out of the regional designation) earlier. 2-3 days before the event is fine.

Alex Brunt reported on High Performance Solo in 2022. Season started slow, however it improved as the season went on. There was good attendance at the end of season school.

Discussion around Time Attack in 2023. Mentioned there's a split between Time Attack with passing and Time Attack without passing.

Mentioned that we should try and hold another charity event again with a group like Cars and Coffee.

There was a discussion about instructors and qualifications/training.

Discussion to form a committee to create a curriculum for instructors. Need to include the Regional Chief Instructor in discussions.

A discussion was held to waive the licence fee for instructors.

Ming turned the meeting over to Brian Partridge to hold the election of the High Performance Solosport Director. There were no nominations for the position so Alex Brunt was re-elected as High Performance Solosport Director.

Graham mentioned that the Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame will be inducting Ray Bastille and Bob Guthrie next week, November 19, in Charlottetown, PEI. If anyone is interested in attending, they can contact the MMHOF.

Motion to adjourn by Alan Gray. Seconded by Brian Partridge @ 2:32pm.

### **Attendance:**

<b>In Person</b>	<b>Online</b>
Brian Partridge	Gordon Maxwell
Joel Nelson	Alex Brunt
Krista Nelson	Dave Hull

Scott Montgomerie	Steve Philips
Colin Naulls	Mike Brunt
Alan Gray	Dwight Spencer
Debbie Miller	Dylan Thomas
Tom Hopper	
Shawn Gayton	
Steve Lockhart	
Graham McCrea	
Darrell Tower	
Stacy Chapman	
James "Pidge" Partridge	
Cathy Partridge	
Kevin	
Mike Reese	
Tim Dine	
Cal Vandaalen	
Meg Grandmaison	

Proxy from Mike Simms to Joel Nelson

Submitted by:  
Ming Wong,  
Solosport (Autoslalom) Director



## **2023 KART WORKSHOP - Agenda**

*The 2023 Kart Workshop was held on Sunday, November 19, at 1:00pm in Sackville, NS.*

### **Minutes – 2022 Kart Workshop**

*{Not available at time of printing.}*

## **2023 RACE WORKSHOP – Agenda**

**Scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:30pm – 5:00pm**

1. Minutes from 2022 Meeting
2. Expirations
  - a. - Helmet Expiration Wording
  - b. - Other dated in/out expiration wording in general
3. Licensing
  - a. - Revamped Race License Application
  - b. - Revamped Technical Forms
    - i.- Moving to Self-Declared Medical
4. Financials
  - a. - 2023 Financials
  - b. - Moving back to Team Issue of Refunds (nothing for 2nd Driver)
  - c. - Promotions Financials
  - d. - Minimum number of entries / Cancellations
  - e. - Cost of 1 and 2 day weekends
  - f. - Cost of Insurance (i.e. what can be anticipated for 2024)
  - g. - Potential New 2024 Options & Fees
    - i.- Cost of MotorsportsReg or other electronic registration service.
    - ii.- Cost of E-Flagger / MyLaps add-on
5. Changes in Race Day Format
  - a. - One-Hour Race only for First and Last Events?
  - b. - One hour in a different format? No classes? Handicaps?
  - c. - Add another Sprint Race Otherwise?
  - d. - Or remove a Sprint Race (2nd poorly attended)
  - e. - Split races (4,5,6 in race 1, 1,2,3 in race 2?)
  - f. - Points structure changes, quali points and doing all races
  - g. - Keeping points up to date
6. JCM Format
  - a. - JCM on its own weekend, with Saturday end of season party
  - b. - Qualification for JCM
  - c. -
7. Rule Changes
  - a. - Sponsor Decals and a Rule Making them Mandatory
  - b. - Incident-Causing Rule Change
  - c. - Shorting the Pit Stop - Still All or Nothing, or by second/minute for penalty?
  - d. - In-Paddock behavior
8. Safety
  - a. - Pit Lane Safety and being Responsible
  - b. - Children's safety
9. Other
  - a. - Role of Head Instructor/Rookie Liaison to help out a bit for the first weekend
  - b. - New Racer "Cheat Sheet"
10. Items from the Floor
11. New Race Director
12. Adjournment

## Minutes - 2022 Race Workshop

Saturday, November 12, 2022

### **Attendance**

**In Person** - Tim Dine, Cal Vandaalen, Meg Grandmaison, Mike Reese, Andy Mitchell, Gordon Murray, Krista Nelson, Libby Partridge, Brian Partridge, Joel Nelson, Debbie Miller, Scott Mongomerie, Colin Naulls, Leigh Pettipas, Andy Hill, Mike McCrea, Dave Charters, Graham McCrea, Pidge Partridge, Stacy Chapman, Stephen Lockhart.

**Online** - Alex Brunt, Brad Sellars, Ian Pearce, Kelsey Hill, Michael Brunt, Steve Philips

**Arrived Late** - Daniel Dugdale, Travis Soucoup

### **Proxies**

- Leigh Pettipas
  - Paul Machan
  - Aaron Pettipas
- Cal Vandaalen
  - Blu Vandaalen
  - Sasha Brideau

### **Call to Order**

The chair called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 P.M.

### **Online Discussions**

In a quick note to everyone about discussion of race topics, James noted that the forum, as archaic as it is, is a much easier place to keep discussion clear and non-repetitive (unlike Facebook where things get lost in threads).

### **Financials**

James stated that overall we had a very good year, thank you to everyone who made that possible. The document with the 4 races was shared with everyone online, and a few paper copies were available in person in the meeting. Race ended the year with an approximately \$12k surplus, somewhat making up for previous year's losses.

Discussed the in-feasibility of 2-day weekends, both from a financial standpoint (see the July estimated budgets in the spreadsheets), but even more so in the volunteer arena, when we had a hard time getting enough Marshals and other volunteers this year for the one-day events. Two-day events can be overwhelming and exhausting.

