



SWMS Meeting Minutes

18-Apr-2024

General

Text

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 6:01PM by President J. Neuman.

1. Opening

- Motions made to accept the agenda and motion carried with a clear majority.

2. Announcements from the President

- Final Winter Series race was cancelled due to inclement weather, the Present thanked J. Stoughton (not present at meeting) for being Race Chair for the last 2 races in Winter Series.
- Annual Racer Tech Inspection/shakedown was well attended. All members were grateful for consistency and ease of process performed by D. Porter and K. Adams.
- SWMS held the first of our 2024 Regular Season Races, the President thanked J. Jerger for volunteering to be the Race Chair Person. SWMS is still looking for Race Chairs for other races.

3. Old Business

- February Minutes merited discussion. Control of pit and grid and/or tech inspections revolved around who does this for who (i.e. track or SWMS), discussed how SWMS verifies SWMS rules/requirements with tech inspection and the track runs Pit & Grid under their Race Control. Who works for the track and who are SWMS volunteers has now been sorted out and established during the Winter Series. See the following provided by SWMS when racing at Suika Circuit:
 - SWMS Race Chair Persons for the 2024 started but still in-work (present assignments below), as is rescope of this position's duties for races at Suika Circuit or any race track that runs their own races.
 - SWMS Race Stewards: L. Pittsley, R. Lee, S. Deberry and S. Claunch. Other ad hoc Stewards are also available.
 - SWMS HPDE Chief Driving Instructor is S. Marino with J. Slenes as an alternate.
 - SWMS Technical Inspection continues to be D. Porter and K. Adams.
- Closeout of open action from February meeting: J. Neuman obtained insurance certificate from track ownership as agreed upon in SWMS track agreement for 2024 and provided to the SWMS Secretary for retention in club records.
- Motion to approve the February (tabled in last meeting) and March meeting minutes was accepted, seconded and approved.
- The Club Questionnaire was discussed which revolved around desire to race on the road (tracks outside of ABQ or NM) but at better to bucket list tracks. Concerns about the cost to do so raised and discussed. May need to team with other race organizations to keep cost down.
- Discussed what kind of club we are and going forward, the President laid out why and how SWMS is a race sanctioning body for SWMS races and as such, does the following:
 - SWMS determines where we race, at our home track or elsewhere
 - SWMS establishes our rules for racing at our events, regardless of race organizer

- SWMS determines and operates our various racing divisions, classes and types of racing, including their venues
- SWMS determines our requirements and specifications for our club members race cars and their respective classes for racing
- SWMS decides our safety rules, regulations and verification/enforcement of them
- Revision of bylaws and club procedures discussed. The President has started a tailored draft consistent with NM current nonprofit laws and template, still in-work, needs to go to BoDs for review/edits, rules and procedures are largely still tabled pending this.
- SWMS equipment at the track discussed. J. Stoughton put a new starter solenoid in the truck this month, now it starts again. It was universally agreed that the club truck cannot support on the road races out of town, even if the tag was renewed. Members raised the option of other club members transporting our equipment if racing on the road. It is essentially our “storage shed” at the track. Prospect of selling our equipment was discussed and exactly what equipment was included. It was all of our equipment except the SWMS banner we put up at races. Fire extinguishers were verified last year.
- Membership renewal discussed. Renewal membership is strong and continues to come in with numerous members planning to renew. Need to set a renewal deadline raised. G. Self has recruited two new members from the Alfa Romeo Club. Club Secretary A. Stanford has completed mailing lists the club is using. J. Neuman took action to send Board members his latest copy of membership renewals. Also agreed we should put membership renewal on SWMS.org and J. Slenes Facebook page. A. Sanford assigned the action.
- Board member Mike Travers secured sponsorship from Guthrie’s Garage and University Mazda VW for the last race of our regular season offering purse money. This is a great start in our sponsorship for this year but more still needs to be done. We also still need someone to lead sponsorships. Volunteers welcome.
- Discussed desire for class leads to call people within their race class to race next month.
- Discussed the prospect of teaming with other race organizations to race at Suika Circuit.
- Motion for every other Board meeting be remote this year, seconded and approved.
- Discussed further refresh and updates to our website and possibly doing more with J. Slenes Facebook page for our club. More to discuss on this.

4. Treasurer’s Report

- insurance refund is in, account now stands at \$17,861.06 with some expenses about to be incurred. Club needs to pursue some quotes for insurance for the Board to comply with NM state law.
- Timing System refunded to only one member who requested it. All other members opted to donate their contribution to the club.
- The club still needs a Treasurer, volunteer is needed.

5. New Business

- The President motioned for our club to pay this year’s membership for members who are volunteering significantly and often and a few honorary for past service to our club. Motion seconded and approved for the following people: John Collins, John Guthrie, Sean Guthrie, Marci Luders, Steve Marino, Wendy Myers, Larry Pittsley, Megan Tribble, Tom Wolicki, Ian Young and Vic Yarberry.
- Some MSR issues for club races need were discussed and need to be addressed:
 - SWMS needs to work with the track manager more on the MSR descriptions and other information (i.e. Race Chair Person) posted info is correct
 - Suika Circuit posted club races need to provide better (automated?) notices to our Chief Driving Instructor on who is attending HPDE with days of advance notice to race day, preferably when participants register
 - Member felt the present race schedule format we presently use should be reviewed to see if it can be even simpler to use and print friendly for Race Chairs with do not use Excel for manual or over the phone schedule inputs from Race Chairs.

- Discussed asking Suika Circuit to add in requirement for membership at our races, race license, etc. when people register. More to do here.
- President raised need for more Race Chair volunteers. J. Jerger offered up several volunteers he recruited at the race he chaired. We now have the following Race Chair Person assignments:
 - April 13th & 14th – SWMS Regular Season Race 1 – J. Jerger
 - May 10th & 11th – SWMS Regular Season Race 2 – Z. Myers
 - June 1st & 2nd – SWMS Regular Season Race 3 – F. Cordova
 - June 29th & 30th – SWMS Regular Season Race 4 – G. Self
 - July 27th & 28th – SWMS Regular Season Race 5 – No volunteer yet
 - Aug 17th & 18th – SWMS Regular Season Race 6 – No volunteer yet
 - Sept 28th & 29th – SWMS Regular Season Race 7 – W. Holloman
 - Oct 19th & 20th – SWMS Regular Season End of Regular Season Race 8 – M. Travers
 - Nov – Winter Series Race 1 – M. Travers
- Member asked if we have updated NM state on new BoDs members. J. Neuman took action to check and correct if necessary.
- Member asked if Wendy has any member renewals. J. Neuman took action to follow-up.
- Briefly raised and discussed adding other Race Venues to the club (i.e. AutoX, rallies, Time Attacks, etc.), mixed responses on this, needs more discussion in future meetings.
- Motion made and seconded to send Wendy Myers flowers and get well soon card for her recovery. Approved, J. Neuman took action to follow-up.

6. BoDs Attendance: J. Neuman, J. Jerger, G. Self and S. DeBerry. Others observed in attendance were: F. Cordova, B. DeBerry, J. Slenes, R. Richards, M. Luders and T. Wolicki.

The meeting was adjourned before 08:00 PM.

The next board meeting is planned to be held in May 16th, 2024. See upcoming email for meeting details.