

SWMS Meeting Minutes



June 20th, 2024

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 6:01PM by President J. Neuman.

1. Announcements from the President:

- Agenda: Motion to approve, seconded. Agenda approved.
- May Minutes: Motion to approve, seconded. Minutes accepted.
- Early June race went really well, good to race chair G. Self.
 - Somewhat low attendance.
 - S. DeBerry says that many of the class liaisons are on-board, but not sure how to contribute/help.
 - Suika reduced karting fees, good news for karting group.
- Sponsorship
 - J. Neuman to write thank you letters for two 2024 season sponsors (University Mazda, Guthrie's Garage).

2. Old Business

- MotorsportsReg and Membership Renewals.
 - A. Sanford reported a few new members are enrolling as-necessary.
 - The majority of 'regular members' have renewed for 2024.
 - R. Dunn asked how to get a new 2024 license, J. Neuman to coordinate with W. Myers.
 - HPDE registrations are happening on the night before the race weekend, which makes running the school very challenging to coordinate and manage the classroom portion of the school (S. Marino request).
- Treasurer
 - Open position, still seeking a talented volunteer.
- Updates to 2024 NM Non-Profit Status
 - Needs to be updated, but the state requires three named positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer).
 - Therefore, a named treasurer is required to be selected in order to update state registration status.
 - No volunteers.
- SWMS Equipment at Track
 - Is there a reason/need for SWMS to keep equipment?
 - Per the spring 2024 "out of town race" vote, many did not vote with any interest in racing with SWMS outside of Suika Circuit.
 - S. DeBerry noted that without formal race event insurance, it is unlikely SWMS will be able to even hold/host a race weekend without the host/track providing insurance.

- S. DeBerry asked if Suika Circuit is interested in purchasing equipment, J. Neuman will ask J. Guthrie.
- T. Wolicki noted that Suika Circuit is using a different radio type than SWMS. SWMS still uses SWMS radios for coordinating corner workers and pit/grid.

3. New Business

- Race Chair for Late June Race “Enchantment Sports Car Weekend”
 - Many are not going to be racing with SWMS since the weekend conflicts with racing at Pueblo, CO.
 - Open position, still seeking volunteers.
- Updates to process for Race Chair
 - Not all race chairs have Microsoft Office (Excel), which makes editing the schedule by the chair difficult.
 - G. Self noted that, from his recent experience serving as race chair, the only major task for race chair is to arrange the schedule. If the schedule was standardized, the usual ‘morning off’ schedule adjustments for race groups.
 - G. Self to work to standardize schedule.

4. Treasurers Report

- Note: J. Neuman and S. DeBerry continue to act as the SWMS Treasurer. The SWMS Treasurer board position continues to remain vacant, despite many attempts to engage a volunteer to serve in the role.
- Started June with approximately \$18,000.
 - -\$4,500 for legal retainer, work ongoing with tax status and non-profit paperwork.
 - Legal counsel is advising SWMS develop and follow a budget, an action for the SWMS Board to consider.
- J. Neuman saw that MSR is periodically charging fees, A. Sanford to review MSR statements to better understand.
- J. Slenes challenged the action to establish a legal counsel and the fact that legal fees are needed to update non-profit status paperwork.
 - J. Neuman reiterated that SWMS is still serving as a sanctioning body for SWMS race weekends and that the club intends to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.
 - J. Neuman and J. Guthrie agree that SWMS will remain the HPDE school of choice for driver education for Suika Circuit road racing, again cementing the need for SWMS to operate for the foreseeable future.
 - S. DeBerry stated that legal counsel is needed based on the prior SWMS volunteer lawyer (B. McNeil) leaving the business.
 - S. DeBerry stated that SWMS needs to update non-profit status paperwork and ensure financial operations meet all applicable requirements.

5. Attendance: A. Sanford, J. Neuman, S. DeBerry, M. Tribble, J. Jerger, R. Dunn, F. Cordova, G. Self, M. Luders, T. Wolicki, J. Slenes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

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