



2023 CMRO Fall Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2023 at 10:00am in Nisku, AB

-Meeting called to order by Sheldon Wessing at 10:16am.

-Spring Meeting Minutes read by Jamie Savage

- Minutes accepted by Amanda Bonertz and Ryan LaGreca at 10:26am

-Treasurer's Report read by Steve Savage on behalf of Chris Girardin

- Treasurers report accepted by Doug W and Trevor Rehaluk at 10:27am

-President's Report read by Sheldon Wessing. The board thanked the club for putting on the shows, thanked promoters, volunteers, families & teams.

-Discussed 2024 races that have been scheduled so far:

- St. Walburg, May 31st-June 2nd
- Provost, June 14th-16th
- Plamondon, TBD
- Kindersley, July 19th-20th
- Cold Lake, August 14th-19th

Old Business

10:34am-Jamie informed the club that the paperwork had been filed, completed, and accepted to restore the CMRO's non-profit status.

10:38am- Jamie put together a binder that has all club documentation. This includes all racing paperwork (time sheets, formal complaint forms, one race grace, rules, etc), as well as the bylaws (including all historical bylaws dated back to AMBA days). This binder will be available to all club members and will be stored in the van.

10:41am- Club was informed of the purchase of 300 ft cord, connectors, and sensors

10:42am-Club discussed that junior class time trials, that had been talked about at the 2023 Spring Meeting, did not happen.

10:42am: Sheldon asked the club how the May 31st membership deadline went.

- Jamie confirmed that there were 3 memberships purchased after that date and that it was easier for the board not having to process memberships late into the season.
- Rick R said that anyone that is racing should be able to have their membership done before May 31st. It was mentioned that the younger guys are usually the ones to get late memberships when they show up to events and then choose to become members.
- Rick suggested that the club starts advertising.
- Amanda suggested a new members package to explain who we are and what we do, benefits of membership, etc.
- Taylor suggested that the club starts using Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube to get our name out there more.

10:50am- Greg Wicks presented the income and expenses for the clothing van, on behalf of Jess.

- \$1500 profit from clothing
- Jess said the budget for 2023 was adequate and will need to know her budget for 2024.
- Jess got a quote from an embroidery company to make a new logo, as the previous one that was made couldn't be used because it had too many colours. It will be around \$300 to digitize a new logo with all the colours. If the club agrees on a new car design, the embroidery company can make it up for us.
 - Kat suggested that people submit a new logo design with a voting poll on Facebook.

11:00am- The board informed that club that the A/C and lock has been fixed on the van but the mirror has not been fixed yet. Otherwise, the van is up to date with maintenance.

11:01am- The club discussed volunteering.

- Chris Keating brought up points for volunteering.
- Chad asked about using locals from the towns for races, as discussed in the Spring 2023 meeting.
- Norm said they pay their volunteers in Kindersley.
- Rick mentioned that promoters struggle to get volunteers too.
- Taylor said everyone in the club needs to step up.
- The board said more ideas could be brought up in new business.

11:06am- Sheldon Wessing called for any old business.

- Taylor asked about the \$9000 cost of the lights. Chris Girardin and Rick read the cost breakdown for this expense.

11:10am: Sheldon called for old business three times.

- No more old business brought forward.

11:10-Sheldon called for a break.

11:26-Meeting called back to order.

New Business

11:26am-Sheldon confirmed race dates for 2024 again. And asked if there was any new venues?

- Norm said that Kindersley's dates may change by a week if Rimbey's race is the same weekend.
- Rick informed the club that Billie, from Cold Lake, wanted to know if CMRO would run in Dawson's Creek? As the BC club doesn't want to sanction the event. It was mentioned that if we do it as a sanctioned event, it will run by our rules.
- Steve Savage mentioned that it would be great to get more venues on board and that we've always sanctioned if places want us to go. Greg said the board just informs the club of new races, we don't say no.
- Matt mentioned that Trevor Prince in Sandy Bay, MB wants us to go. They will sanction and offer better payouts.
- Ryan asked if promoters could pay additional fees to get our equipment to the events? Promoters would say no.

