



SWMS Meeting Minutes

Sep 27, 2022

General

Note: This board meeting was held via the internet-based Zoom video conferencing application.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: J. Stoughton, J. Colbert, L. Haynes, S. Claunch, T. Wolicki, V. Yarberry, J. Slenes, S. Marino, A. Sanford, M. Tribble, M. Lueders, L. Pittsley, A. DeNardis, E. Cahan, M. Travers, R. Kells

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 8/2022 meeting minutes was moved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report

- A comprehensive treasurer's report is now generated by J. Colbert in Excel format, both as event balance sheet summaries as well a monthly, running summary. These new documents will be sent out separately to the Board. A snapshot is provided below:

Beginning balance for September 2022	\$9,623.34
Deposits	+ \$7,439.50 (September race memberships, fees, MSR, and dues)
Withdrawals	- \$9,288.05 (Insurance payment, September race expenses)
Estimated Ending balance Reported for September 2022	\$7,774.79

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - Planned payment of \$2,089 paid to insurance during September.
 - As of the time at which the September board meeting was held, another \$1000 to \$2000 expected to be inbound from the September race event.
 - V. Yarberry noted a small accounting edit for the track truck repairs; J. Colbert to updated accordingly.
 - The September race has returned to more or less stable, large car counts now that summer travel has slowed and schools are back in session.
 - The October race, planned to be one of the largest of the season, may really help to serve as a strong financial close out to the 2022 SWMS season.

Events and Races

- September 24/25 – Sandia #5, “Karting Kraziness”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: E. Cahan*
 - E. Cahan provided a quick event overview and overall, the weekend went really well. Good racing and good weather.
 - A good group of karts was present with many smiles and many compliments.
 - E. Cahan asked the Board to consider keeping the out-of-town karting discounts for the October race. It was noted that the Colorado karting season is now closed and that CO karts may travel to Albuquerque for October.
 - Karting Kraziness was posted to the Arizona and Colorado karting groups/organizations, however, unfortunately Karting Kraziness conflicted with existing race weekends in both AZ and CO.
 - Many thanks to G. Sanford who helped behind the scenes to assist with Race Chair duties.
 - S. Marino asked how the Board might better set the starting positions for the morning qualifying races.
 - Issues were encountered on Sunday with the MyLaps side of the website and posting system. All issues now resolved and all results have been uploaded and posted by MyLaps. As a backup, V. Yarberry was able to quickly print and distribute paper copies at the track, which worked perfect.
 - On-Track Incidents:
 - On Saturday, a Legends car had steering issues. The driver and car were safe and collected in an efficient and professional manner.
 - On Sunday, an SM car encountered mechanical issues and during pulling off, the SM which was following had a lockup and seemed to be unhappy with the first SM car’s pull-off. Please be mindful of changing conditions during the extremely close racing formations in SM.
 - The late start to the day on Saturday was due to late arrive of ice for the corner worker on-track drinks.
 - T. Wolicki suggested that the Race Chair procedure be updated with a requirement to have ice present before 7AM.
 - J. Stoughton will ensure ice arrives on-time for the October race.
 - It was suggested that a “standard” schedule template be developed and attached as a reference to the Race Chair Procedure.
 - Simultaneously, an electronic Excel .xlsx format schedule is also needed in parallel to the standard Word/PDF schedule; the .xlsx needs to be routed to Vic for timing and scoring.
- October 22/23 – Sandia #6, “Miata Mayhem”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: M. Travers (Promoter) together with J. Stoughton (Chair/Admin)*
 - Jerry to share the 2021 Miata Mayhem schedule as a starting point for the 2022 weekend.
 - M. Travers Report:
 - M. Travers listed that an SM from Las Cruces and an SM from CO are likely to participate; working on getting more commitments from others.
 - M. Travers will be staying at the track the whole weekend.
 - J. Guthrie unfortunately has a conflict and will not be present.