Leigh asked what the break-even of car numbers would have to be for a two-day weekend. We determined that it's at about 14 now for a 1-day event, so it would be safe to estimate approximately 30 cars would be required to run both days without a loss. The group agreed that it would be pointless to really talk about 2-day weekends until we are regularly at or near that number for current one-day format.

Joel also noted that Time Attack is hoping to begin running again on Saturdays before race weekend, and arrangements could be made to practice (no passing) by going lapping on those days should this happen. This would allow some 'race' activity to happen both days of a weekend again for those interested.

## **Honorariums**

James noted that many of the honorariums have not changed in a number of years, and we are going to need to increase them in order to keep people willing to do the job. We are also going to have to consider alternate ways to staff and pay folks who do the all-day jobs on TRAC days appropriately.

**ACTION:** Race Director to create a 2023 Budget to be presented to the Race Committee with updated honorariums and adjusted as necessary to ensure all jobs are covered for the season.

## **Lapping/Time Attack Approach**

Attendees from the Solosport workshop indicated that there is a renewed interest in running Saturday events on ARMS race-day weekends; MHPDC has also indicated interest in running lapping events. Alex B indicated that racers who wanted to come out during lapping sessions would be welcome, as long as they filled out the forms, paid the fees and followed the rules.

Leigh noted that weekends with events Fri-Sat-Sun would really help in growing all the sports.

Andy M noted that entering an additional event for practice on Saturday is great for racers who have the money to pay additional fees, but we need to consider practice time included on race day. Definitely to be discussed later in the workshop.

Mike Reese asked if the Lapping/Time Attack event team could come up with a fair number/pricing structure for racers to do a small number of laps, especially later in the day. Alex Brunt agreed that that this would be possible, especially since the lapping groups tend to thin out later in the day which is when many racers would like to practice/go lapping.

**ACTION:** Race Committee to coordinate with Performance Solo Director and interested parties to integrate Lapping into the 2023 Season more effectively.

**ACTION:** Performance Solo Director to include lapping for racers into the fee structure for Saturday events on race weekends.

## **Sponsorship Committee**

Joel reported that the sponsorship committee has approximately \$12K in the bank and that money is available for projects. They are hoping next year to have t-shirts and hats available for sale earlier in the season next year.

Eventually, they are hoping to move toward being able to give money back to the racers in some way or another, but they are not quite there yet. They are trying to keep money in reserve for when/if race has a bad weekend or other issues arise. Sponsorship money was used this year to purchase a new fridge for the Marshals, and to donate \$4,000 to them to offset the unexpected high repair bill for the Magic Bus.

Joel asked if the racers were OK with continuing to run sponsorship stickers and received an affirmative answer. Mike Reese noted that it would be better to have the stickers earlier in the year too. Cal indicated that more info on sticker placement/updates to the sticker placement guidelines would be appreciated.

In conclusion, Joel said that the committee would continue to work toward attracting new sponsors and building a fund. He said they need to update the sponsorship packages for businesses, and the TRAC Website to keep them both up to date. Leigh noted that the Sponsorship committee could use a few more bodies to help.

**ACTION:** Sponsorship Committee to put out a call for more volunteers early in 2023.

## **Rule Changes**

A number of rule changes were discussed.

## Pit Stop Penalties

Daphne put forward a small change to the wording of the current “lap adjustment” of four (4) laps:

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*Failure to make the pit stop shall result in a ten (10) lap penalty, except in the cases where:*

- *The race concludes under safety car or red flag, either by the allotted 1 hour expiring or race officials ending the race for safety reasons.*
- *The race resumes from a safety car or red flag state with less than ten (10) minutes remaining on the race clock thus making remaining un-stopped drivers ineligible to make the required pit stop.*

*In such circumstances, the competitors not having previously made the mandatory pit stop will have their final lap count reduced by four (4) laps with the good faith assumption that they would have intended to make the stop if allowed.*

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**ACTION:** Daphne to make the update in the proposed rule set for 2023, to be reviewed by the Race Committee and the “Early Reading Group.”

## Bracket Changes

Leigh proposed GT2 be 1:11 or slower, making GT1 1:10.99 and faster. This makes an unequal split to GT3, which would include the current ProStock cars now moving into GT2 for the season. Suggested that it might need adjustment through the season.

Scott offered the counter opinion that keeping the brackets the same because equal distribution is the preferable for future proofing the rule set so that it’s consistent and makes sense as new competitors join. He noted that when the brackets were done originally, there were weird gaps to accommodate existing cars that later stopped racing. Making uneven brackets again feels like a repeat of this. At the end, Scott noted that he never intends to race GT1 or GT2, so this was an outside opinion.

Mike McCrea noted that only 3 cars in competition this year did a speed under 1:11.

**ACTION:** Tabled for further discussion in the Race Committee and/or a Rules Group.

**ACTION:** Daphne to record the updated brackets in the proposed rule set for 2023 to be reviewed by the Race Committee and the “Early Reading Group.”

Daphne asked for multiple sets of eyes on rule changes, to avoid inserting errors into the book like last year on brackets. Andy Mitchell and Leigh Pettipas both volunteered to be early readers of any new rule changes.

## Pace Car Train

It was noted that some competitors were uncertain as to how to rejoin a pace car train from the pits. A discussion ensued as to when/how to join, and when is it safe to join. It was suggested that cars should refrain from joining when the pace car is coming up the front straight, but it is very difficult to determine this from inside a race car (HANS limits head rotation) without a ‘pit out’ marshal. The discussion centered on whether or not to add an additional rule, and what it could possibly read like to cover all bases. In the end, no consensus on wording was arrived at, but all agreed that some clarification of what was acceptable was desirable.

Daphne suggested putting in a note in the rules about a use of good judgment.

