



SWMS Meeting Minutes

August 15th, 2024

General

Note: This board meeting was held in person, at Fuddruckers [4855 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109].

The meeting was started at 6:15PM by Secretary A. Sanford. President J. Neuman was on travel and not able to join. However, a comprehensive agenda was pre-discussed between the president and secretary ahead of the meeting. Since the secretary was both leading the meeting discussion and attempting to take notes, the notes for this board meeting are slightly abbreviated.

1. Announcements on behalf of the President:

- Agenda: Motion to approve, seconded. Agenda approved.
- June and July Minutes: Approved and will be posted.
- July “Suika Super Cup” race, went well:
 - Thanks to V. Yarberry, K. Adams, D. Porter, L. Pittsley, and A. Sanford for leading the SWMS side of the event.
 - Attendance during the peak summer months has dropped significantly.
- Club Expansion Activities
 - J. Neuman attended the August Albuquerque Super Laps event and was impressed. Again, good turn-out, excited membership, and several Super Laps cars appear to be well prepared to run in SWMS Contemporary.

2. Old Business

- Sponsorships:
 - No updates.
- MotorsportsReg and Membership Renewals:
 - It was noted that Suika typically opens the next race weekend MSR registration about 2 weeks prior to the next event. A few members wondered if all the race weekends could be posted to MSR at the start of the race season.
- Race Chairs for Remainder of Season:
 - August 17th and 18th: Currently open/not assigned. → During the meeting, J. Jerger agreed to volunteer to be race chair for the August race.
 - September 28th and 29th: W. Hollowell has agreed to be the race chair.
 - October 19th and 20th: M. Travers and J. Stoughton will co-chair the race.
- SWMS Treasurer:
 - Position remains open and not filled. No updates.
- SWMS Equipment at Track:
 - Actions are trending in the direction of selling/giving the SWMS track truck and other associated SWMS equipment to Suika Circuit. No final decisions have been made.
 - A. Sanford recommended that SWMS retains and maintains ownership of the timing equipment and computers, so long as V. Yarberry and I. Young agree to continue to maintain and operate the SWMS timing box.

- L. Pittsley recommended that a formal agreement be drafted with Suika to maintain the fire extinguishers as checked and valid. This is a formal, periodic (~ every 2 years) service to have the fire extinguishers inspected and re-certified.
- J. Colbert noted that he found and has the original title to the SWMS track truck.
- Social Media
 - Instagram
 - J. Neuman is interested in getting the SWMS Instagram account updated and modernized.
 - E. Romero, previously of Mariposa Marketing, originally set up the SWMS IG account. However, the log in details are not currently known to SWMS.
 - Logos: A. Sanford sent any/all “original” SWMS logo files to J. Neuman.
- Updates to 2024 NM Non-Profit Status
 - No updates. J. Neuman to provide updates at a future board meeting.
- Track/Corner Worker Training
 - J. Stoughton forwarded the comprehensive document drafted a few years ago by T. Wolicki. The content was reviewed and found to be excellent and valid.
 - A. Sanford formatted the content from T. Wolicki into a book-like format, which could be printed, laminated, and bound.
 - L. Pittsley was interested in reviewing the document and A. Sanford agreed to forward the draft to L. Pittsley.
- SWMS and RMVR Invitation
 - To be worked for 2025 race season.

3. New Business

- August Race “Fast Heat”
 - J. Jerger confirmed to be race chair for Saturday and Sunday.
 - L. Pittsley confirmed to be steward for Saturday and Sunday.
 - T. Wolicki is unable to coordinate workers and will not be present for race control duties. E. La’mar to fill in as needed.
- Drone Filming
 - J. Stoughton noted that together with J. Colbert and S. Marino, a draft of a new “drone policy” was in development a year or two ago.
 - The policy was only ever a draft, however, the draft was shared during the meeting with A. Sanford.
 - The proposed guidance in the draft procedure was not a “no drone rule,” however a set of controls and circumstances for drone operation at SWMS events.
 - Taking a general pole during the meeting, everyone in attendance agreed that drones are an attractive, and helpful, means to generate cool media and useful posts to attract new members. The members present at the meeting were hopeful that drones could be approved and allowed to film SWMS events.
- General SWMS Operations at Suika Circuit
 - J. Stoughton and L. Haynes wondered at what point does SWMS remove SWMS policies and procedures which are not being used by Suika Circuit from the SWMS website.
 - In general, SWMS steward L. Pittsley noted that Suika generally looks to the SWMS steward for how to operate SWMS events. While the events are now ran by Suika, Suika has chosen to essentially operate them very close to the “SWMS way.”

- A. Sanford also observed and recommended that a review and removal of no-longer-used SWMS procedures be performed. The procedures could be shared with Suika and will remain on SWMS private folders for record keeping.
 - A. Sanford recommended that SWMS procedures associated with the following remain posted and followed by SWMS:
 - SWMS rule book.
 - Technical inspection requirements.
 - Licensing requirements.
 - Driver education and competition school requirements.

4. Treasurers Report

- No updates.

5. Attendance: A. Sanford, L. Pittsley, J. Colbert, M. Tribble, L. Haynes, G. Self, J. Jerger, J. Stoughton

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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