



## 2024 CMRO Spring Meeting Agenda

**March 9, 2024 at 10:00am in Lloydminster, AB**

1. Chris Keating called the meeting to order at 10:07am.
2. Fall Meeting Minutes (Jamie Savage)
  - Club was informed that the minutes are on the website and a few printed copies are available for everyone.
  - Steve Savage accepts the minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report (Tammy Richard) 10:15am
  - Tammy presented the income report up to February 29, 2024.
  - Total expenses for 2023 race year was \$71,487.00
  - Total income for 2023 race year was \$67,195.18
  - Bank balance as of February 29, 2024 is \$37,033.44
  - Ryan LaGreca accepted the report as read.
4. President's Report (Chris Keating) 10:22am
  - Chris addressed the club informing that Dawson's Creek can be our 6<sup>th</sup> event with a possibility of a 7<sup>th</sup> in Manitoba.
  - Van and trailer haven't been gone through, but this will be done by Rick and Chris in the next few months as well as testing the lights.
  - Paige has a possible sponsor for all of the 2024 race jackets. A donation letter has been presented to them. We will update the club once this is official.
  - Thanked Norm for the generous donation of \$4000 for the lights.
  - Thanked Chris Girardin for helping with the turnover of the new board.
5. Old Business: 10:28am
  - Update club on the purchases from Portatree
    - Wicks informed the club of the purchase of new tree with cords and down track cord. We have all of this ordered and in.
    - The refurbishing has not been done yet, but it will be looked into soon.
  - May 31<sup>st</sup> membership deadline
    - Discussed how a deadline turns away young members that want to join.
    - 4 members joined after May 31<sup>st</sup> last year.

- Keep it as last year, May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, but people with units will still be able to get memberships?
- CMRO will have control of the gate this year at MudFest.
- Taylor suggested no cutoff for new members, but old members need to be signed up by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussed the locked gates at Cold Lake.
- If anyone has any issues put it on paper to Chris Keating and he will go to bat with Cold Lake for the club.
- Discussed alcohol, medics & gate control, shutdown area,
- Chris informed the club that the Cold Lake track will be 40 feet wider, hill cut down, shutdown is flat
- Wicks asked if someone should go and see the track before we race.
- Shayne said that new venues need to be built right from the start.
- If MudFest doesn't want to follow our rules they can get their own insurance.
- Norm said that Cold Lake might not be the best venue for the top 2 classes.
- Chris motioned that the membership deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup> for long standing members, but new members can sign up after that as long as they have a race unit.
  - Shayne Neigum seconded.
  - All in favour, none opposed.
- Update the club on the club debit card (Tammy)
  - Cannot get a card due to 2 signatures being required to make any changes at the bank.
  - Ryan LaGreca motioned to get a prepaid credit card for administrative club purchases for the season.
    - Seconded by Trevor Rehaluk
    - All in favour, none opposed.
- Quad racing at CMRO events
  - 10-15 purpose built, drag quads want to come out and race with us as their club dissolved during COVID. They want to race with no class, just to have a safe place to race.
  - Wicks suggested an introductory class with them purchasing memberships and then run it as a payback class.
  - It was mentioned that if it gets out of hand we don't have time to groom the sand tracks if a bunch of quads show up to race.
  - Shane, from the quad club, said they just want to be a time filler and are happy to do it.

- Chris mentioned that AMR needs to follow the rules, as we've had issues with behavior in the past. These folks came from a club before with strict rules, so they know how it is.
- Kat mentioned that they will need to help with volunteering and track maintenance.
- Shayne suggested a cap of 15 units in the quad class.
- Shane, from the quad club, will police the quad guys and make sure that is running well (within our rules).
- Wicks motioned to let the quad racers have a trial class for the 2024 race season as a payback class (with same rules as other payback classes).
  - Seconded by Sheldon Wessing.
  - All in favour, none opposed.
- 10:55am: New member packages
  - Add more information about membership to the website in regards to being a community and that we are an insured race club, so we need volunteering and people to follow the rules.
  - Jamie will update the membership page on the website.

Chris Keating called for a break at 11:09am.

Meeting called back to order by Chris at 12:17pm.

