



SWMS Meeting Minutes

October 30th, 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 6:15PM by President J. Stoughton.

Attendance: M. Luders, S. Marino, J. Stoughton, M. Travers, J. Neuman, D. Eilers, J. Colbert, L. Pittsley, J. Slenes, R. Dunn, G. Self, J. Jerger, A. Sanford, V. Yarberry, T. Wolicki

Announcements from the President and Board Members:

- Motion to approve the 9/2023 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 October 2023	\$14,864.80
Deposits	+\$9,342.90 [membership and entry fees for Suika Race 6]
Withdrawals	-5,811.51 [track rental Suika Race 6]
Estimated Ending balance Reported for October 2023	\$18,128.52

- Motion to approve the prior treasurers' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
 - Due to the timing of the board meeting versus the final 2023 SWMS race event (Suika Race 7), finances are reflecting a high balance.
 - Forecast for the 2023 SWMS season year end (after Suika Race 7): \$9,100.
 - Est. \$9,100 as the final year-end balance.
 - November insurance payment, \$2500.
 - Final payment to Suika Circuit for Suika Race 7 (Miata Mayhem), \$5,600.
 - The typical SWMS goal is to carry minimum \$10,000 in accounts, at any given time and at the end of the year.
 - Sponsorship summary for 2023:
 - Approx. \$750 sponsored to SWMS for 2022 year-end banquet.
 - \$250 sponsored to SWMS for Miata Mayhem food.
 - \$2,000 sponsored, direct from sponsor-to-winners, at Miata Mayhem
 - Overall, approximating a \$1,500 loss on SWMS operations during 2023.

Events and Races

- **October Race: Miata Mayhem: October 14th and 15th**
 - Race Chair: M. Travers w/ J. Stoughton
 - Race Steward: L. Pittsley
 - Notes:
 - Miata Mayhem was an excellent weekend of racing, great showing, sportsmanship, and overall race conduct.
 - Good organization by SWMS, efficient and effective scheduling.
 - Lots of good help and teamwork in the paddock to maximize cars on the track, even despite some late-season technical car issues.
 - Out-of-town car count remained low, one fast SM from Colorado joined.
 - M. Travers wondered if SWMS hosting Miata Mayhem earlier in the racing season would be beneficial; October is the end of the national season where funds might be low, tires done, and cars broken.
 - A huge thanks to Bob at University Mazda/VW! Very positive relationship between Bob and SWMS, even more possibilities and ideas for how to maximize Miata Mayhem race weekend.
 - A huge thanks to Kyle for all of his hard work promoting Miata Mayhem and inviting the local Miata club to join for a lunchtime parade lap! Everyone had a great time with the local Miata club.
 - Local Miata club president expressed interest in group pricing for SWMS HPDE weekend.
 - D. Swope from SWMS sponsor New Mexico Motorsports Report was present, SWMS looks forward to seeing what photos and/or articles will be in the magazine!
 - The SM tire policy was well received by all and seemed to work well for the main races.
 - One safety issue over the weekend was noted: A visitor was on-track at lunch time, which seemed to be a bit unclear to the lunchtime lapping policies.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **New Suika Circuit Track Surface**
 - SWMS noted that the new track surface was excellent in every way.
 - Big compliments to all of the hard work by Suika Circuit to resurface the track.
 - Major reductions in tire wear combined with large improvements in grip were noted by virtually everyone who raced at Miata Mayhem.
 - SWMS understands that more volunteers may be needed to continue helping with track updates (bolting tire barriers together, ect), J. Neuman to coordinate with J. Guthrie.
- **Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby**
 - A. Sanford relayed that email addresses have been exchanged, SWMS support communicated, and more details will follow in 2024.
 - SWMS is excited for more details during 2024.

- **Timing and Scoring Equipment Update (V. Yarberry)**
 - For the very first time ever, the SWMS timing and scoring equipment had an outage during the September race weekend.
 - The original equipment was purchased in 2004 (now 19 years old), original purchase price ~\$7,000.
 - The SWMS board asked V. Yarberry to prepare a proposal for updating the entire system:
 - The best deal appears to be trading in the existing system/equipment for a credit and purchasing a new system.
 - Trade-in path: New equipment is ~\$3,550.
 - Non trade-in path: New equipment is ~\$8,000.
 - Another creative option would be to partner with J. Guthrie to borrow equipment Sandia Speedway has recently invested in.
 - The SWMS board agreed that action is needed, J. Stoughton put forth the following options:
 - Option 1: Fund the new equipment with a SWMS + sponsorship split purchase.
 - Option 2: Fund the new equipment via a special charge on all 2024 race entries.
 - Option 3: Check with Suika Circuit on potentially sharing equipment.
 - After a lengthy discussion, V. Yarberry agreed to call J. Guthrie to talk about timing system issues and equipment needs. J. Stoughton asked A. Sanford to open a donation event at MSR to collect donations towards a new timing system.
- **2024 Membership and Licensing Fees**
 - A motion was made by J. Stoughton to combine membership and licensing fees into a single payment, to be \$75 per member/licensee.
 - Vote:
 - For: All
 - Against: None
 - A. Sanford and W. Myers to work together to implement system.
 - A. Sanford to inquire with B. Richards on what procedural documentation requires updates.
- **Search for New SWMS Board**
 - B. Richards was not able to be present. The SWMS board extended many thanks for Bob's hard work to coordinate the candidates. A. Sanford arranged for a digital ballot.
 - A. Sanford presented the vote results [and who was elected as the new board below](#).
 - 20 responses were collected, [only re-elected member was Andrew Sanford](#):
 - President: Jay Neuman
 - Vice President: Steve DeBerry
 - Treasurer: Dennis Eilers
 - Secretary and Webmaster: Andrew Sanford
 - Board Member at Large, Position #1: Gordon Self
 - Board Member at Large, Position #1: Mike Travers
 - Board Member at Large, Position #1: James Jerger
 - The SWMS board was transitioned from the outgoing board to the incoming board. The next SWMS board meetings will be managed and arranged by the incoming board.
 - [The former board members were](#):
 - [Gerald \(Jerry\) Stoughton – former club president](#)
 - [Larry Haynes – former club vice president](#)
 - [John Colbert – former Treasurer](#)

- Scott Claunch – former club member at large
 - Robert Richards – former executive
 - Robert McNeill – former alternate executive
- Many thanks to the outgoing board members, who will all remain active SWMS members and will help as needed to get the incoming board up to speed.
- **2023/2024 Winter Series (Asked by R. Dunn)**
 - J. Stoughton noted that SWMS and Suika are keen to partner for winter series races.
 - Historically, the prior track management held up to 5 winter series races. Based on all of the changes during 2022/2023, two winter series races were held.
 - The SWMS board was curious if the many track updates and construction activities may shorten winter series racing. J. Neuman took an action to talk to J. Guthrie.
 - M. Travers, who has organized and coordinate winter series races in prior years, took an action to talk with J. Guthrie on goals and scheduling for the 2023/2024 winter series events.
- Other Notes:
 - S. Marino shared that he secured the xxxxxxx@SWMS.racing domain for email addresses.
 - The SWMS board was interested in setting up each SWMS board position with a dedicated email address.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

The next board meeting is planned to be held in 2024. See separate upcoming email for meeting details.