



SWMS Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2022

General

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by President J. Stoughton.

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 6/2022 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 July 2022	\$16,163.23
Deposits	+ \$260.95 (memberships, fees, and dues)
Withdrawals	- \$2,089.75 (2022 insurance policy payment)
Estimated Ending balance Reported for July 2022	\$14,334.43

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - Extra income is shown at present on balance sheet due to cancelling Sunday (weather/rain) for June event. Track paid per contract for the full weekend, however, all other variable expenses (ambulance, per-car rental, ect) were able to be saved.
 - \$3,400 in member fees for Sunday's cancellation, SWMS to credit for the June, Sunday race day cancellation to count during 2022 season.
 - 1 day credit accrued with SWMS insurance based on Sunday cancellation.
 - \$1,200 payment for Arroyo Seco race has not yet been deposited by track, J. Colbert to follow up.
 - Based on overall standing as of July, expecting approximately \$12,000 in SWMS account after the unique rain cancellation finances shuffle through.

Events and Races

- June 25/26 – Sandia #2, "Summer Breeze Grand Prix"
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: J. Colbert*
 - Saturday was a great day full of racing and training, also incorporating the first Legends car into a SWMS weekend.
 - Saturday night into Sunday brought substantial lightening storms and rains. The last Saturday race (karting group) was cut short. The adjacent dirt track racing Saturday night was also cancelled.

- Sunday morning, many had elected to depart based on the strong overnight weather. Based on a morning vote of the drivers, only about 5 entrants were interested in driving on the wet/damp track.
- Outside of the weather, the Saturday racing was excellent. Noteworthy was the fact that this was the very first cancellation of a SWMS race day based on rain.
- V. Yarberrry inquired about a SWMS rain-out policy, specifically if there is a written policy which states if a credit or refund is even warranted based on rains during a SWMS weekend.
 - The Board noted that a formal weather/rain-out policy does not exist.
 - L. Pittsley noted that PCA and RMVR do not give rain-out/weather credits and urged the Board to consider a formal stance and/or policy for an ‘act-of-God and/or hazardous weather cancellation.’
 - J. Slenes noted that with rain tires and/or treaded tires, racing in the rain could be a good driver opportunity.
 - S. Marino noted that a potential weather policy may need to also consider a minimum car count to hold an event.
 - The SWMS Board supports the decision to cancel the Sunday races based on weather and will honor the credit to members who paid for Sunday; credit only valid during 2022.
 - The SWMS Board also supports and action to develop a weather policy and/or procedure, J. Stoughton to work with B. Richards on policy/procedure development.
- S. Marino noted that running the student group separate to the HPDE group appeared to work well. Better differentiation between the two groups on the scheduling may be required.
 - J. Colbert recommends to separate two groups with “HPDE group” and “School group” on the schedule.
- July 23/24 – Sandia #3, “Sandia Super Cup”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: J. Colbert in place of A. Sanford*
 - Many thanks to J. Colbert for taking on a second weekend of race chare duties.
 - L. Haynes and J. Stoughton to serve as race stewards for the race weekend.
 - An increasing number of Legends cars (qty 5) are scheduled to participate. Therefore, a separate race group has been set for Legends.
 - 9 SM cars committed for weekend.
 - Open wheel run group to be considered and/or merged as necessary into schedule/groups.
 - J. Stoughton inquired if dinner plans had been made. Pizza or similar to be considered.
- August 27/28 – Sandia #4, “Fast Heat”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: S. Claunch*
 - S. Claunch to wait until Super Cup event is done and then will send out link to shirt prints and also the race announcement.
 - The starting point for the schedule will be the Sandia Super Cup schedule; though it was questioned if Legends will require a dedicated run group. J. Colbert mentioned that most Legends may be double-booked at a different race and so they might not require a scheduled run group for Fast Heat.

- S. Claunch would like to encourage that corner workers are important, including also race members who get a good view of fast lines should they also decide to volunteer.
- September 24/25 – Sandia #5, “Karting Kraziness”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: E. Cahan*
- October 22/23 – Sandia #6, “Miata Mayhem”
 - *Event Coordinator/Race Chair: M. Travers*

Old Business

- None to report.

New Business

- Track Board Information
 - The Sandia Speedway Board informed SWMS that the current track management indicated that a management change is likely to occur for 2023.
 - The Sandia Speedway Board intends to keep the track open in 2023 and further details will be evolving during next season.
 - Track fees may undergo adjustment for 2023.
 - T. Wolicki inquired if having a SWMS 2023 schedule outlined earlier than normal would benefit 2023; the Board does not have enough details at this time to know what might help for next year’s season.
 - J. Slenes wondered how contracting might work for 2023. L. Pittsley recommended that SWMS be prepared to be flexible, including ambulance services, ect.
- SWMS Partnerships with Other Racing Organizations
 - J. Stoughton encouraged the Board to consider partnerships and growth opportunities with other clubs, SCCA, ect.
 - L. Haynes reported that he is doing research with SCCA. SCCA road racing is unlikely to restart in NM, however, SCCA Solo (autocross) is confirmed as interested in a possible partnership with SWMS and/or SWMS race weekends.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

The next Board meeting will be held August 22nd, 2022. See separate upcoming email for Zoom instructions.