**ACTION:** Tabled for a Rules Group to come up with something sensible for the race committee and the early reading group. Cal asked for additional wording on how to accommodate cars catching up (i.e back 10 car lengths). May include discussion of a blend line.

### **Scoring - Impact of Penalties on Series Points**

Discussion of whether or not penalties incurred during a race that reduce a competitors credited lap count should impact series points via the 'not classified unless ½ distance completed' rule. After discussion it was decided that penalties acquired for safety issues (i.e. passing under yellow) that put a competitor's official lap count below the minimum required for classification should result in non-classification in that race, and that penalties acquired for non-safety related issues that reduce the lap count below the minimum should still allow the competitor to be classified.

**ACTION:** Tabled for further discussion and review from the race car committee.

### **Integrating Practice into the Race Day Schedule**

There was general support for some sort of practice to be worked into the morning schedule for the 2023 season. General sentiment in the room is preferred to have shorter qualifying and longer practice.

**ACTION:** Practice time to be integrated in the race day schedule.

### **Posting Points Online**

There was a discussion regarding the timely posting of the points through the season. Scott M suggested that we look into Orbits or similar software to see if it's feasible to automatically share the points status with competitors through the season.

Krista indicated that when she looked at Orbits, it didn't account for our rules, penalties, etc. Scott volunteered to look at it further to see what it can and cannot do. Andy M indicated that he'd be happy to post unofficial results.

We need to get the ability to update TRAC website with points standings so we can have an up-to-date source for information. Having points published and accessible would be ideal for growing and supporting the sport and celebrating what we have going on the whole year.

**ACTION:** Whatever the options, Race Committee to identify a means to keep everyone up to date on points through the year.

### **Awards**

There was a discussion of after-events awards ceremonies. It was felt by some that this year's procedure took too much time, and that perhaps the small trophies/ribbons being handed out were both costly and not being received in a timely fashion. After discussion, it was stated that we will still be doing a podium/awards session each weekend and switching to dash plaques as mementos of accomplishment.. The plaques would not be available the day of the event, but the next weekend after a race, you would get a dash plaque that could be mounted on a board to document ongoing race wins/podiums.

The group seemed ambivalent about the use of dash plaques, but was enthusiastic about the prospect of issuing stickers for class winners - ability to put them on your roll cage, etc. Joel stated that the intent was to issue both stickers and dash plaques.

Mike M suggested we go with plaques that are as generic as possible to make it easy to order in bulk, simplify the process and keep costs down. He stated he has a source of these.

It was agreed that we can reduce the amount of time it takes to give out awards/podium at the end of the day by calling everyone for a class up at once, clap once for that group, move to the next group.

**ACTION:** Race Director to price options from trophy vendors and arrange for the 2023 season.

## **Items from the Floor**

### **Length of JCM**

Andy Hill - the JCM - does it have to be 3 hours? How many cars were actually running at the end of the race? For the last hour, nothing interesting was happening. The question implied that the race should be shortened.

**ACTION:** None. Jeering and booing from the floor.

### **2023 Fines for Impacting Track Usability**

Andy Hill - noted that the AMP AGM may include an addition of rule that people will be fined for negatively impacting the track usability for their own event, or other events.

In the discussion that followed it became obvious that the issue was being brought up for attention because of several spills of oil on the track by TRAC series race cars. The spills negatively impact our relationship with bike racers, and possibly other users of the track. The group discussed various ways to prevent and to clean up oil spills, with no clear consensus on an effective strategy emerging.

**ACTION:** AMP to advise TRAC if there are updated clauses like this in rental agreements.

**ACTION:** Race Director to include any expected fine information in Supplemental Regulations.

### **Number Retirements - 14**

Pidge Partridge - asked about officially retiring car number 14, in honour of Darrell Whitehead. Discussed the issue with it being last used by another racer (Brian Bent), but who also hasn't raced in several years. There was unanimous agreement on retiring Number 14 for anyone other than Brian Bent if he wants to come back.

**ACTION:** Registrar (Pidge Partridge) to put #14 on the list of retired car numbers, with the note that it may still be used by Brian Bent should he wish to return to active competition..

### **Insurance Costs**

Leigh Pettipas - is there a way to reduce insurance costs? Could AMP buy insurance for all car events in bulk and save us money? Mike McCrea indicated that you cannot sublet insurance (so AMP could not buy insurance and resell it to us). The event organizer has to hold the insurance policy.

Leigh Pettipas - If AMP can't buy the insurance, maybe ARMS can? Could we insure our events the same way they do for bikes - not constrained by number of days because insurance is for the year(season) instead of individual events. A request was made for ARMS to investigate whether or not that is feasible and to determine if it would be cheaper or might be a long-term goal to work toward if there's a number threshold.

**ACTION:** Tabled as a question for the race committee to investigate.

### **Managing the Safety Car**

Brian Partridge - safety car, if it doesn't catch the leader, is there a way we can make the race day go quicker by speeding up the wave-bys? Discussed making a race rule call to discuss further, for anyone and everyone who is interested.

**ACTION:** Daphne to arrange for one or more race discussion online video calls early in 2023 for those who are interested in participating. Group to come up with proposed rules to present to the Race Committee and "Early Reading Group."

### **Pit Lane Speed Issues**

Joel noted that we need some way to better manage pit lane speed issues, moving too quickly, especially at the end of pit lane. Let's look at finding a speed sign, and other solutions.

**ACTION:** Race Committee to designate someone to do this research and present options in early 2023.

### **2022 Season Thank Yous**

Thanks to Dave Charters for 8 years of pace car service.

Thanks to Brent O'Connor for doing so much leg work and doing registration to help us at the race track.

Thanks to Brent O'Connor, Nate Perron and Alex Reid for stepping up in September while James Whitman and Daphne Sleigh were away.

