



CMRO Spring Meeting 2023

April 23, 2023 at the Legacy Center in Lloydminster, AB

-10:10: Meeting called to order by Matt Colford. Matt started by reading a message on behalf of Chris Keating, stating his resignation as President effective April 22, 2023.

-Paige Leeman read a message on behalf of Barrett Bishop, stating his resignation as second vice President, effective April 22, 2023.

-Paige presented the financial report, displayed on a big screen.

- 2014-2022 provincial returns were not previously completed. Greg Wickenheiser signed off on these. These have now been completed by Paige and Tammy Richard.
- 2017-2022 federal returns were not previously completed. Rick Reddeclif signed off on these. These have now been completed by Paige and Tammy.
- Financials and taxes are done for the year.
- Paige told the club that on May 5th, 2022 we became a non-profit company with no bylaws and that voting in executives should happen in the Spring as it's hard to have to change over in the middle of the fiscal year.
- Petty cash found with no record-it has been put back into the club as a donation.
- Greg asked why the club was opened as a company, not a non-profit.
- Paige stated that the balance sheets for the old non-profit were not balanced or accurate. And stated she wasn't sure how to correct this without a full audit.
- Rick Reddeclif asked how we went from a society to a company?
- After being struck as the non-profit, the paperwork was filed as a company. Greg asked why we couldn't just change it back. Tammy Richard said it was because we have already been incorporated.
- Melody Colford asked what the board recommended? Paige suggested staying as a company.
- Paige explained that the May 31st membership deadline was put in place to not take money out of promoters pockets.
- Paige explained that decisions made by the board were made for the best interest of the club.

- Paige mentioned that most other clubs in the area have higher membership fees than us, on average \$120.

-Paige Leeman resigned from her position as Treasurer, effective April 22nd, 2023. She told the club she would sign everything over, and will sign off on the government stuff and have all legal documents sent to a new address.

-Melody asked what the advantage of a company is? Paige said the advantages would be being able to keep the club's name and save on expenses of getting everything switched over again.

-Paige addressed disrespectful behaviour from members towards the board.

-Sara Horton mentioned the membership deadline being the week before the third race of the season, as stated in the rule book. Paige said the board made the decision for the best interest of both the club and promoters.

-Jess Wickenheiser said that as former promoters, they did run into the issue of people getting memberships right before the event to avoid paying gate fees, and it can be a frustrating issue for promoters.

-Steve Savage mentioned that the promoters are getting a good show for \$8500, and the club should not turn new members away as we are a family, and should welcome new members into the family.

- Paige agreed, but said that she would not be a part of taking money out of promoters pockets and that the other clubs do not like CMRO. Steve S said other clubs don't like us because they can't compete.

-Greg asked if we could appease both promoters and the club by having two lists? One for those that register before May 31st, that would get the perks i.e. concert access at MudFest. And those that could still be members after May 31st, but not get those same perks. He also suggested that if membership fees were higher, we might not have this problem.

-Rick mentioned that Ardmore also used to have this problem, and memberships would sky rocket for non-racing members just wanting to party. Chris G agreed. Rick said promoters get beat up over late membership.

-Chad asked about memberships, and how in the fall meeting it was said that we would discuss things such as membership in the spring.

-Chris G took responsibility for the switch to a company. Stating that she filled out the paperwork she received from the government and thought it was right.

-Steve Anderson said that the board should not be taking over and making all these decisions.

-Kat suggested amending the FaceBook post to explain why the membership deadline was changed.

-Chris G said that people also want to be members for the higher payout.

-10:40: Paige asked if there were any questions about the financial report.

- Chad asked about uncashed checks. They have all been dealt with.
- Paige stated that the club had a \$2000 profit.

-10:45: Paige Leeman resigned from her position as treasurer, effective April 22nd, 2023. Paige told the club that everything will be passed over to the new treasurer, including the trailer. Paige made note that the new registration for the van and trailer is due in May.