## 6. New Business

- 12:18pm: Confirmed race dates for 2024
  - Walburg May 31<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Provost, June 14-16<sup>th</sup> (20 year anniversary race)
    - Wicks brought up that some members will not go to Provost because of the parking, and there not being adequate parking. And that it can be very dry and dusty.
    - Mark said they usually have excess room and they posted a large parking map 3 years ago that no one followed.
    - Chris Keating suggested that someone be at the gate to help with moving people into parking spots.
    - Sheldon suggested that if Provost has the means they throw down gravel to help control the dust.
  - Plamondon, July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
    - They are trying to revamp the track to move demo derby & tuff trucks closer to the crowd. Chris informed them that our pro pits can't be angled because it faces a dugout.

- Chris suggested moving grandstands to the west to get a better view of the demo & tuff trucks.
- Suggested tilling the shut down for more traction.
- Shayne said the dugout needs to be back filled because if someone ends up in a 30ft deep waterhole, we will not get them out. Suggested clearing some more bush and digging a new waterhole elsewhere.
- Suggested moving the starting line up back 100 feet to give extra space between the dugout.
- The water truck barely worked and there was no sand for the tracks.
- They are looking for feedback to make it better.
- Kindersley, July 19-20<sup>th</sup>
  - Will be like the 2022 event, and racing may start at 4:00pm on Friday.
  - Shooting to have one mud pit this year.
- Cold Lake, August 14-19<sup>th</sup>
  - 40 feet in additional track width
  - Working with town council to make some changes this year to the track and surrounding areas.
  - CMRO will have control of our own gate this year
  - Do we want to keep the bleachers at the top of the hill? This catered to AMR/Tuff Trucks mostly, but they aren't coming this year.
    - Chris G said that without AMR we probably don't need them and it prevents people from coming over from the crowd to sit there. Suggested getting rid of the bleachers and creating flat land to park quads and lawn chairs for a racers sitting area.
    - Getting rid of them would prevent a lot of people from walking across the staging area.
  - Sheldon mentioned that security just stood there and didn't actually do anything. Security needs to be upped and do better.
  - Creating a map to outline where we can & cannot go. Including gates, racers areas, spectator areas, etc.
  - Suggested that the club writes a list of "demands" to give to Billie and if they don't get met, we will fine them or pull out of the event.
  - Any other issues, call Chris Keating with feedback for Cold Lake.

- Dawson Creek, August 30th-September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Everything is still in the works with Rick and Billie.
  - Show will start at 4:00pm on Friday.
  - Shootout payouts will be \$5000
  - Doorslammer winner takes all \$1000
  - Chris mentioned that if we keep having long distance races back to back it might not be feasible. Dates are too close to be financially doable.
  
- The club discussed going to race in Sandy Bay Manitoba & Dawson Creek
  - Manitoba wants to race September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup>. They will work with us to make the track and event the way we want.
  - We don't have to go because they invite us, but once they pay us we have to go and make a turnout.
  - Some members brought forward that they think its just too far to travel and too much time off.
  - Ryan S said that we've never travelled that far and if we say yes and can't produce a truck count we will look bad.
  - Chris said that we could propose a fuel incentive if they really want us to get to these far races.
  - Wicks said that if Cold Lake meets all of our demands this year, we can entertain Dawson Creek next year.
  - If we raced Cold Lake and then mid September in either BC or MB, is that more doable?
  - Mark said more units would show up the more time we have between events, instead of on September long.
  - Several members said it is more likely that we will have a better turnout in MB rather than BC.
  - Some members suggested the September 6<sup>th</sup> weekend instead of the long weekend. Would we have a turnout?
  - As a long standing member, Ryan S suggested that we take one race and we take MB because they have been a long time supporter of our club. MB will pay us tomorrow if we needed it.
  - It was mentioned that one of our long time members also is helping organize Dawson Creek.
  - 1:40pm: Wicks motions to vote on racing either BC or MB, seconded by Kat.

BC: 0

MB: majority vote, approx. 30 yes

None: 2

Options for Manitoba is that we can sanction or he can just pay us to bring our equipment, lights, units. MB has a lot of locals that will also raise with flexibility on either September 6<sup>th</sup> or September 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*We will run with running on the September 6th weekend as a sanctioned event, if that works for Trevor in MB.

- Name for the new junior class
  - Decided to name the class Pro Juniors
- 1:47pm: Chris Keating called for any other new business?
- 1:48pm: Are we going to continue insuring everybody?
  - We've talked about it before and if we don't ensure the events some just won't run.
- 1:51pm: Trevor mentioned moving the spring meeting to Saskatoon. Tabled to the Fall.
- 1:52pm: Chris called for any new business 3x.

No new business.

7. 50/50 draw: Taylor Jackson won \$115.

8. Adjournment. Chris Keating Adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.