Dave Charters extended his thanks to his pace car co-drivers Debbie Miller and Ralph Rosere for their help over the years.

### **2022 Awards**

James Whitman announced the winners of awards for the season at the end of the workshop.

**Motion to adjourn:** Scott Montgomery at 5:29pm, seconded by Brian Partridge.





# ATLANTIC REGION MOTOR SPORTS INC.

## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Agenda

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

09:00 am – 12:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Proxys
3. Quorum Determination
4. Voting Procedure
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting
7. Business Arising from the 2022 Minutes
8. President's Report
9. Vice-President's Report
10. Discipline Director Reports
  1. Race
  2. Rally
  3. Autoslalom
  4. Performance Solosport
  5. Karting
11. Treasurer's Report
12. 2024 Budget
13. New Business
14. Ratification of the Actions of the Board of Directors
15. Elections
  1. President
  2. Secretary
16. Approval of Peer Elected Positions
  1. Race Director
  2. Autoslalom Director
17. Appointment of ARMS Positions
  1. Regional Executive Steward
  2. Licence Registrar
18. Host Club for the 2024 ARMS Annual General Meeting
19. Adjournment

**The Calendar Meeting immediately follows the AGM.**

**Atlantic Region Motorsports Inc.**  
**Minutes - 2022 Annual General Meeting**

Held on 13 November, 2022 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 40 Lady Ada Blvd., Moncton, NB and online via Google Meet.

1. The meeting was called to order at 09:18 am by President Ming.
2. Roll Call:
  - a. Voting Members & Delegates:
    - a.i. Atlantic Formula Racing Association (Andy Hill, Proxy for Lucas Strackerjan)
    - a.ii. Atlantic Motorsports Karting Association (Jeff Martin, Proxy for Jim Williamson)
    - a.iii. Atlantic Sports Car Club (Alan Gray)
    - a.iv. Bluenose Autosport Club (Jim Theriault)
    - a.v. Fredericton Motorsport Club (David Charters)
    - a.vi. Moncton Motor Sport Club (Mike McCrea)
    - a.vii. New Brunswick Sporting Car Club (Stacey Chapman)
    - a.viii. Vinland Motorsport Inc. (Gordon Maxwell, online)
  - b. Non-voting Members & Delegates:
    - b.i. Atlantic Motorsport Park (Andy Hill)
    - b.ii. Atlantic Region Race Control Association (Kelsey Hill, online)
  - c. Board of Directors:
    - c.i. President & Autoslalom Solosport Director Ming-duc Wong
    - c.ii. Vice President Debbie Miller
    - c.iii. Treasurer James Whitman
    - c.iv. Executive Past President Dave Hull
    - c.v. Secretary Graham McCrea
    - c.vi. License Registrar James Partridge
    - c.vii. Chief Steward Daphne Sleigh
    - c.viii. Karting Director Jeff Martin
    - c.ix. Performance Solosport Director Alex Brunt, online
  - d. Others present:
    - d.i. Shawn Gayton
    - d.ii. Darrell Tower
    - d.iii. Andrew Sleigh
    - d.iv. Steve Lockhart
    - d.v. Joel Nelson
    - d.vi. Krista Nelson
    - d.vii. Cathy Partridge
    - d.viii. Brian Partridge
    - d.ix. Dwight Spenser, online
    - d.x. Dorothy Williamson, online
    - d.xi. Scott Montgomery
    - d.xii. Chris McCrea
3. Quorum: With eight of eight voting members present, a quorum was declared.
4. Voting Procedures:
  - a. President Ming reviewed the procedures for voting at the meeting noting that only votes cast by recognized delegates of voting members would be accepted. Voting for a secret ballot will be by paper vote, except that online delegates will text their vote to the referee, and all votes will remain confidential.

5. Approval of the Agenda:
  - a. The agenda was published in the AGM Handbook. No additions were proposed. Motion to accept the agenda by MMSC/ASCC. Passed.
6. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting:
  - a. The minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were read. Several typos and minor corrections were noted. In the listing of race numbers that had been permanently retired, it was noted that Jack Canfield's number was #32, not #13 as indicated.
  - b. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by FMC/BAC. Passed.
7. Business Arising from the 2021 Minutes:
  - a. VMI asked that insurance restrictions for electric vehicles could be clarified. Ming agreed to contact the insurance broker and seek more clarity. Will advise.
8. President's Report:
  - a. A written report is attached.
9. Vice-President's Report:
  - a. A written report is attached.
10. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Treasurer James presented a comparative income statement for 2022 fiscal year (see attached).
  - b. Bank balances as of September 30, 2022 were presented as \$93,921.30 (Operating account), \$15,277.26 (Chequing Account), \$4,564.61 (Sponsorship account). He noted that \$7,250 of the Operating account balance actually belongs in the Sponsorship account. Outstanding deposits on hand amounted to an additional \$11,697.25 as well as \$3,750.00 in cash.
  - c. Payables were noted as \$400.00 (BAC) and \$75.00 (AMP).
  - d. Treasurer James presented the List of Assets (see attached). He noted that a new laptop for AMP Timing & Scoring had been purchased in 2022.
  - e. VMI questioned when the fiscal year end was and the rationale for that choice. They are considering changing their year-end date to line up with other Clubs and Region. Discussion noted that each Club sets their year-end to suit their own circumstances.
11. Discipline Directors' Reports:
  - a. Race:
    - a.i. Race Director James Whitman indicated that Race had had a good year, partially due to increased involvement by volunteers helping out. He expressed thanks to Brent O'Connor, Daphne Sleigh, and Alex Reid.
    - a.ii. Racing revenues exceeded expenses by about \$12,000 overall, not including any of the Sponsorship monies. He chalked the success up to careful management of expenses and scheduling of events.
    - a.iii. Average entry level at races weekends was 22-24 cars which was an increase from the previous year. Entries at the gate averaged about 65, which was also up from previous years.
    - a.iv. A new refrigerator was purchased from sponsorship monies and donated to ARRC.
    - a.v. James has committed to serve one more year as Race Director.
  - b. Rally:
    - b.i. The Rally report was presented by Gordon Sleigh. He noted that there were challenges getting enough volunteers to run events. Three Regional events were run in 2022.
    - b.ii. For 2023, plans are for three Regional events. Dates to be determined, and they plan to stick with the planned dates instead of shifting them mid-season.