11:41am-The club voted on giving Dawson's Creek a go for 2024 as a sanctioned event.

- All in favor, none opposed.

11:43am- The club discussed safeties at the end of the track.

- It was mentioned that it is not safe for them to be standing there on small tracks, other clubs don't have safeties, and they are always the last to accidents anyway.
- Ryan motioned to move safeties to the start line, on a quad or side by side.
 - All in favor, none opposed.

11:51am- The club discussed the possibility of getting a visa debit card for club purchases instead of using board members credit cards and getting reimbursed.

- Matt Colford motioned to get a visa debit for all club purchases.
 - All in favor, none opposed.

11:52am-Rick said that we need to set up an advertising budget and rewrap the van with a new logo and new units.

- 11:55: Rick motioned to allow a \$2000 maximum budget each year for the media volunteer to spend on advertising. Seconded by Kat.
 - 38 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

11:58am-Brantly offered to continue doing media and Amanda Lauder offered to help.

12:00pm- Jamie presented the purchase of the Square POS System for the club. There is a transaction fee on every purchase.

- Ryan suggested raising all clothing prices by a dollar.
- Taylor suggested charging a one-dollar transaction fee per purchase on the machine.
- 12:09pm: Chris Girardin motioned to raise all clothing prices by \$5.00 and charge a \$2.50 transaction fee on all purchases made on the machine.
 - Motion denied.
- 12:11-Amanda motioned to charge a \$1.00 transaction fee per purchase on the square POS system.
 - Seconded by Kat.
 - 40 in favor, one opposed.

12:14pm- Sheldon called for a lunch break.

1:27pm- Sheldon called the meeting back to order.

1:27pm- Matt spoke to Trevor in Sandy Bay. He will read over our promoter's package and get back to us.

- Mel asked if the insurance deadline changes if we have more events. No, but the price changes.

1:32pm- The club asked what needed to be done to the van. Rick said the mirror needs to be fixed and it needs to be serviced and he will get this done for the club.

1:33pm: The club discussed the lights.

- Greg contacted portatree about getting the lights refurbished. They will not give us a set price. It will be \$75 an hour and they must be cleaned before being sent away or they will not work on them. His estimate would be around \$4000 total.
- There is only one cable left and a missing console. No one is sure where it is. The cost for a new console is \$800. We must have a tree cable or we cannot race. The cost for a new cable is \$170.
- A new tree costs \$1075.
- After the cables are refurbished, we can finish the ends.
- The down track needs to be watertight.
- 3 out of 4 cables have a broken wire. We need to abandon the underground ports and have two pegs like in Cold Lake.
- Norm suggested that Lakeland or Lethbridge College electrical programs be contacted to see if this is something they could do for us. Steve will contact them to see about if they can and what the cost will be.
- Greg can contact Sue at Portatree to order a new cable and console.
- Lights need to be addressed with promoters, running the cables overhead has seemed to work well.
 - 1:49pm: Rick motioned that the club purchase new cables, console, and tree.
 - Norm Neigum offered to pay for the purchase of the new equipment and/or the cost of refurbishment.

1:56pm-The club discussed the junior class rules

- Steve, Greg and Barrett proposed new rules and handed out suggested changes and a new class.
- 1:59pm: Kat read a letter in regard to the Fireball junior class, she mentioned that the general rules still apply, double classing units, and that juniors are not to be running nitrous.
- Greg mentioned that we talked about multiple kids running the same car at the spring meeting and no one spoke up. Then halfway through the season, someone contacted the insurance to tell them we weren't safe.
- Clinton Bruce said that nitrous isn't safe and mentioned what happened to Tex's car.
- Insurance was contacted again, and they have said absolutely no nitrous is allowed in the junior classes.
- Rick mentioned that we have policies in place to deal with situations like this and not addressing it according to those policies is basically cheating. Put it on paper (formal complaint forms).

