



SWMS Meeting Minutes

February 15th, 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. Opening:

- Motion to approve the 1/2024 meeting minutes was approved and seconded.

2. Announcements from the President:

- Suika Circuit now has a fully functioning Hagerty/MSR account and will host MSR registrations starting with Winter Series Race 3.
- Winter Series Race 3 has been confirmed and scheduled for 2-18-2024.
- Winter Series Race 4 and SWMS Technical Inspection and Training Weekend:
 - Tentative schedule for Saturday SWMS activities:
 - 10:00AM to 2:00PM: Technical Inspection
 - 10:30AM to 12:00PM: HPDE Training Instruction
 - 1:00PM to 2:30PM: Competition, Race Training Instruction
 - Formal agenda to be coordinated with S. Marino and sent out via email by A. Sanford
- Suika Circuit Track and Facility Topics:
 - SWMS is working to better understand authority for pit and grid responsibilities and control of track access during SWMS events, given that Suika Circuit insurance is being used for SWMS race weekends.
 - J. Neuman to inquire with J. Guthrie to learn more about any insurance requirement implications for SWMS race weekend operations.
 - 2024 SWMS Season Transition Topic:
 - SWMS likely to maintain SWMS volunteers in the following positions:
 - Race Chair
 - HPDE and Competition Licensing
 - Technical Inspection
 - Steward

3. Old Business

- New 2024 Project #1: Safety Equipment (G. Self)
 - G. Self reported that his research indicates SWMS safety requirements, documented in the SWMS Rule Book, are similar to other regional racing clubs.
 - A discussion ensued pertaining to race harness expiration, which ended with SWMS agreeing to keep the existing SWMS 5 year rule for belts.
 - M. Travers inquired if SWMS was considering mandating a forward-facing camera requirement for Spec Miata race cars. At the national level (SCCA, NASA) such a camera is now required. The SWMS Board agreed to not adopt this rule for 2024.

- A vote was held to keep the SWMS rule book as-is for 2024 season:
 - For: All
 - Against: None
- The safety equipment project has been closed for 2024 and will be revisited in 2025.
- New 2024 Project #2: Updates for Rules, Procedures, and Processes (B. Richards)
 - B. Richards was not present to provide updates, will revisit at next board meeting.
 - Consider a pause to any formal changes until the 2024 SWMS Member Survey results are received and reviewed.
- SWMS Equipment Stationed at Suika Circuit:
 - Consider a pause to any formal changes until the 2024 SWMS Member Survey results are received and reviewed.
- 2024 SWMS Member Survey (A. Sanford)
 - A. Sanford has created the survey in Google Forms, prototype has been submitted to SWMS Board for trial use.
 - The SWMS Board voted to broadcast/send out the survey to the SWMS membership, A. Sanford to email invitation to vote.
- Sponsorship Coordinator:
 - No formal interest (yet) from a SWMS member.
 - M. Travers asked if SWMS has drafted a sponsor donation letter for corporate-level donations. J. Neuman is working on letter, no drafts available just yet.
 - M. Travers asked if SWMS had contacted S. Shear, who has marketing experience.
- 2024 SWMS Event Schedule:
 - A. Sanford designed the 2024 SWMS race schedule and flyer, 100 copies printed via Vista Print.
 - A. Sanford designed and ordered SWMS business contact cards, 250 copies printed via Vista Print.
- Vintage Motorsport Council
 - J. Neuman agreed that VMC notices and emails should be forwarded to him for now until a formal SWMS contact is found.
- 2024 SWMS Membership Process:
 - A. Sanford briefed that the SWMS MSR account now has an online annual membership renewal event.
 - The SWMS Board voted to open the SWMS MSR link for 2024 memberships and renewals.
 - A. Sanford to work on setup/updates to three lists:
 - Paid member list (MSR)
 - General membership list (Wix and contact@swms.org)
 - SWMS Board (email list)
 - A. Sanford to remove mail-in-form for membership from website and update to link to MSR online membership portal.
- S. DeBerry working to find and coordinate “class leaders” per race run group.
 - Spec Miata: M. Travers
 - Vintage: J. Jerger
 - Contemporary: Wait to build class
 - Karts: E. Cahan
 - Legends: R. Gayton
 - HPDE: S. Marino, J. Slenes

- Timing System Upgrade:
 - List of those who donated were contacted and asked if they would like a refund:
 - 1 responded to process refund, refund issued.
 - Action considered closed.

4. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer board position is currently open and unfilled.
- SWMS accounts are currently at approximately \$11,000.
 - The SWMS insurance refund is still being processed.

5. New Business

- March SWMS Board Meeting
 - Next meeting will be held via videoconference on 3/21/2024.
 - A. Sanford to research and send out Google Meet invitation (using existing SWMS Google Workspace subscription).
- Alfa Romeo Club Interest (G. Self)
 - G. Self asked how members of the Alfa club can connect with SWMS for HPDE. The SWMS board relayed that the best plan is to contact Chief Driving Instructor S. Marino.
 - The topic of individual HPDE car insurance was asked, M. Travers responded that Hagerty now has offerings.
- Regional Race Coordination (M. Travers)
 - M. Travers is arranging a meeting with J. Guthrie, E. La'mar, and NASA to learn how Suika Circuit can best host a NASA race, more to follow.

6. Attendance: J. Neuman, A. Sanford, G. Self, J. Jerger, S. DeBerry, B. DeBerry, M. Travers

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

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