



SWMS Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

General

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: J. Stoughton, J. Colbert, L. Haynes, T. Wolicki, V. Yarberry, A. Sanford, M. Luders, J. Slenes, M. Tribble, S. Marino, Z. Myers, D. Eilers

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 1/2023 meeting minutes was moved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report

- A comprehensive treasurer's report is generated by J. Colbert in Excel format, in the form of a monthly, running summary. These documents are sent out separately to the Board. A snapshot is provided below:

Beginning balance for February 2023	\$10,694.64
Deposits	N/A
Withdrawals	N/A
Estimated Ending balance Reported for February 2023	\$10,694.64

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - The January financials were really positive:
 - 2022 Season Banquet and Awards Ceremony
 - Approximate revenue: \$2,200. A huge thanks to F. Cordova for his generous contribution to cover the workers and thanks to M. Travers for his contribution as well!
 - Approximate expenses: \$1,700. Catering, trophies, decorating supplies
 - In summary, the banquet broke even and then some, well done to the planning team.
 - Winter Series Race 1:
 - Great car and member turn out!!
 - Approximate revenue: \$3,800. 24 cars and 6 karts.
 - Approximate expenses: \$1,500. Reduced rate with the track ownership and insurance to cover the race day.
 - In summary, a net of +\$1,500 at the first SWMS 2023 event.

Events and Races

- **Winter Series Race 1:**
 - Financials: Motion by J. Stoughton to discuss the “larger than expected” profits from the first Winter Series race with Suika Circuit track management.
 - J. Colbert recommended to have a conversation with J. Guthrie to see what could be done.
 - In general, the healthy Winter Series race shows the importance of SWMS, Suika Circuit, and sportscar racing in NM. All interested parties benefitted, and so the large revenue for SWMS could be split with the track (also noting that the track gave a significant discount for the Winter Series rental fee).
 - Vote for J. Stoughton to proceed with discussion with Suika Circuit:
 - For: All present
 - Against: None
 - Event Recap:
 - **Overall, the best turn out for a Winter Series race in recent years!**
 - Race report (per SWMS procedure) prepared and distributed by L. Haynes (Chief Steward).
 - Issues were noted with tracking rental transponder numbers.
 - Low worker count: Many workers were actually racing member who elected not to run the Winter Series race. Race weekends are not possible without a strong worker count.
 - Issues with Command Control: Numerous entrances and exits onto and off of the track by members and track personnel were not explicitly controlled.
 - Legends “Yellow Flag Circulation:” Highly complex for SWMS timing and scoring loop operations. V. Yarberry was able to manage, however, yellow flag circulations not a part of SWMS formal track operations. J. Stoughton will discuss with Legends group lead.
 - HPDE: The Winter Series HPDE session was a bit different from the normal/full two-day program at a full SWMS race weekend. The plan moving forward is to return to the full SWMS format.
 - Long day overall for workers. The day was much longer than perhaps originally intended, many run groups for a “quick” Sunday Winter Series race. Improvements are needed if the next Winter Series race will be as long (restroom breaks, lunch, ect).
 - Transponders and MSR Integration:
 - Legends morning registration was relatively disorganized (not Legends fault), momentarily overwhelming SWMS “morning-of” registration capabilities.
 - It would be ideal to open a Legends group in MSR for pre-registration prior to race day.
 - Untangling rented transponder numbers continues to be troublesome; SWMS timing and scoring did a good job trying to best correspond numbers to Legends cars.
 - Karts had a much improved transponder linking system, however, still a bit of confusion during the first session.

- L. Haynes encouraged the Board to consider how to reinforce transponders are the responsibility of the racer and not timing and scoring.
- J. Colbert offered that perhaps a system for rental transponder check-outs could be developed. A check out sheet labeled one through 20, ect.
- M. Luders believed a master list of rental transponder numbers exists, she will attempt to locate the list.
- J. Slenes wondered if QR codes or similar could help with rental transponder numbers.
- **Winter Series Race 2:**
 - Event planning is well under way and looking good.
 - Note that S. Claunch's dad will not be available to instruct fire training during the Tech Day/Training Day.
 - SWMS to check with J. Johnson, though his schedule is expected to be busy.
 - Contacting the Bernalillo County Fire Department was also discussed.

Old Business

- **Motorsports Registration Usage:**
 - Usage is increasing, which is helping to simplify both registration and financial aspects of events.
 - Every entry on MSR generates an email which is sent to J. Colbert → Emails show if transponder numbers are present or not during registration. J. Colbert could review and email those who are still registering without transponder numbers.
 - A goal might be for SWMS to have a laptop present for morning-of registration to fully complete the transition to digital registration.
- **Procedure Updates:**
 - With thanks to B. Richards and S. Claunch, semi-major updates completed to Race Chair procedure.
 - Updates also completed to Tech Form for 2023 season.
- **Track Ownership, Updates:**
 - Ownership has fully transitioned to the new management and owners.
 - The road course has been rebranded Suika Circuit.
 - The dirt oval will remain Sandia Speedway.

New Business

- **Race Chairs for 2023 Events:**
 - March Weekend: Open
 - April Weekend: Open
 - May Weekend: L. Pittsley
 - June Weekend: J. Colbert
 - July Weekend: A. Sanford
 - August Weekend: S. Claunch (?)
 - September Weekend: E. Cahan (?)
 - October Weekend: M. Travers, J. Stoughton
- **Social Calendar:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM

The next Board meeting will be held on 21-Mar-23. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.