



SWMS Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

General

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: J. Colbert, J. Stoughton, J. Slenes, A. Sanford, T. Wolicki, M. Luders, B. Richards, L. Haynes, S. Claunch, S. Marino, V. Yarberrry, C. Russell.

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 4/2023 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 May 2023	\$24,853.36
Deposits	+7,080.25 [membership and entry fees for Suika Race 2]
Withdrawals	-15,046.52 [track rental, transponder rental, worker drinks for Suika Race 1 and Suika Race 2]
Estimated Ending balance Reported for May 2023	\$16,887.09

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - Approximately \$9,600 income from Suika Race 1.
 - Suika Circuit is not yet cashing checks, J. Colbert in contact with Suika Circuit.
 - Insurance is paid (2022 through to May 15th 2023).
 - 2023/2024 season insurance update:
 - Renewing contract for 8 weekends, 16 days of racing.
 - Very similar pricing to 2022/2023.
 - SWMS Board formally approved 2023/2024 insurance contract.
 - Quite a bit of questions from insurance provider on details of SWMS weekends during 2023/2024 contract work.

Events and Races

- **May Race: RACING ON THE RIO GRANDE, May 6th and 7th**
 - Chief Steward: B. Lee
 - Race Chair: L. Pittsley
 - Quick Event Report:
 - L. Pittsley not able to attend meeting to give updates, but notes were forwarded in advance of the meeting.

- Positives:
 - Good weather.
 - A Spec 944 entry from Colorado joined.
 - New corner worker, found SWMS via Facebook.
 - Safe, good racing all weekend.
 - Spec Miatas responded well to SWMS inputs to ease aggression on Sunday.
- Negatives:
 - Saturday lunch delayed a bit; a large accident on the way to the track held up the catering truck.
 - Kart counts seem down this season.
 - Mechanical attrition reduced car counts for Sunday.
- School (S. Marino):
 - Small but very enthusiastic group of students.
- Legends:
 - Pre-registering is still a bit problematic, SWMS needs to get better word out to pre-register prior to the morning of.
- June Race: **SUMMER BREEZE GRAND PRIX, June 3rd and 4th**
 - Chief Steward: B. Richards
 - Race Chair: A. Sanford
 - Summer Breeze Grand Prix Staffing:
 - T. Wolicki, M. Luders are not available; W. Myers to assist with registration.
 - J. Stoughton and J. Colbert are not available; A. Sanford to assist with payments, ect.
 - S. Marino is not available; J. Slenes to assist with student activities.
 - L. Haynes to send A. Sanford the 2023 format for scheduling (co-developed to assist with SWMS Timing and Scoring).
 - A. Sanford to contact and confirm with D. Tanner (Suika Circuit) and J. Wilkinson (Catering).

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Weekend Run Group Scheduling**
 - Future SWMS events need to better deconflict Miatas and Legends; consider staggered starting if in the same run group and/or running two separate groups.
- **Purchasing of a Registration Computer**
 - The need for a computer to perform morning-of registrations in MSR has been identified.
 - V. Yarbberly to help with selection and setup of a new laptop.
- **Worker Training**
 - SWMS has identified a need to develop and post “minimum standards” for new corner workers.
 - V. Yarbberly to review legacy SWMS documents and RMVR materials.
 - T. Wolicki is working on new documentation and supplemental materials to best help first-time corner workers.
 - B. Richards also noted he may have legacy SWMS training materials.

- **Suika Circuit Transponder Rentals**
 - A number of conversations between SWMS and Suika Circuit have occurred; SWMS is not to rent Suika Circuit transponders.
 - J. Stoughton agreed to talk to J. Guthrie about transponders. Fundamentally, Suika Circuit transponders are not property of SWMS and so any rentals/payments need to be only through Suika Circuit.
 - More details to follow as a new agreement is arranged.
- **Sandia BWM Proposal and Discussion:**
 - C. Russell operates marketing at Sandia BMW and Mini.
 - C. Russell proposed that a goal would be to somehow investigate SWMS operating a Sandia BMW/Mini track weekend.
 - **SWMS Questions:**
 - How many expected entrants and cars?
 - SWMS has a general minimum of ~25 cars to break even.
 - Sandia BMW thought perhaps up to 50 cars. As a note, Sandia BMW hosted a recent road trip for BMW owners to Taos and had 14 cars.
 - How to best manage a time-attack type format vs. a race format?
 - How to manage many fast, expensive cars?
 - How to best manage some degree of technical inspections?
 - Sandia BMW informed that most cars are 2016+ BMW M-badged cars.
 - **SWMS Feedback and Comments:**
 - First, SWMS is super excited for such an event, which would combine BMW motorsports-oriented cars and SWMS safe road course operations.
 - Perhaps a date in July or August could be targeted.
 - SWMS would need to check with insurance to see how to best insure SWMS operations for such a weekend.
 - A. Sanford noted that, even in advance of a full weekend, SWMS could investigate issuing a book of vouchers for Sandia BMW to hand out for standard SWMS HPDS/HPDE run groups.
 - B. Richards noted that SWMS would certainly be interested and would be more than happy to help with considering how to best organize such an event.
 - J. Slenes noted that business cards and/or a handout with a QR code would be help to best spread word about SWMS and other interested parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM

The next Board meeting will be held on 20-Jun-23. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.