- b.iii. There is interest in finding suitable rally roads in the Fredericton area. The idea would be to develop an event that could attract National competitors from PQ and ON where their travel distance would be less than elsewhere in Atlantic Canada.
- b.iv. Considering a Regional Rallycross Series with sites at AMP and Stewiacke.
- b.v. The National Rallycross Rules have been adopted as the Regional rules.
- b.vi. For Navex, there is a rules review and cleanup being undertaken. A meeting is planned for December 10 to finalize and approve.
- b.vii. Jim Theriault described interest in using electronic scoring for Navex rallies. The system being considered allows running the event without needing checkpoint crews.
- b.viii. Rally is looking for a new CARS representative. Jim Theriault is interested but has conflicting commitments as President of BAC. Further information to come out of the December meeting.
- c. Autoslalom:
  - c.i. The Autoslalom report was presented by Ming.
  - c.ii. There were six Regional autoslalom events in 2022.
  - c.iii. The double event at Slemon Park also ran as a National for the 2022 Canadian Autoslalom Championship event. Entry level was relatively high, and there were 20 competitors from outside the Region.
  - c.iv. For 2023, there are six Regional events planned. There will be three two-day events hosted by NBSCC (June), ASCC (July), and MMSC (August).
  - c.v. A rule change was made to define the minimum number of runs for a Regional (2) and the maximum number of runs (6) to be eligible for Regional status.
  - c.vi. It was noted that a strong hurricane had caused widespread power and communication outages and transportation interruptions shortly before the September Regional in Moncton. Discussion was held on storm cancellation procedures in the case of extreme weather.
- d. Performance Solosport:
  - d.i. Director Alex Brunt presented the Performance Solosport report.
  - d.ii. There were no Time Attack events in 2022. Lapping events were held on race day weekends.
  - d.iii. A lapping school was held in September. The event was well attended and well received. Plan to do another similar event in 2023.
  - d.iv. Plans are for a greater number of lapping events to be held in 2023.
  - d.v. Alex Brunt was re-elected as Performance Solosport Director.
- e. Karting:
  - e.i. The Karting report was presented by Jeff Martin.
  - e.ii. There was no Regional championship held in 2022.
  - e.iii. They had a successful workshop on Saturday. Planning for a Regional series to be held at the new Kartbahn track in Halifax. Noted that the new facility will cost more to use than Scotia Speedworld so there may be increases in entry fees for 2023. New rule set from National.
  - e.iv. Noted that several ARMS Karts traveled to events in Quebec and did well.
  - e.v. Jeff was re-elected as Karting Director for two more years.
- f. Stewarding:
  - f.i. The Stewards' Report was presented at the Administrative Workshop.
- g. Instructors:
  - g.i. No report presented.

## 12. 2023 Budget:

- a. Treasurer James reported that a budget for 2023 had not been prepared, but would undertake to get one prepared as soon as possible. He indicated that the budget should include upgrading some equipment to newer technology, and also that subscription renewals for the race transponders were coming up in a year or so.
13. New Business:
- a. National Motorsport Digital Archive
    - a.i. Dave Charters presented information about a new National Motorsport Digital Archive project that is looking for submissions of memorabilia such as photographs, advertisements, maps, route instructions, etc. The information will be preserved in a digital searchable archive. Contact Dave by email at “*chartersd@rogers.com*” for further information.
  - b. Donations:
    - b.i. Several donations were proposed to support several causes as follows:
      - b.i.1. \$1,000 to ARCCA to assist them with expenses to repair their van used at AMP.
      - b.i.2. \$1,000 to Medical Rescue Team to support and acknowledge their important safety services at AMP.
      - b.i.3. \$500 donation to the Lung Association in memory of Wayne Schnare, past President of CASC-Atlantic Region and founding President of ARMS, who passed away in 2022.
    - b.ii. Motion to approve by MMSC/NBSCC. Passed.
  - c. Race License Expiry:
    - c.i. Joel Nelson noted that there may be some past license holders who were unable to maintain their year-to-year race license currency due to Covid restrictions. He noted that the Handbook does not allow any discretion by the Race Director in this type of situation. It was agreed that the issue would be reviewed over the winter for further action.
14. Ratification of the Actions of the Board of Directors:
- a. Motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors for 2022 made by MMSC/ASCC. Passed.
15. Elections:
- a. The chair was turned over to Dave Hull, chair of the Nominating committee. Other members of the committee included Daphne Sleight and Chris McCrea. The positions up for election were Vice-President, Treasurer, and License Registrar.
  - b. Vice President:
    - b.i. Debbie Miller offered to stand for re-election. Steve Lockhart was nominated from the floor by NBSCC. A vote by secret ballot was held. Debbie Miller was elected.
  - c. Treasurer:
    - c.i. The nominating committee presented Brian Partridge as a nominee for the position. There were no other nominations. Since Brian was not the incumbent, a vote by secret ballot was held to approve the selection. Brian Partridge was elected.
  - d. License Registrar:
    - d.i. James Partridge offered to stand for re-election. No other nominations were received after three calls. Being the incumbent, James was elected by acclamation.
    - d.ii. Daphne Sleight noted that she will volunteer to assist James as an “understudy”.
16. Approval of Peer-Elected Positions:
- a. The peer-elected Directors for 2023 were:

- a.i.Karting - Jeff Martin
  - a.ii.Performance Solosport - Alex Brunt
  - a.iii.Rally - None elected. Director to be determined at the upcoming meeting on December 10, 2023.
  - b. Motion to approve the peer-elected Directors for Karting and Performance Solosport by ASCC/MMSC. Passed.
  - c. The peer-elected director for Rally will be approved at a General Meeting to be held at a later date.
17. Host Club for the 2023 ARMS Annual General Meeting:
- a. MMSC agreed to host the 2023 Annual General Meeting in Moncton. Tentative date was set at November 3-5, 2023.
  - b. NBSCC and AMKA indicated they may consider hosting in 2024.
18. Adjournment:
- a. Motion to adjourn by FMC/MMSC. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.
  - b. The calendar meeting was held immediately after adjournment.

