



SWMS Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 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 6:20PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: G. Self, J. Jerger, J. Colbert, K. Adams, A. Sanford, R. Dunn, J. Stoughton, L. Pittsley, B. Richards, S. DeBerry, B. Richards, J. Neuman, T. Angone

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 8/2023 meeting minutes was approved and seconded. Two typographical errors noted and corrected.

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 September 2023	\$14,864.80
Deposits	+2,394.25 [membership and entry fees for Suika Race 5]
Withdrawals	-6,392.10 [track rental Suika Race 5, summer insurance installment of \$2,590.00, PO Box Rental, Laptop Software, CPA Advice]
Estimated Ending balance Reported for September 2023	\$10,866.95

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - All expenses paid in full up to the September race.
 - The 3rd of 4 planned insurance installments was paid during September. SWMS insurance valid from 5/15/2023 through 5/15/2024, including coverage for 16 races over 8 events).

Events and Races

- August Race (Sunday Only): **Fast Heat, August 27th**
 - Race Chair: S. Claunch
 - Race Steward: L. Pittsley
 - Summary:
 - 29 cars, 2 karts.
 - 28 entries via MSR, including 5 at-track MSR registrations.
 - Spec Miata Qualification Race Incident:
 - Pill-draw (random) start, seemingly led to issues at the first corner.
 - Race Steward feedback: while aiming for excitement, random starts which eliminate cars for the weekend do not enhance racing.

- 2 cars broken, 1 car fixable with incident reports for all involved.
- **September Race: Karting Kraziness: September 23rd and 24th**
 - Race Chair: J. Colbert
 - Race Steward: L. Pittsley
 - Notes:
 - Track restaurant confirmed.
 - Pit and grid confirmed.
 - Worker truck requires a partial restock of sodas.
 - As of now, car count appears low. A. Sanford to send email broadcast with reminder to register.
- **October Race: Miata Mayhem: October 14th and 15th**
 - Race Chair: M. Travers w/ J. Stoughton
 - Notes:
 - University Mazda to sponsor \$2,000 in purse money, for Sunday morning grand finale Spec Miata race.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby**
 - A. Sanford relayed that the pine wood derby organized reached out to contact@SWMS.org, interested in partnering with SWMS to explain race car features to Scouts. The goal is to help inform pine wood derby car designs.
 - SWMS Board unanimously agreement to help, excited for more details during 2024.
- **MSR Registration, Cashless Registration Project:**
 - M. Luders not present, agenda item will be discussed at next board meeting.
- **Competition Licensing Fees (on behalf of L. Haynes)**
 - At present, approximately 50 members of SWMS and approximately 50 licenses issued by SWMS.
 - Per policy, both a membership (\$50 per year) and a license fee (\$50 per year) are required.
 - However, in practice, it is common to only receive \$50 for both. As such, it was recommended that the board consider both to be bundled and priced at \$75 per year, as a one-time membership and license renewal fee.
 - It was also noted that with RMVR, membership and licensing fees are checked via MSR prior to event entry.
 - A. Sanford and W. Myers to investigate options for 2024 season.
- **Search for New SWMS Board**
 - The 2024 SWMS board is being aggressively worked by J. Stoughton and B. Richards.
 - A list of candidates has been identified:
 - President position: J. Neuman
 - Vice president position: S. DeBerry
 - Treasurer: D. Eilers
 - Board Members at Large: T. Angone, G. Self, J. Jerger, M. Travers, S. Claunch
 - The 2023 SWMS board agrees with progressing to generating the electronic/email ballot (A. Sanford).
 - Per policy, the ballot will be forwarded to all paid 2023 SWMS members.

- Other Topics:
 - R. Dunn asked if SWMS and/or Suika is considering a Winter Series schedule of racing once the SWMS 2023 season is concluded.
 - As of this time, no formal confirmations from Suika, but could be an option. More details hopefully to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM

The next Board meeting will be held on 30-Oct-23. See separate upcoming email for meeting details.