-10:47: Tammy Richard resigned from her position as co-treasurer, effective April 22nd, 2023.

-10:50: Jamie Savage resigned from her position as secretary due to medical reasons.

-Kat asked if we will have a truck count for this season. Rick said either way we will need a board.

-Norm Neigum thanked the board for everything and understood that it is a difficult position to be in. Greg W said that the board is the club's punching bag, but it is nothing personal.

-Paige addressed disrespect from the club members on social media, stating that it is unacceptable.

- Chad mentioned that he thought the "CM RO" profile on Facebook was created to prevent individuals from being attacked. And that if you have certain people blocked from your personal Facebook, their posts aren't visible to you, so you might miss information being shared to the club page.

10:57: Paige Leeman and Tammy Richard left the meeting.

10:58: Matt Colford called for a break.

11:12: Meeting called back to order by Matt Coldford, nominations for the board positions began.

-Matt called for nominations for president.

- Ryan S was nominated, said no.
- Rick R was nominated, said no.
- Greg W was nominated, said no.
- Matt Colford was nominated, said no and will remain as vice president.
- Shayne Neigum was nominated, said no.
- Steve Savage was nominated, said no.
- Steve suggested that Matt steps up to the president position, and find good and supportive vices.
- Melody suggested that old members step up, as they know the club well.
- Matt called again for any nominations.
- Sheldon Wessing was nominated and said yes.

-Sheldon Wessing will be the new president for 2023 after a unanimous vote by the club.

-Matt called for nominations for 2nd vice president.

- Shayne Neigum was nominated and said yes, but he would not be able to take over the tech committee. Steve Savage offered to help do tech.
- Kyle Bruce was nominated, said yes.
- Steve Savage was nominated, said yes.

-Club conducted a vote and Steve Savage will be the new 2nd vice president for 2023.

-Matt called for nominations for treasurer and suggested not having a co-treasurer. Kat suggested that two people share the role if they do not have bookkeeping experience.

- Melody Colford was nominated and said no.
- Rhonda was nominated and said no.
- Jess W was nominated and said no.
- Chris G was nominated and asked to speak to the board before giving an answer. The executive board stepped out of the room with Chris G for a discussion. The board members returned to the room and Steve Savage asked if the club has confidence in Chris G to fill the treasurer position. The club discussed this and decided that Chris has the heart for the club and is 100% in. Mistakes were made but it doesn't fall on the back of one individual and everyone will need to step up and help. Shayne Neigum offered the help of his wife, who is a professional accountant. Chris accepted the nomination for treasurer.
- Matt Colford called for any other nominations.

-Chris Giardin is the new treasurer for 2023.

-Jamie Savage will remain in the secretary position for 2023, and Samantha Savage will fill this role in Jamie's medical absence.

-Chris G mentioned that the fall meeting minutes that were taken by the former secretary had not been sent to the club. The minutes that were sent out were missing information. The minutes taken by the secretary will be used as they are the legal minutes.

-11:53: Sheldon Wessing and Kat read the legal Fall Meeting 2022 minutes.

-12:21: Chad accepted the minutes.

-12:21: Rick seconded the minutes.

-12:22: Sheldon Wessing called for a lunch break.

-13:10: Sheldon called the meeting back to order.

-13:11: Sheldon proposed voting on remaining as a company or switching back to a non-profit.

- Shayne and Steve S said that we should wait for more information, and have help from Shayne's wife before deciding.
- Savages are working on getting access to the club bylaws from the provincial government and will email the findings out to the club before race season.

-13:14: Chad proposed that in the future, minutes should be taken at board meetings by the secretary and this information should be available to the club. The club agreed.

-13:15: Rick R motioned that the non-profit company adopts all current bylaws, rules, classes, and payouts from the old society.

- Greg W seconded the motion
- All in favour, none opposed.