- It was mentioned that other clubs in BC and South Dakota double class their junior with different numbers. It wouldn't be fair to tell some kids that they can't race and people can't afford to buy and haul that many units to all the events.
- Mel mentioned that at some point rules were put in place and we aren't teaching the kids to follow the rules.
- 2:15pm: Sheldon read the proposed rules.
- Doug W clarified that if they are double classing, both drivers still get points? Yes.
 - 2:21: Sheldon motioned to have no power adders (superchargers) in the junior class rules.
 - Taylor seconded.
 - All in favor, none opposed.
- High Voltage Rule Suggestions-bracket racing?, Sheldon mentioned that we didn't do time trials, time index includes reaction time.
- Fireball Rule Suggestions-5.00 index includes reaction time, no full sized rail cars
- Junior Pro (Proposed Class) Suggestions-the super mod of junior classes, no time index?
 - Sara mentioned helping cover the lights shouldn't count as helping them stage.
 - Trevor mentioned that they shouldn't have to stage themselves. Greg, Norm, and Ryan said they need to learn in order to move up. If they can't stage themselves, they move down a class.
 - It was mentioned that all cars are still up to tech discretion.
- Sara mentioned that parents need to remind their kids how to safely be in the shutdown.
 - 2:48pm: Rick motioned to adopt the junior class rules and 3 classes with the amendments previously made.
 - Ryan seconded.
 - All in favor, none opposed.

2:50pm-Sheldon calls for a break.

3:06pm-Sheldon called the meeting back to order.

3:07pm-Kat suggested getting stickers to mark truck numbers in vehicles because the markers don't work. Sam offered and will make vinyl number stickers for the 2024 races.

3:09pm-AMR asked if the CMRO would take them on doing sand racing instead of just being time fillers.

- Taylor asked if they would be CMRO members, AMR confirmed they would be.
- Steve suggested a payback class like stock and the juniors.
- Rick R mentioned that we need to consider how many wheels we have on the ground.
- Steve said that aside from roll cages, most of the AMR units could fit into super mod.
- We need to ask insurance and get clarification. Tabled to the Spring meeting.

3:19pm- Amanda mentioned new member packages. Tabled to the Spring meeting.

3:20pm-Sheldon called three times for any new business. No more new business.

Elections

- President
 - Sheldon let his name stand.
 - Taylor nominated Chris Keating-yes.
 - Called for any other nominations-no.
 - Sheldon Wessing-11, Chris Keating-30
 - Chris Keating will be the new president for 2024.
- Vice President
 - Matt let his name stand.
 - Brandy nominated Greg Wicks-yes.
 - Taylor Jackson was nominated-yes.
 - Doug nominated Sheldon Wessing-yes.
 - Taylor nominated Shayne Neigum-yes.
 - Called for any other nominations-no.
 - Matt Colford-7, Sheldon Wessing-3, Shayne Neigum-4, Greg Wicks-26
 - Greg Wicks will be the new VP for 2024.
- 2nd Vice President
 - Steve let his name stand.
 - Liz nominated Matt Colford-no.
 - Doug nominated Sheldon-no.
 - Called for any other nominations-none.
 - Steve Savage will remain as 2nd VP for 2024.
- Secretary
 - Jamie let her name stand.
 - Called for nominations-none.
 - Jamie Savage will remain as secretary for 2024.

- Treasurer
 - Chris Girardin stepped down as treasurer.
 - Tammy Richard was nominated-yes.
 - Chris nominated Melody Colford-no.
 - Called for any other nominations-none.
 - Tammy Richard will be the new treasurer for 2024.
- Tech committee
 - Kyle Bruce-no
 - Rick Reddecliff-yes
 - Will Moccassin-yes
 - Sheldon Wessing-yes
 - Dan Fossen-no
 - Taylor Jackson-yes
 - Charlie Smith-yes
 - Dallas Horton-yes
 - Brantly Bose-yes
 - Ryan LaGreca-yes
 - Barrett Bishop-yes
 - Trevor Rehaluk-yes
 - Ditcher-yes
 - Norm Neigum-yes
 - Shayne Neigum-no
 - Chad Buhler-yes
 - Shaun Mcleod-yes

50/50 Draw

4:11pm-Chris Keating addressed the club.

4:12pm-Meeting Adjourned.