



2024 CMRO Fall Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2024 at 10:00am in Nisku, AB

1. Chris called the meeting to order at 10:14am.
 - Welcomed all race members to the meeting and thanked all members for attending.
2. Spring Meeting Minutes (Jamie Savage)
 - Printed copy of previous minutes available on tables
 - Chris Keating read the 2024 Spring Meeting minutes to the club from 10:15-10:24am.
 - Barrett Bishop & Stephanie Boyer accepted the minutes as read.
3. Treasurer's Report (Tammy Richard)
 - Total expenses for the 2024 season was \$93,347.81
 - Total income for the 2024 season was \$104,452.00
 - Net income of \$11,104.19
 - \$48,897.63 in the bank as of today
 - Kat asked what the difference between the sanctioning fee and the promoters fee? Tammy clarified that part of it is booking fees and part is what they pay us when we come and race.
 - Rhonda Welsch accepted the treasurers report as presented.
4. President's Report (Chris Keating, Greg Wicks, Steve Savage)
 - Chris addressed the club and thanked everyone for a great season.
 - Thanked everyone that volunteered as we had a massive volunteer turn out this year, even from those that don't race.
 - Mentioned that Sandy Bay went very well. Truck count was a little low but still happy with the event and turnout.
 - Mentioned running MB again and possibly Dawsons Creek.
 - Addressed the quads joining this year and thanked them for coming out and being a great addition to the club. They were a huge help with lights, getting more people involved and helping our club grow.
 - Chris mentioned that he helped with promoter stuff at MudFest and wanted to remind the club that without promoters we don't have events and it is a lot of work. Thanked promoters in the room.
 - Mentioned having a very positive year and being on a positive upswing.
5. Old Business

- Clothing van (how did it go? Adequate budget? Etc.)
 - Greg mentioned that the club made \$13,782 in clothing sales. Expenses were just over \$12,000. We made 2 clothing orders last year as we ran out of hoodies after our second event. We have lots of stock left due to the second order that was made, as it didn't come in until Cold Lake.
 - Kylee suggested getting cheap rain ponchos & umbrellas to add to the van to help keep people in the stands when we have bad weather. Ask Jess to look into this.
 - Ryan LaGreca asked about the logo upgrade from last year. No one sent in any ideas after the meeting last year. It was suggested again that people sending in logo ideas to get it updated this year by email or Facebook.
 - Mentioned adding something about being sand racers so that people understand what we do. Most people don't know that we have stand racing.
 - Tammy suggested to add Mud Racing & Sand Drags under our name.
 - Greg said words would work better for getting our point across, rather than pictures.
 - Shayne mentioned asking Jess about childrens ear protection.
 - Jess will look into umbrellas, ponchos & childrens ear protection.
 - Chad thanked Jess for running the clothing van again this year.
- Update on how the quad classes went for the 2024 season.
 - Greg & Chris said the quad classes were great & venues liked them.
 - Will touch more on moving the quad classes forward in the club in new business. Payouts, etc.
- Discuss moving the Spring meeting from Lloydminster to Saskatoon (tabled from Spring 2024 meeting)
 - Trevor motioned to move the Spring Meeting from Lloydminster to Saskatoon. He mentioned that all of the Sask guys drive for every other event.
 - Stephanie Boyer motioned to move the Spring meeting to Saskatoon. Think about it and will vote in new business.
- Update the club on prepaid credit cards/credit card/visa debit not being an option at this time.
 - Cannot get the credit cards or debit cards due to double signatures.
 - Prepaid cards don't give us enough money.
 - Possibly switch banks to a more accessible bank or take off the double signatures.
 - Asked if it is normal to require two signatures? Yes and no. We could look at switching it.

- Trevor suggested opening a CMRO account at a local bank so then you can deposit and transfer to the main CMRO account.
- Kat mentioned that two accounts would complicate things for audit.
- We could simply switch to a single signature account as long as it was in the minutes.
- Think about it and tabled to new business.
- Greg asked if anyone had any other old business?
 - Chris said he wants everyone to think about that with more venues and events getting bigger we are still covering everyone with our insurance.
 - Greg said he believe our insurance just covers the race track during the event?
 - Tammy said she can find out what exactly is covered and what the time frame looks like.
 - Mark Krevenky & Doug Worshek said they believed it was from the moment the event started to the time it ended.
 - Its everything trackside, but what is the timeframe? Are we still liable at say 10:00pm when racing is done for the day?
 - Events all carry their own insurance for anything bleachers & concert side.
 - Greg mentioned that we should read our insurance package thoroughly instead of raising red flags by calling.
 - When the CMRO faced a lawsuit in the past, every club members name was listed on the lawsuit so it is everyone's responsible to keep people in line.
 - Shayne said we need to put eyes on the paper policy and get a professional to read through it and let us know exactly what it covers.
- Greg and Chris called for any other old business.
- Chris called for lunch at 11:12. Return for lunch at 1:00.

