

## SWMS Meeting Minutes



March 20th, 2025

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### 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 6:05PM by President A. Sanford.

#### 1. Opening:

- Motion to approve the agenda was approved and seconded.

#### 2. Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Projector screen would be useful for future meetings
- Need volunteer to attend VMC meetings virtually – L. Haynes volunteered

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Due to membership changes, will wait until next meeting for full financial update
- Trophies purchased, received money back for overpayment
- Current balance: \$13,654.81 (higher than February balance)

#### 4. New Business

- Motorland Fest Round 1 – March 8-9, 2025
  - We want to support Suika Circuit with constructive feedback.
  - Schedule
    - Some racers waited at Pit & Grid for 30 minutes to an hour before entering track.
    - One racer was at the track 7am to 4pm and only had 14 laps.
    - Poor scheduling made for a long day. Too many events? Perhaps SuperLaps in AM, SWMS-style in PM?
    - Waiting for Super Laps times to be relayed back to the tower affects schedule efficiency. Relaying this info on another channel and continuing with operations would help immensely.
    - Consider running multiple groups at a time with split starts
  - Environment
    - The track announcements were much easier to hear.
    - DJ song selections did not contribute to a family-friendly event—multiple members heard profanity in multiple songs.
    - Great to see the visitors from Oklahoma.
    - Racers enjoyed the event, despite the long days.
    - Eric did a great job running the event.
    - Car count on Sunday averaged 60 cars!
  - Operations
    - Need a dedicated tow truck driver. Eric and Steve were filling in as needed which took them away from intended purpose.
  - J. Colbert (as a racer, not a board member) contacted J. Guthrie to update regarding event
  - K. Adams and G. Self completed multiple tech inspections
    - Send forms to A. Sanford

- Motorland Fest feedback will be presented to Suika Circuit coordinators in an in-person meeting
- Updates from VMC
  - Vintage interest is trending upward
  - VMC would like to increase member benefits
  - Motorsports insurance has been generally increasing 16-18% in US
- General racing updates
  - Forward/rear facing cameras are required more commonly
  - SCCA requires front view now, soon to include rear view
  - M. Travers (?) has a link for \$75 off a particular camera
  - W. Hollowell likes having video record—helpful addressing issues. He uses a GoPro 8 Black.
  - M. Travers uses an AiM camera
    - Some Spec Miata races require video upload after every session for race official checks
    - Disqualification if not uploaded before next session
  - Last race at Arizona Motorsports Park is April 5-6, 2025

## 5. Old Business

- Updated NM state registry with current SWMS board members
- MotorsportsReg.com (A. Sanford)
  - 3 memberships renewed, 12 licenses renewed, 3 licenses pending
  - Contact Andrew to renew license--\$75 fee with medical paperwork
  - License number auto populates to a 6XX number online—is manually corrected by A. Sanford
  - When renewing license, if medical approval already exists, re-send medical approval to A. Sanford at [contact@swms.org](mailto:contact@swms.org)
  - Licensing process isn't obvious. A. Sanford proposed and will create block diagram to post on swms.org website.
  - Often difficult to get doctor signature on SWMS medical forms. NASA form seems well accepted; SCCA form is more complicated. A. Sanford will look at this while updating licensing block diagram.
  - Licenses available to print online, if current
  - Licenses valid for one year, expire on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
  - For \$4 fee, MSR will send physical licenses
    - Sent once a month
    - Profile picture on MSR is license picture
    - Check address listed on profile
  - J. Colbert—is anyone checking licenses at track? Per A. Sanford, not currently, but an easy step in the software.
  - D. Porter—will vehicle tech be done through MSR at some point? Per A. Sanford, yes, in beta testing.
  - J. Slenes—keep in mind ease of access to out-of-town racers
  - G. Self—difficulty accessing license. A. Sanford will assist with locked license. Needs updated medical forms.
- Procedures
  - Will need to decide which procedures are now obsolete due to Suika Circuit sanctioning events. Recommended that we keep these procedures for future reference but remove from website.

- R. Richards will categorize roles and choose SMEs, A. Sanford will review
  - Need a board member to be a Procedure SME—R. Richards will assist this volunteer
  - Items needing to be updated:
    - Website (refer to Suika Circuit website where appropriate)
    - Mission statement
    - Board
    - VMC
    - Licensing
  - Timing/Scoring
    - E. La'mar's team is not currently using V. Yarberry's equipment
    - W. Hollowell recommended keeping equipment in storage for now
    - Results disappear on SpeedHive after a day or so—V. Yarberry says to upload at end of each race day
    - W. Hollowell has contact in TX for replacing transponder batteries
    - Z. Myers has contact in KS for updating Hans certifications
  - Sponsorships
    - No updates.
  - Legal Project
    - Continuing with work towards 501 non-profit updates. No official updates on timeline and/or date of completion.
6. **Attendance:** J. Neuman, A. Sanford, M. Travers, J. Colbert, Z. Myers, R. Richards, J. Slenes, D. Porter, R. Dunn, J. Wright, L. Haynes, G. Self, J. Jerger, W. Hollowell, V. Yarberry, R. Gilkerson, M. Tribble

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM

The next board meeting is planned to be held in person on April 17, 2025. See separate upcoming email for meeting details.