



SWMS Meeting Minutes

Aug 23, 2022

General

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: J. Stoughton, J. Colbert, B. Richards, L. Haynes, S. Claunch, T. Wolicki, V. Yarberry, J. Slenes, S. Marino, A. Sanford, M. Tribble, B. Lee, M. Lueders

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 7/2022 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 August 2022	\$11,622.19
Deposits	+ \$580.85 (memberships, fees, and dues)
Withdrawals	- \$32.10 (website expenses)
Estimated Ending balance Reported for August 2022	\$12,170.94

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - Studying the last few months, income is generally slightly higher than outflow.
 - As previously noted, the Banquet, ASR race, and Summer Breeze Grand Prix race operated at slight losses.
 - The ambulance check/bill for ASR has still not yet been cashed.
 - Generally, the trend of race events held in the middle of summer having slightly lower attendance has been observed again this summer.
 - With holiday travel slowing and school being back in session, car counts are expected to increase for the remaining races of the year.
 - It was noted that the July SWMS race was very close to a race being held by RMVR in Colorado. The September SWMS race is on the same weekend as the RMVR September race.
 - Action for Board to review schedule overlaps, including NASA, RMVR, and Legends.
 - At the present time, the Winter Series racing at Sandia is unclear.

Events and Races

- July 23/24 – Sandia #3, “Sandia Super Cup”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: J. Colbert in place of A. Sanford*
 - The weekend went very smoothly, many thanks to all of the volunteers!
 - Due to peak holiday season timing, a somewhat lower than average car count.
 - 19 entrants, including karts
 - Two incidents occurred on-track, everyone was ok:
 - Kart impacted wall
 - Spec Miata contact during passing attempt
 - 4 Legends entrants on Saturday, 1 on Sunday.
- August 27/28 – Sandia #4, “Fast Heat V”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: S. Claunch*
 - *Chief Steward: B. Lee*
 - *Pit and Grid: D. Porter not able to volunteer, K. Adams confirmed and help from H. Haynes*
 - Cups, shirts, and other fun personalized items celebrating Fast Heat V are available for ordering.
 - S. Claunch stressed that the goal is to efficient progress through a busy and organized schedule.
 - If Legends are present, it was decided to start them as a group with a small gap in front of the SM group.
 - No licensing students are registered at present, 3 HPD school students registered.
 - Saturday night will have pizza.
 - A. Sanford to send email broadcast with information and reminder.
- September 24/25 – Sandia #5, “Karting Kraziness”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: E. Cahan*
 - E. Cahan was not able to join the Board meeting, however, J. Stoughton will try to catch up with Eban.
- October 22/23 – Sandia #6, “Miata Mayhem”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: M. Travers*

Old Business

- None to report.

New Business

- SWMS Support for Auto Shop at Rio Rancho High School
 - An autoshop teacher at Rio Rancho HS called and asked about posters, ect to decorate a classroom with as well as talk about an opportunity for SWMS to be a guest lecturer.
 - B. Richards wondered what car parts might help and what lecture topics would help.
 - It was also suggested that J. Guthrie could have a natural link being a pro driver as well as the link to Car Crafters.
 - S. Claunch proposed that his Fiat race car could be a good opportunity, needing repairs after its recovered theft.

- V. Yarberry has a 1-hour long presentation on SWMS that has been used at Scouts meetings.
- As a side topic, it was noted that D. Eilers has Scouts which remain interested in corner working for a weekend at a SWMS event.
 - The Board welcomes the opportunity and now is working to best schedule for safety.
 - Likely an invite will be encouraged at the Tech/Safety Day training at the start of the 2023 season.
- RMVR Pueblo, CO in Sept (New Miata Run Group)
 - The leadership of RMVR notified the SWMS Board that RMVR has a new SM run group incorporated within their traditionally vintage-oriented racing structure.
 - RMVR is now also accepting non-fuel-cell race cars on a case-by-case basis (a benefit to SM).
 - Like most motorsport clubs, RMVR is doing their best to welcome new cars and increase car counts to best support racing.
- SWMS Social Calendar
 - Historically, in pre-COVID times, SWMS tried to have a summer/early fall social event; chili cook-off, poker run, ect.
 - The Board and general membership still support such a fun event.
 - J. Stoughton to see if G. Sanford would be willing to collect ideas and/or organize something.
- Seat Belt Date Requirements Review, Requested by B. Lee
 - B. Lee raised a concern to the SWMS Board that the 2-year replacement rule on seatbelts seems excessive for a club such as SWMS. Furthermore, no SCCA or NASA accident reports indicate that seat belt failures are an issue.
 - The proposal to the SWMS Board was to review and consider a 5-year replacement rule.
 - Substantial discussion followed:
 - Are there insurance considerations?
 - FIA belts are 5 years, only SFI are 2 years.
 - Leaving belt rule interpretations to SWMS Technical Inspectors could lead to potential disagreements and/or unfair arguments.
 - Impacts to SWMS/VMC/RMVR reciprocity considerations.
 - The Board agreed to take an action to review the seatbelt replacement rule and stance prior to the 2023 season.
 - L. Haynes agreed to work with K. Adams and D. Porter to review and incorporate a few updates to the rules and procedures documents, including seat belt replacements.
- As a closing point, A. Sanford agreed to work with V. Yarberry to update the 2022 season lap records.
- In post-script, it was noted that the collection of Miata race cars maintained by Sandia Speedway will be/are up for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

The next Board meeting will be held September 27th, 2022. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.