Minutes recorded by Graham McCrea, Secretary.

## **2023 President's Report**

2023 was a challenging year for Motorsports in general. There were a lot of external factors affecting the Region. The wildfires in Nova Scotia. A lot of rain affected events, including bridges getting washed out, especially the bridge leading to AMP and other damage at the track. Economic uncertainty, inflation, carbon tax, did not help either.

The By-Law Committee finally released an updated draft of the By-Laws. After a number of meetings, the updated By-Laws have been approved and are now in effect. I would like to thank all the members of the By-Law Committee (Dave Hull, Adam Raeburn, Chris Pye, Logan Coffill, Mike McCrea, Graham McCrea), and all the Clubs, for all their hard work in getting the updated By-Laws passed. There's more work to be done with the By-Laws, so I hope the Committee is able to continue with its work.

Again this year, I've travelled around the Region to check out events. I've had some good conversations along the way. I did make it to the ARMS Time Attack, the first to be held since the pandemic. Unfortunately I did not get to as many events as I planned this year. Getting to a Rally is still on my To-Do list. Hoping to get a chance to continue travelling around and talking with more people.

There hasn't been much communication from SDG/GDS. They seem to have little interest in Grassroots Motorsports and or getting involved. It may be up to the Regions to self-organize and get some cooperation and progress. Another item on my To-Do list.

There has been a lot of good work done by the ARMS Executive. I hope to get a good mandate to continue this work in 2024.

Sincerely,  
Ming Wong  
ARMS President

## **2023 Vice President's Report**

Climate change was the culprit for some of the adjustments that were required in the region schedule this year, and had a big effect on our sister motorcycle club too with the cancellation of the 2023 Superbike event. We all carried on and had a pretty decent race season, entries varied a bit but the racing is always good and the event always well organized. Good to see the number of lappers on the rise and we hope time attack entries will increase too. Regional Slaloms are being affected by the reduced number of venues but the enthusiasm is still there and I want to thank all those competitors who drove to other clubs' events. It's good to know there are still some keeners out there willing to make the trek. The rally calendar was also affected by the weather and, at the time of writing this, should be able to get their last event in before the AGM.

The By law committee of the Region has been busy updating and making changes to the By-Laws for ARMS, some updating was needed but other changes are being looked at and I hope that the Club Presidents took these suggestions seriously and consulted with their clubs to make sure these changes are for the benefit of all of our region. I appreciate the time and effort that went into these suggestions and I hope that the Integrity and purpose of the region will continue to grow and prosper.

Yours in Motorsport

Debbie Miller

ARMS VP



## **2023 Race Director's Report**

This last year as Race Director has been bitter sweet, though I am looking forward to being done with the position I will miss it.

The season started early this year due to the fact that AMP was planning a large upgrade in the fall and we were trying to be done by late September. A practice session was scheduled for late April but low interest scrapped the plan. This would set the tone for the season. The spring race school only had three entrants but they were very excited and gung ho and had a great day.

The first couple races were well attended but during the season car numbers fell off for a variety of reasons. Poor weather, racers starting/ buying their own businesses, and so on it made for a tight financial season.

Low volunteer numbers were a problem as usual. The marshals had good coverage but trying to find stewards and more people to train as Clerk of the Course is a never ending battle. It would be nice to have more than one experienced trained Clerk available.

Race operated at a financial loss of \$1169.29 . TRAC series helped to balance the books from its sponsorship funds and helped pay the new increased Marshall stipend too.

TRAC series and Chris McCrea were also major forces in bringing back Race day awards that weren't paper plates.

I'm looking forward to next season to watch the new director take things in the direction they see fit.

Yours In Motorsport,  
James ( so close to done) Whitman

## **2023 Rally Director's Report**

Currently in Region only the Bluenose Autosport Club is active in event organization. Bluenose Autosport Club is based out the Halifax Region

While we faced all the same traditional challenges to build Rallysport in region. The impact of forest fire and flooding causing cancellations was new to us.

In spite of these challenges, the region did conduct a successful winter rallycross series and did conduct a regional performance Series.

Performance Rally: 3 events comprised the regional series. Forest fires forced the cancellation and rescheduling of Ledwidge to November. Trout lake ran on roads new to the competitors and as 5 teams travelled to Baie des Chaleurs so this event was scored towards our regional series.

At time of writing the 3rd event is yet to take place.

Positives: the BAC based, performance rally committee has successfully created a framework to allow for the growth and development of volunteers at the senior level of event organization.

Opportunities: Under the PRC, the region continues to try and create an effective volunteer database and continues to try and develop a training and retention program

Prepared cars leaving the region, event attrition and other obstacles mean that we only have 4 active teams in region at this point. With 2 new builds in process.

Rally cross: 7 events with 45 individual competitors. All organized by the Bluenose Autosport club. The regional rallycross series was not scored as only 2 events took place. The summer rallycross series was cancelled as the venue remained under water.

Navigational: TSD rallies had a challenging year with only 1 event running

Planning to incorporate Richta or similar timing system into the regional regulations within the next year.

