



SWMS Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

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: M. Tribble, J. Colbert, J. Slenes, A. Sanford, L. Haynes, B. Richards, T. Wolicki, J. Stoughton, V. Yarberr, L. Pittsley, S. Marino, L. Brown, S. Brown

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 2/2022 meeting minutes was moved and seconded.
- G. Sanford submitted his resignation based on events outside of SWMS. The SWMS board has agreed that J. Stoughton will be president for 2022.

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 March 2022	\$15,906.73
Deposits	+ \$400.00, memberships, dues, ect
Withdrawals	+ \$0.00
Estimated Ending balance Reported for January 2022	\$16,306.73

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - VMC annual dues (\$200) were paid during February.
 - Class/standing trophies were arranged by L. Pittsley for 2021 season results, estimated costs \$176.
 - The SWMS board is considering 6 or 7 events for the 2022 season, depending on 2022 insurance fee structure. Further details and approvals to be discussed during the April board meeting.
 - B. Richards inquired which event weekends during the 2022 season will have HPD/E versus HPD/S. B. Richards to follow up with S. Marino.
 - The board agreed to post the options for both HPD/E and HPD/S for each of the 2022 weekends and then evaluate participation and weekend scheduling on a per-event basis.

Events and Races

- Event Review: March 19 - 2022 Season Technical Inspection, Safety, and Instructor School
 - *Event Coordinator Chair: S. Claunch*
 - Overall, the Tech Day was an excellent start to the 2022 season and a successful event.
 - T. Wolicki noted that there could possibly be a few new racers and corner workers after a couple of friendly new people came to meet SWMS during the Tech Day.
 - J. Slenes noted that two new instructors were trained, S. Brown and A. Sanford. Overall, the new instructor training presentation developed by S. Marino was viewed as an excellent addition to instructor training activities.
 - Kudos to K. Adams and D. Porter for efficient and detailed inspections!
 - V. Yarberry inquired how many cars were deemed to fail inspections. The board noted that cars do not typically fail inspections, rather deficiencies and required improvements are noted in log books and then re-inspected upon correction/repair at subsequent race events.
 - J. Slenes noted that the resurging, local Legends race group appeared to have growing participation.
 - J. Stoughton will remain in contact with the Legends group organizer and extend invites to the Legends groups for SWMS events.
 - A. Sanford posted S. Claunch's review and a number of photos of Tech Day at SWMS.org.

- Next Event: April 23/24 – Arroyo #1, "Springtime in the Desert"
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: B. Lee*
 - *Steward: B. Lee*
 - *Instructor: TBD*
 - V. Yarberry will be present to manage and operate the track timing loop and SWMS timing system.
 - T. Wolicki inquired about volunteer/worker compensation.
 - A recommendation was made to evaluate compensation given inflation and increased fuel prices.
 - The SWMS board agreed to review compensation and will start by determining the number of volunteer workers required for the weekend. Once the number of needed volunteers is known, compensation adjustment can be evaluated.
 - L. Pittsley will be at ASR and agreed to work a corner during races.
 - J. Colbert inquired about the fee structure for ASR track rentals, J. Stoughton and/or B. Lee to discuss with ASR and get back with J. Colbert.

Old Business

- 2021 SWMS End of Year Awards Banquet
 - J. Stoughton asked if board members were at a point where COVID concerns were low enough to resume planning the year end banquet. Generally the board indicated yes.
 - L. Pittsley recommended to consider if a daytime or evening event would work best.
 - S. Marino suggested that SWMS consider outdoor seating and/or a covered outside tent for eating.
 - The board agreed to target the 30th of April or the 7th of May for the celebration, perhaps shifting to an evening event (5:30PM to 8:30PM).

- Drone Procedure
 - S. Marino and J. Stoughton submitted a draft of the new procedure to R. Richards for review and formatting.
 - It was suggested that any applicable FAA regulations somehow be linked and/or referenced within the SWMS procedure.
 - S. Brown, an active member on the NM SCCA autocross board of directors, noted that SCCA's insurance and procedures do not permit drones over an active circuit.
- HANS Device Inspections and Certifications
 - A number of members' restraints are non-compliant per the manufacturer recommended 5-year re-certification requirements.
 - L. Pittsley noted that a recertification is approximately \$80 plus shipping and handling.
 - The Board voted and agreed that restraints at SWMS events shall meet the 5-year recertification requirements.
 - A. Sanford and B. Richards agreed to update applicable forms and procedures to reflect 5-year recertifications.

New Business

- 2022 Advertisement of SWMS in NM Motorsports Report
 - The board voted to purchase a \$375 advertisement for SWMS in NM Motorsports Report.
 - In parallel, J. Stoughton was featured and interviewed on ESPN's NM Motorsports Report with D. Swope on 3/18/22. The interview went really well.
- Social Media Activities
 - J. Slenes provided the update that seemingly very little cross-sharing of SWMS postings on Facebook was taking place. He further explained that cross-sharing is an important metric for FB algorithms and members were encouraged to cross-share as much as possible.
 - J. Slenes continues to actively promote SWMS events and other interesting local racing activities on the SWMS FB page.
- Future Board Meetings
 - J. Stoughton encouraged the board to consider in-person board meetings.
 - S. Brown noted that NM SCCA holds hybrid meetings, whereby an in-person meeting is held while also having Zoom online during the in-person meeting for members who do not wish to participate in-person.
 - The board agreed that the April board meeting would take place via Zoom.
 - The May board meeting may be the first opportunity for an in-person board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19PM

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