Break for lunch 12:00-2:00pm (Lunch will not be provided by the CMRO)

Chris Keating called the meeting back to order at 1:22pm.

6. New Business

- Confirmed race dates for 2025 season
 - These are not set in stone, but these are the rough idea:
 - Walburg June 6-8th
 - Provost June 13-15th
 - Dawson July 4-5
 - Plamondon July 11th-13th
 - Kindersley July 18-19th

- Cold Lake August 14-17th
- Sandy Bay August 30-31st and Lake St. Mark, MB Sept. 6th & 7th
- Propose to Dawson Creek that they move their dates in between Kindersley & Cold Lake to make it not back to back weekends for CMRO.
- Mark Krevenky said that the Dawson venue is great and the track is built very well. Lots of shutdown.
- Chris can ask Dawson to consider the beginning of August to fill the gap.
- Kindersley, Cold Lake, Plamondon & Provost are confirmed.
- Shayne informed the club that mud pits will be back in Kindersley in 2025.
- Not sure if 8 races and two races in MB are doable for members.
- Chris suggested carrying to the Spring Meeting (for if we are willing to go to Dawson)
- Suggested Sandy Bay being 2 weeks after cold Lake on September Long weekend.
- Trevor asked about the August Long weekend for one event.
 1. Which is best for Sandy Bay? August or September Long?
 - a. September-4 votes
 - b. August-17 votes
- Structure, payouts & official rules for quad classes in 2025
 - We want to fit the quads in as a regular class in the CMRO, but where are we getting the payout money and how is the payout going to be structured?
 1. Dallas said CMRO should pay for it.
 2. Shayne & Mark said as promoters they would pay an extra \$1000 to their promoters fees to have the sand quads come out.
 3. Steve Andersen mentioned that we are already out an extra \$1000 from open mud so adding the quad classes would be losing an extra \$2000.
 4. Shayne mentioned that the quad class is fast growing and we would not be in the negatives with higher payouts because they would register extra units.
 5. This would bring the total for promoters up to just over \$10K.
 - 6. Dallas motioned to charge the promoters and additional \$1,000 in sanctioning fees to cover the payouts for sand quads for one year as a trial.**
 - a. Seconded by Ryan LaGreca**
 - b. All in favour, none opposed**
 - 7. Steve Savage motioned that the quads are paid the same as Pro Stock (\$1020 per weekend).**

- a. Seconded by Barrett Bishop**
- b. All in favour, none opposed.**

Break from 2:15-2:29

- Pro Mod Class Rules
 - There are some units that want to race with us that don't currently fit into our rules.
 - Greg suggested changing the following Pro Mod rules as a trial class:
 - General rules: 2WD Permitted
 - No vulcanized paddles, tires are at the discretion of the tech committee
 - Steve Andersen asked why they don't just have their own class or run in Super Mod if they don't fit into Pro Mod instead of changing our rules.
 - Chad mentioned that it should be up to tech to decide which class they fit into, and if there is enough of them that show up they run their own class.
 - Greg said that for a trial period what can we do with these units before they have a full class showing up?
 - Stephanie mentioned giving them the pro mod trial and leave it up to the pro mod drivers that are here at the meeting as it only effects their class.
 - Greg mentioned that pro mod wasn't a full class for most of the season anyway
 - Dallas motioned to add 2WD permitted and tires at tech discretion to the Pro Mod rules.
 - Brian asked how much they weigh & if they are running small blocks.
 - Tammy asked about payout structures for that.
 - Chris mentioned that all the tires should be similar.
 - Brian said we could try it out for a year.
 - Steph and Wade Smig mentioned that if they are consistently beating the Pro Mods then we could move them into a different class.
 - We have a good Pro Mod class but its not consistent turnout.
 - Grant asked if we could make a rule change mid-season? Try it out for one race and then get the Pro Mod racers together to decide where they would sit for the rest of the season. It would have to be today so that people can vote on it and have time to build in the off season.