- Communications are continuing with the leadership of NASA's SM group.
- Emails with updates and scheduled will be sent via M. Travers, J. Stoughton, and Wix via A. Sanford.
- Great communicates are continuing with the General Manager of University Mazda, who has committed to being a sponsor for a second year.
 - L. Pittsley wondered if anything could be added to the race packets to help promote University Mazda.
- Karts Group:
 - E. Cahan to try to see if shortening of karts practice sessions could be possible. It was noted that karts use practice in a different way than cars, more like a test and tune.
 - It was also noted that, generally, karts qualify by time, so the qualifying sessions are also a bit different than cars.
- T. Wolicki inquired if a fun dinner event will be planned for Saturday.
 - J. Stoughton proposed to keep dinner activities up to the discretion of the Race Chair(s).
 - S. Claunch noted that earlier in the summer, a pizza dinner was approximately \$150 to provide.
 - M. Travers confirmed that he was happy to provide pizza and beverages for Miata Mayhem on Saturday.
 - T. Wolicki noted that the Saturday dinner is much appreciated by the corner workers and helps to encourage corner worker participation with the dinner being an nice bonus.
 - L. Pittsley noted that a Saturday dinner was originally a well-attended part of SWMS weekends in the beginning. Over the years, participation has decreased, but it was thought that participation would once again increase if the Saturday dinner was published in advance and/or in the schedule.

Old Business

- None to report.

New Business

- New Board of Directors Member
 - J. Stoughton was pleased to announce that R. Kells, a long-time member and active participant in the Vintage Group, will be joining as a SWMS Board Member at Large.
 - Congratulations and welcome to R. Kells.
- Starting Positions for Qualifying Races
 - S. Marino relayed that the starting positions are first-come-first serve at present and that perhaps more could/should be done to randomize the starting positions.
 - Perhaps a pill-draw type line up could help randomize starts.
 - It was also noted that Saturday main race results could be used for Sunday qualifying race starting positions.
 - As an additional, related topic:
 - Is there a formal victory lane for SWMS main races? Could be helpful for sponsor and winner photographs.
 - A formal victory lane is present in the small oval, however, it is located within the active race course and so safety concerns are present.

- Perhaps for Miata Mayhem, victory lane could be at the University Mazda area. L. Pittsley to call M. Travers with more ideas.
 - As an additional, related topic:
 - A formal photographer may be helpful for sponsored races.
 - M. Travers to investigate options for a photographer for Miata Mayhem.
- SWMS Support for Auto Shop Class at Rio Rancho High School
 - Thanks to all of the SWMS members who donated posters and memorabilia to the auto shop.
 - S. Claunch is continuing to work logistics to get his Fiat race car and spare parts to the auto shop for repairs, lessons, ect.
 - It was noted that M. Tribble may be available to give a presentation on SWMS and sports car racing to the students.
- SWMS Social Calendar
 - J. Stoughton would like to rebuild a social event for SWMS now that COVID is changing and evolving.
 - R. Kells agreed to collect ideas and brainstorm some potential social events.
 - Perhaps the social event could take place in the off season between 2022 and 2023 seasons.
- Other New Business:
 - T. Wolicki noted that the track truck needs brake service/replacement. S. Marino and J. Stoughton agreed to perform an inspection and service during the off season.
 - J. Slenes asked about any updates on Sandia Speedway for 2023. SWMS confirmed that the Board is communicating with Sandia Speedway's owners and expressing that SWMS would like to run during 2023. More to follow.
 - M. Travers noted that SCCA generally sends out their event schedules 1 month prior to the weekend and that NASA is generally 2 months prior to the weekend. Perhaps SWMS can formalize a standard schedule.
 - L. Haynes noted that SWMS Pit and Grid (K. Adams and D. Porter) are not comfortable with drafting SWMS technical inspection rules. They agree to enforce any rules drafted, but look to other Board members for development of rules. L. Haynes will organize any suggested rules and work to get them incorporated into procedure updates with B. Richards.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM

The next Board meeting will be held October 18th, 2022. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.