Mal Swann  
Atlantic Region Motorsport Rally Director

## **2023 Autoslalom Director's Report**

2023 was a challenging year for Autoslalom and Motorsports in general. Participation in Autoslalom was down around the Region. There are a number of factors, mostly external, that likely lead to the lower participation numbers. The wildfires in Nova Scotia, a lot of rain, economic conditions, inflation, carbon tax, loss of venues to hold events, and so on.

For 2023, the Regional Autoslalom Series consisted of three double weekends for a total of six events counting towards the Regional Championship. The idea was to have fewer weekends people had to travel for. However, with only a single event to drop, missing a weekend basically eliminates the competitor from Championship contention. Competitors missing the first weekend due to the wildfires may have decided to skip other Regional events.

There's also the post National Championship decline. With the Canadian Autoslalom Championship being held at Slemon Park in 2022, the following year tends to be a down year. Hopefully there's some excitement with the CAC going to Quebec in 2024 along with better conditions overall to renew interest next year.

Regional Events in 2023:

#1: NBSCC, Loch Lomond Place, 28 entries.

#2: NBSCC, Loch Lomond Place, 28 entries.

#3: ASCC, Digby Airport, 30 entries.

#4: ASCC, Digby Airport, 25 entries.

#5: MMSC, Slemon Park, 41 entries.

#6: MMSC, Slemon Park, 39 entries.

Ming Wong

ARMS Autoslalom Director

## **2023 Performance Solosport Director's Report**

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## **2023 Karting Director's Report**

2023 saw a return of ARMS regional racing, with solid turnouts in all classes and some great battles for the ARMS Regional Karting titles.

A total of 29 racers competed in four classes over two weekends in 2023.

Races were all held at the new Kartbahn Track on Prospect Rd next to the Halifax Exhibition Centre, on June 24 and July 29.

In the Cadet class, for drivers 8-12, #51 Freya Strackerjan, bested her sister #62 Emmeline Strackerjan, our first round points leader, by 47 points to capture the ARMS Regional title. Rookie driver Axl Whitehead took home third overall, with solid showings in both rounds of third and second place finishes in the points, finishing behind Emmeline by only 29 points.

In the Junior class, for drivers 12-15 we saw our biggest field of 2023. In his final year as a junior karting veteran #13 Jack Smith took the championship by 54 points over #19 Victoria Gietzen. Gietzen and team stepped it up this year going to numerous Cup Kart Events across Canada and it showed not only in her speed but her consistency. Showing that girls just wanna have fun is not just a song from the 80s #29 Avery Hubber finished the series in third overall, Hubber struggled a bit at the beginning of the year but found the speed to run in the lead pack towards the end of the season.

In the Senior class, for drivers 15 and up numbers were slightly light due to some schedule conflicts of a class mostly made up of teen and young adult drivers. #331 Evan Hubber battled in both events with #338 Cashton Woolliscroft to earn the Regional Championship. These two drivers although young in age drove like drivers with twice their years of experience, pushing hard but racing each other clean, it was a pleasure to watch their battles. Only 18 points separated them after the two rounds of racing. Taking the third spot in the championship was #736 Ben Israel, Ben was a solid contender in round one finishing third overall in that days points, but missed round two due to a previous commitment.

In the Masters class, for drivers 30 and up, the wily old veteran proved he's not done winning, #303 Barry Nickerson took the regional title with almost a perfect season of 484 out of a possible 500 points. The battle in masters proved to be a battle for second overall with #42, or as we like to say 4Z, Kevin Stoneman edging the #410 of Bob Doucette by only 15 points. Doucette showing that karting isn't just for kids, racing and winning at over 70 years old, an accomplishment all in its own.

2024 will see the series to return with a possibility of adding a race in Dieppe at Eastcoast Karting. Details in the New Year of race dates.

Yours Respectfully

Jeff Martin

ARMS Regional Karting Director

## **2023 Treasurer's Report**

As my first year as Treasurer for ARMS, I want to thank everyone for their support the past 9 months since taking over the reigns in February, namely all of the executive, the Club Treasurers, and a big Thank You to Alan Gray for spending time with me at his home to ensure I learned things properly. Truly grateful. Also, I'd like to say that I'm enjoying this role as I've always had a passion for numbers my whole life, and one of my favorite classes in High School was accounting. That said, there were some challenges starting out as most new roles have, and I feel going forward things will make more sense to me. Thank you all for the support!!

Brian Partridge, Treasurer

**Atlantic Region Motor Sports Inc**  
**Balance Sheet As at 09-30-23**

**ASSET**

**Current Assets**

Savings Bank Account	98,235.12	
Chequing Bank Account	15,277.26	
Sponsorship Bank Account	<u>18,430.68</u>	
Total Cash		131,943.06
Accounts Receivable	<u>9,840.00</u>	
Total Receivable		<u>9,840.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b><u>141,783.06</u></b>

**TOTAL ASSET** 141,783.06

**LIABILITY**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable Miscellaneous	<u>3,930.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>3,930.00</u></b>

**Long Term Liabilities**

Timing System Reserve	<u>800.00</u>
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b><u>800.00</u></b>

**TOTAL LIABILITY** 4,730.00

**EQUITY**

**Retained Earnings**

Retained Earnings - Previous ...	126,444.92
Current Earnings	<u>10,608.14</u>
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b><u>137,053.06</u></b>

**TOTAL EQUITY** 137,053.06

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** 141,783.06

**REVENUE**

<b>Memberships/Licences/...</b>	
Individual Levies	6,175.00
Club Affiliation	1,750.00
Race Licence	2,800.00
1 day Race Licence	220.00
Time Attack Licence	1,080.00
Lapping Licence	680.00
Regional Slalom Permits	150.00
Slalom Individual Levies	965.00
MCCA	2,460.00
<b>Net Sales</b>	<u>16,280.00</u>

