



SWMS Meeting Minutes

August 15th, 2023

General

Note: This board meeting was held in person, at Fuddruckers [4855 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109].

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: G. Self, J. Jerger, J. Colbert, L. Haynes, J. Wright, K. Adams, A. Sanford, R. Dunn, J. Stoughton, M. Stoughton, T. Wolicki, M. Luders, L. Pittsley, B. Richards, M. Travers, S. Marino, V. Yarberry, J. Slenes

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 5/2023 and 6/2023 meeting minutes was approved 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 July 2023	\$15,266.31
Deposits	+3,189.35 [membership and entry fees for Suika Race 4]
Withdrawals	-5,688.41 [track rental, transponder rental, summer insurance installment of \$2,495.00, MSR laptop]
Estimated Ending balance Reported for June 2023	\$12,767.25

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - All expenses paid in full up to the June race.
 - The 2nd of 4 planned insurance installments was paid during July. SWMS insurance valid from 5/15/2023 through 5/15/2024, including coverage for 16 races over 8 events).
 - For the first time in recent memory, the SWMS monthly financial statement aligns with the monthly bank statement. Also note, that cash flow is positive without sponsorship subsidies.
 - In general, the slight increase in 2023 SWMS registration fees is working as forecasted, the financial statements are approximately level month-to-month.
 - Approx. 24 cars are needed to break even. The 2023 season average has been close, at approx. 21 cars.

Events and Races

- July Race (Saturday Only): **Suika Super Cup, July 1st**
 - Race Chair: A. Sanford
 - Race Steward: L. Pittsley
 - Summary:
 - 18 cars, 0 karts.
 - One-day format seemed to work well.
 - MSR worked well for last minute and morning-of registrations (performed using iPhones).
 - During driver's meeting, race day scheduling adjusted on-the-fly, all racing voted to be concluded by ~1PM.
 - Safe and efficient day of racing.
- August Race (Sunday Only): **Fast Heat, August 27th**
 - Race Chair: S. Claunch
 - Race Steward: L. Pittsley
 - Notes:
 - No SWMS presence at the track on Friday or Saturday. All late registrations and tech inspections will be Sunday morning before 8:30am.
 - A. Sanford to double check that MSR is set up for Sunday registration only.
 - Karts: E. Cahan will not be present (his family race team is on the pro tour this summer). L. Pittsley to reach out to other karting group members to see if they will race.
 - J. Colbert to talk with Legends group to see if they will race.
- September Race: **Karting Kraziness: September 23rd and 24th**
 - Race Chair: J. Colbert
- October Race: **Miata Mayhem: October 14th and 15th**
 - Race Chair: M. Travers w/ J. Stoughton
 - Notes:
 - NASA championships are in Pittsburg, so perhaps AZ and CO Nasa will be more interested in NM race.
 - ~5 out-of-town entrants seem interested in racing, M. Travers to keep communicating.
 - Planning to keep the same schedule as the 2022 Miata Mayhem.
 - A. Sanford to send a link to M. Travers for MSR registration.
 - University Mazda to sponsor \$2,000 in purse money (huge thanks!).
 - A new racing family recently purchased an SM from Rossini, hope to see at SWMS events soon.
 - SM tire rules (goal is to get everyone on RT660s): 1 set of race tires for all races. Practices and qualifying is open-tire.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **MSR Registration, Cashless Registration Project:**
 - New "MSR" laptop up and running, goal is to have morning-of registrations performed on the laptop.

- Higher “late registration fees”
 - L. Pittsley responded that SWMS used to charge a late fee, however, it did not seem to inspire early registration. Late fees discontinued, SWMS simply wanted a good car count.
 - J. Stoughton responded that since the registration fees were already increased for 2023, the decision was made to not charge any late fees for 2023.
- MSR-to-MyLaps Integration Macros (V. Yarberry)
 - Macro 1: export racer details from MSR and print into run groups sheets
 - Macro 2: translate Excel weekend schedule into MyLaps timing system
 - Macro 3: use MSR to generate “check-in” sheets
 - Macro 4: some sort of MSR financial report
 - V. Yarberry noted that the SWMS laptops might need Microsoft Office, ~\$30 per copy/installation. SWMS Board agreed and approved purchases.
- **Search for New SWMS Board**
 - President J. Stoughton, Vice President L. Haynes, and Treasurer J. Colbert will not be renewing for 2024. Secretary and Webmaster A. Sanford interested in continuing as Secretary for 2024.
 - Current Board members all would like to race more, no longer able to commit the dedicated time to run the club.
 - B. Richards will serve on the committee to collect nominations.
 - Elections are needed in advance of the 2024 SWMS season.
- **HPDE “Student List”**
 - S. Marino wondered how to best track who has completed the SWMS HPDE school. It was noted that some sort of gating mechanism might be helpful.
 - Historically, SWMS issued Student Logbooks. It was recommended that SWMS restart Student Logbooks.
 - S. Marino to look for a Student Logbook in his materials. W. Myers maybe be able to help with printing more.
- **ABQ Super Laps Experience (J. Wright)**
 - \$120 per day, 5 laps (1 warm up, 3 timed, 1 cool down).
 - 60 car per day, with 5 cars on the track at the same time.
 - No transponders, using iPhone GPS apps.
 - Fun day, lots of motivated people in nice cars, would be helpful to somehow engage Super Laps as a gateway to road racing.
 - M. Travers wondered if SWMS would be able to set up an info tent at a Super Laps weekend.
 - J. Wright to inquire on the Super Laps Face Book page and report back what he learns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

The next Board meeting will be held on 15-Aug-23. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.