



SWMS Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

General

Note: Due to restrictions on gatherings, this board meeting was held via the internet-based Zoom video conferencing application.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM by President Gary Sanford.

This meeting constitutes the first SWMS Official Board and General Membership Meeting for 2021.

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 10/2020 meeting minutes (held 10/27/2020) was moved and seconded.
- Due to the continually evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Board meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the next few 2021 Board meetings.
 - J. Stoughton noted that once COVID-19 restrictions ease, perhaps the Board could consider a 50% Zoom and 50% In-Person meeting ratio.
- SWMS still has the 2020 season trophies and hopes to distribute them in early 2021 at an appropriate event(s).
- The SWMS 2021 calendar of race events is now firm, contracted, and ready to post to website. A. Sanford took an action to update the website.
- A. Sanford agreed to generate a SWMS 2021 poster, similar to the 2020 poster, with the 2021 calendar of SWMS events. The calendar is planned to be finalized towards the end of January. L. Pittsley agreed to check with D. Girand on publishing/printing.

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 December 2020	\$14,507.90
Deposits	+\$50.00: Member Registration Fees
Withdrawals	None
Estimated Ending balance Reported for December 2020	\$14,557.90 [Final Year End Balance For 2020]

- Motion to approve the prior treasurer's report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - The 2020 season for SWMS operations ended on a net positive income, well done to all.
 - An insurance credit of \$2,180 is anticipated to be carried into 2021 based on the cancelled 2020 events, J. Colbert to confirm.
 - The generous sponsor contributions during 2020 made an enormous positive net benefit to 2020 SWMS operations during a difficult season, many thanks to the proud sponsors of SWMS.
 - The increase in participation of the karting group (now Saturday and Sunday) has been both well received and important for SWMS financials.

- Average of approximately 23 entrants for 2020 race weekends.
- Based on the timing of the insurance contracts, the new 2021 season contract takes effect in approximately July, 2021. J. Colbert to negotiate 2021 insurance contract soon in the New Year.
- The 2021 contract between SWMS and Sandia Speedway is expected to be signed and returned back from Sandia Speedway by the end of January.
 - The daily/weekend rate is expected to be similar to the rates for the 2020 season.
 - Sandia Speedway gave priority to SWMS dates, a first in recent memory, thank you to Sandia Speedway.
- ASR dates are TBD based on the evolving COVID-19 restrictions and travel guidance.

Old Business

- SWMS Bylaws Project
 - Project lead, B. Richards, was not able to be present. However, Bob is working on language. Constructive feedback and communications are underway.
 - Once draft is complete, plan is to forward to B. McNeil for formal legal review.
 - A call for final comments from those involved was made by G. Sanford.
 - Final approval will be a topic of a future Board meeting.
- SWMS Training Plan for 2021
 - S. Marino stated that it would be best if SWMS integrated the training plan into 2021 weekend activities/scheduling announcements at the start of the 2021 season.
 - HPDE will continue to be led and instructed by J. Slenes, scheduled as per normal SWMS practice to occur each race weekend.
 - Race school: S. Marino recommended that two offerings per year would be best, tentatively scheduled for the June and September events.
 - The 2021 schedule has been posted on Facebook by J. Slenes.
- Track Truck Project 2.0
 - As the club is aware, the trailer containing a 'box of truck engine stuff' was located within S. Marino's trailer when the trailer was unfortunately stolen earlier in the year. This box of parts is thought to contain fasteners, engine mounts, and engine pan. These parts are believed to be easily replaceable.
 - The engine was torn down:
 - Piston rings were well worn.
 - The engine is a 361 FT (part of Ford FE family).
 - Last rebuilt in 1978, crank is 10 under, block is 60 over.
 - Anyone with FE parts should reach out to S. Marino, SWMS also going to check with R. Kelso.
 - "Need-by Date" is the April event.
 - SWMS will need to evaluate rebuilding existing engine versus sourcing a remanufactured engine.
 - L. Pittsley informed the Board that the new large-format decals for the truck are done, many thanks to D. Girand!

New Business

- Online Registration via MotorsportsReg
 - A method to integrate the track waiver *is possible*.
 - SWMS agrees that investigating online-only registration is a worthwhile option to review leading up to the planned May race weekend.
 - J. Colbert mentioned that there are upcoming MotorsportsReg seminars, V. Yarberry is planning to attend.
 - The SWMS Board is looking for a club member to lead the 'MotorsportsReg' project.
- 2021 Season and Event Planning
 - First event will be May event, "Rio Grande 2.5".
 - 2021 event naming will generally follow 2020 event naming.
 - Karting group representative, Eban, open to being a Race Weekend Coordinator for a 2021 event, a first for SWMS.
 - The September event needs a volunteer to be Race Weekend Coordinator.
 - The September or October event may be "Miata Mayhem", J. Stoughton to coordinate with M. Travers.
 - A SWMS member drive-out could also be an option in 2021.
- April 24: Technical Inspection Day
 - Location will be Sandia Speedway.
 - Plan is to follow the plan and scheduling of prior years.
 - Helmet requirements:
 - L. Haynes to draft statement on updates.
 - Snell 2020 encouraged, 2015 OK, 2010 needs replacement.
 - The Board noted that the SFI/FIA requirements for belts/harnesses would be helpful to post and share as well.
 - Marci and Wendy plan to be present to collect 2021 membership fees and work on race licensing as appropriate.
 - J. Slenes expressed interest in holding the instructor clinic.
 - S. Marino agreed to inquire with J. Johnson on fire extinguisher/crash-n-burn school training. It was also mentioned that J. Johnson could perhaps arrange a med-flight/helicopter training.
 - Tom noted that the fire extinguishers are good-to-go, already having been renewed in 2020.
 - Members interested in track time on April 24 are permitted to use track after separately registering and paying Sandia Speedway for track use.
- May 22 and 23: First Planned SWMS Race Weekend
 - "Racing on the Rio Grande 2.5", L. Pittsley.
 - More information to follow at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM

The Board will determine and send updates for the next meeting, to be held via Zoom. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.