<b>Track Operations Reven...</b>	
HP Solo Operation Reven...	20,910.00
Race Operation Revenue	25,694.29
RACE SCHOOL FEE	690.00
NEWBIE ENTRY FEE	1,750.00
Transponder Rental fee	1,250.00
JCM Revenue	13,825.00
TRAC SERIES REVENUE	15,375.00
<b>Total Track Operations</b>	<u>79,494.29</u>

<b>Other Revenue</b>	
GL& D&O Liability for clubs	4,900.00
Slalom Event Insurance	4,002.50
Kart Event Insurance	1,948.75
Lapping Event Insurance	5,515.00
Perf. Drive School/Event I...	703.75
CAR NUMBER	360.00
GATE REVENUE	2,910.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	540.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<u>20,880.00</u>

**TOTAL REVENUE** 116,654.29

**EXPENSE**

<b>Track Operations Expen...</b>	
HP Solo Operation Expen...	15,559.28
JCM Expenses	9,686.55
Race Operation Expense	33,663.37
TRAC SERIES EXPENSES	12,633.93
Transponder System Pur...	63.24
<b>Total Track Operations</b>	<u>71,606.37</u>

<b>Donations</b>	
DONATIONS	2,500.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<u>2,500.00</u>

<b>General &amp; Administrativ...</b>	
Advertising & Promotions	2,370.00
Club Event Insurance -St...	11,869.75

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Income Statement 10-01-22 to 09-30-23

Annual General Meeting		3,526.15
AMP Donations (JCM)		5,113.35
Race Trophies & Awards	725.70	
Solo Trophies & Awards	<u>505.77</u>	
Total Trophies & Awards		1,231.47
Insurance GL& D&O Ston...		4,900.00
GL D&O ARMS		965.00
Bank Charges Savings		7.11
BANK FEES SPONORS...		10.00
PayPal Fees		10.76
Office & Administrative	1,723.61	
Miscellaneous Expense	32.58	
Travel & Meetings	<u>180.00</u>	
Total Office		<u>1,936.19</u>
Total General & Admin. ...		<u>31,939.78</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<u>106,046.15</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u><u>10,608.14</u></u>

Sponsorship Income Statement	
As of September 30, 2023 Opening Balance	\$15,689.61
Revenue	
Corporate Sponsors	\$14,525.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$850.00
	\$15,375.00
Expenses	
T-Shirt cost	\$1,160.06
Signage	\$1,436.15
Donation to ARCCA	\$2,000.00
TRAC Series Trophies	\$5,885.30
Race series loss 2023	\$1,169.29
Other	\$983.13
	\$12,633.93
Net	\$2,741.07
Sponsorship Bank Balance September 30, 2023	\$18,430.68
Expenditures since Sept 30	
JCM Insurance	\$2,380.00
AMP Donation/JCM Top-up	\$2,086.00
Current Balance	\$13,964.68

## 2024 Budget

REVENUE	Actual 2023	Budget
<b>Memberships/Licences/Permits</b>		
Individual Levies	\$6,175	\$6,175
Club Affiliation	1,750	1,750
Race Licence	2,800	3,200
1 day Race Licence	220	300
Time Attack Licence	1,080	1,200
Lapping Licence	680	800
Regional Slalom Permits	150	150
Slalom Individual Levies	965	1,000
MCCA	2,480	
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>\$16,300</b>	<b>\$14,575</b>
 <b>Track Operations Revenue</b>		
HP Solo Operation Revenue	\$20,910	\$20,000
Race Operation Revenue	25,694	35,100
RACE SCHOOL FEE	690	1,920
NEWBIE ENTRY FEE	1,750	3,000
Transponder Rental fee	1,250	1,250
JCM Revenue	8,630	13,462
TRAC SERIES REVENUE	15,375	18,000
<b>Total Track Operations</b>	<b>\$74,299</b>	<b>\$92,732</b>
 <b>Other Revenue</b>		
GL& D&O Liability for clubs	\$4,900	
Slalom Event Insurance	4,003	
Kart Event Insurance	1,949	
Lapping Event Insurance	5,515	
Perf. Drive School/Event Insurance	704	
CAR NUMBER	360	410
GATE REVENUE	2,910	3,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	540	500
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,880</b>	<b>\$3,910</b>
 <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	 <b>\$111,479</b>	 <b>\$111,217</b>
 <b>EXPENSE</b>		
 <b>Track Operations Expense</b>		
HP Solo Operation Expenses	\$15,559	\$16,500
JCM Expenses	4,492	5,548
Race Operation Expense	33,663	38,086

Atlantic Region Motor Sports Inc  
Budget 2024

TRAC SERIES EXPENSES	12,634	15,000
Transponder System Purchase	63	10,400
<b>Total Track Operations</b>	<b>\$66,411</b>	<b>\$85,534</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
DONATIONS	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>		
Advertising & Promotions	\$2,370	\$2,485
Club Event Insurance -Stoneridge	11,870	
Annual General Meeting	3,526	4,000
AMP Donations (MCCA)	2,480	
AMP Donations (JCM)	5,113	7,914
Race Trophies & Awards	726	
Solo Trophies & Awards	506	
<b>Total Trophies &amp; Awards</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Insurance GL& D&O Stoneridge	4,900	
GL D&O ARMS	965	1,000
Bank Charges Savings	7	
BANK FEES SPONORSHIP ACCOUNT	10	
PayPal Fees	11	
Office & Administrative	1,724	
Miscellaneous Expense	33	
Travel & Meetings	180	
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Total General &amp; Admin. Expenses</b>	<b>\$34,420</b>	<b>\$18,399</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$103,331</b>	<b>\$106,433</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$8,148</b>	<b>\$4,784</b>

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