- **Dallas motions to allow 2WD & tires at tech discretion for one year in Pro Mod.**
 - **Seconded by Shayne Neigum**
 - **All in favor, none opposed.**
- Junior class clarification & rules (time indexing)
 - Steve Savage mentioned not moving the junior cars moving around classes. If only one high voltage shows up they will still race in their class regardless of not having 3 units in the class.
 - **We will be adding no class jumping to junior general rules for 2025.**
 - Greg wanted to clarify how the breakout index works. If you breakout in Fireball you get 5.50 automatically or 6.50 in High Voltage? Or do you give them a penalty based on how much they broke out?
 - Tammy suggested calculating the breakout based on how much you breakout. For example if you run a 4.80 in Fireball you get a .20 penalty on top of the 5.00 to become a 5.20 time.
 - **Chad motioned to eliminate breakout DQ rule from the junior rules and penalize the breakout based numerically on how much they breakout.**
 1. **Seconded by Dallas Horton**
 2. **All in favour, none opposed.**
 - Shayne mentioned that certain juniors aren't able to stage properly in the right gear when they have to hit the throttle to stage by themselves. Can we have a grace period of a few seconds once they are fully staged before dropping the lights so that they aren't leaving so much power at the line?
 - Greg wants to take the no nitro methane line out of the general rules and add no restrictions to cc or power adders in the junior pro class.
 1. Steve Andersen mentioned that insurance said no nitrous, blowers & turbos and that they are kids and can wait until they are older to use those. It is a risk of us losing our insurance.
 2. Sheldon mentioned that as a parent he is only going to put his child in something that he feels safe putting them in regardless of what is allowed or what other people are putting in their kids cars.
 3. Chris said that if our juniors start going any faster then we need to have more safeguards in place.
 - **Greg motioned to remove the no nitro methane, turbos, blowers from general rules and add no cc restriction or power adder restrictions to pro juniors.**
 1. **Dallas Horton seconds the motions**

2. 12 yes, 13 no.

3. Motion not passed.

- Any other new business?
 - Chad suggested live streaming the events to get some exposure for the club.
 - Shayne mentioned that it would be a good idea for those that cannot attend to still be able to watch the events. And it wouldn't be expensive or difficult to set up a camera & Starlink.
 - Stephanie volunteered to ask Connor Rakettti if he would be willing to run a livestream for the club.

-Chris Keating wanted to clarify that a driver with two units will get 10 points on each unit even if they only have one person at the meeting-yes.

-Chris (on behalf of Rick R) mentioned that trophies are expensive and wanted to check that the club is okay with something else instead of trophies. Club agreed that promoters can give anything they want as long as they say 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc

-Shayne motioned that any type of unit that runs through our pits and hits sensors is financially responsible for fixing them. If you hit the sensors or lights, you automatically lose 10 points for the season

- **Seconded by Stephanie Boyer**
- **All in favour, none opposed.**

-Trevor motioned to move the spring meeting to Saskatoon for one year.

- **Seconded by Stephanie Boyer**
- **20 yes, 8 no**
- **Motion passed.**

Chris called for new business at 3:44pm

- TECH UPDATE

-Anyone getting tech'd will have a valve cover off. Any weekend 3 trucks can get pulled to get rechecked. Tech will happen at a central tech location. You bring your truck up to get tech'd instead of tech running around trying to catch everyone.

-Chris informed the club that anyone that is caught tampering with anyone's unit will be kicked out of the club indefinitely.

7. Sportsmanship Award Voting

8. Elections

- Secretary
 - Jamie is stepping down.
 - Chris called for any other nominations
 - Chad nominated Amanda Lauder-yes
 - 22 votes
 - Donna nominated Kylee Neudorf-yes
 - 15 votes
 - Amanda Lauder will be the new secretary for 2025.
- Treasurer
 - Tammy Richard will let her name stand for 2025
 - Chris called for nominations 3x, no new nominations.
 - Tammy Richard will be the treasurer for 2025.
- 2nd Vice President
 - Steve Savage will let his name stand for 2025
 - Chris called for nominations 3x, no new nominations.
 - Steve Savage is 2nd VP for 2025
- Vice President
 - Greg Wickenheiser will let his name stand for 2025.
 - Chris called for nominations 3x, no new nominations.
 - Greg Wicks is VP for 2025
- President
 - Chris Keating lets his name stand.
 - Greg asked for nominations 3x, no new nominations.
 - Chris Keating is president for 2025
- Tech committee update
 - Trevor Rehaluk-yes
 - Ditcher-yes
 - Chad Buhler-no
 - Shaun McLeod-yes
 - Rick Simmonds-yes
 - Kyle Bruce-yes
 - Rick Reddecliff-yes
 - Will Moccasin-no
 - Sheldon Wessing-yes
 - Taylor Jackson-yes
 - Charlie Smith-yes
 - Dallas Horton-yes
 - Ryan LaGreca-yes
 - Shayne Neigum-yes
- Media

- Amanda will continue doing this but she will need a hand with the livestreaming and Starlink thing.

9. 50/50 draw

- Trevor Rehaluk won \$340

10. Adjournment at 4:00pm by Chris Keating.