-13:19: Rick mentioned that the van needs some new equipment for the lights including receivers, 200 and 300 foot cords, and connectors. Rick emailed the company and has all the parts number and confirmed part availability. Connector kits were found on Amazon for \$17.99 and we will need 6. Rick thought the ends on the 300 foot cord were damaged, according to Rob. Rick and Greg W will call Portatree to get prices and order the new parts.

- 13:22: Chris G called Rob and he confirmed that the ends of the 300 foot cord were damaged, but he had cleaned and fixed it.
- 13:25: Chris G offered her credit card for any club purchases.

- Chris G and Rick confirmed we have extra bulbs for the lights in the filing cabinet.
- Rick would like to replace the connectors coming out of the lights as they are flimsy and take a lot of damage.

-13:29: Rick motioned to purchase replacement sensors, connectors, cable from the tree to the finish line, and a 300 foot communication cable.

- Seconded by Matt
- All in favour, none opposed.

-13:30: Greg W asked about a new junior class, as it is not fair for single cylinders and double cylinders to be racing against each other.

- Steve S said it might be an option when we have more junior cars out.
- Chris mentioned that DJ raced a single cylinder in High Voltage, but will have to move up to FireBall this year as he is 12 years old.
- Jess W mentioned that Dylan raced in FireBall at age 11, and it was up to her parental discretion.
- The club discussed if we will be teching the juniors by the size of the engine or the age of the children? Greg W said it should be up to the parents discretion and engine size, not age.
- Sara Horton suggested a “run what you bring” class
- Chris G asked if she should remove the age restrictions from the rules?
- Sara H said it should be parental discretion as well. Steve S agreed, and said the 6 second pass rule should remain.
- Stephanie Cooper asked if at the first race we should do time trials for the juniors?

-13:39: Steph Cooper motioned that at the first race there are time trials for the junior classes for parental discretion based teching.

- Seconded by Liz
- All in favour, none opposed.

-13:41: Sheldon asked how to deal with the membership deadline being changed as an executive decision.

- Steve S suggested allowing membership after the deadline and providing a list of memberships paid before May 31st to the promoters. And that if people want to join, we should ask if they are racing.
- Discussion around having to pay for gate fees after the deadline, unless you show up with a unit to race.
- Rick R mentioned that he felt like we would be stepping on promoters toes by allowing late membership. Steve S said they should be allowed to get membership if they are going to be part of the show.
- Chad mentioned that if our fees were similar to the gate fees at MudFest, we could possibly avoid this issue.

- Melody suggested membership to be for racers only after May 31st, but with no additional perks (i.e. concert tickets at MudFest) and no extra pit pass (spouse being the exception)
- Rick and Steve said the second pit pass on the memberships should always have a name attached to them to prevent people from sneaking in buddies.

-13:54: Matt read the membership rule. He confirmed that the membership deadline is the week before the third race of the season, unless you show up with a car or a decision is made by the board.

- Chris G confirmed there was one person last year that joined after the cutoff date.
- Chris G asked if promoters have been told the membership deadline? Yes they have.

-13:57: Steph confirmed that every race gets a current membership list to have at the gate to prevent people from sneaking in.

-14:01: Sheldon motioned to keep the membership deadline as May 31st this year. Any people that show up after that must have race vehicles and can get a membership under executive discretion.

- Rick mentioned the importance of promoters being able to monitor people coming in and out of the gates at 3AM.
- Rick said if people don't have a wristband, then they must pay to enter or re-enter.
- Chad seconded the motion.
- All in favour, none opposed.

-14:05: Jess W was given a \$4500 budget for the CMRO clothing van. She is ordering tank tops, long sleeves, mens sleeveless tops, and hoodies. No pants will be ordered as they do not sell.

-14:07: Rick motioned that Jess is in control of ordering clothing as she sees fit, with board discretion.

- Matt seconded the motion.
- All in favour, none opposed.

-14:08: Sheldon asked if the kids are okay to volunteer in the van. The club discussed that an adult will need to be there, as they are handling cash. Jess will be in the clothing van from 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturdays.

-14:09: Sheldon Wessing brought up volunteering. Steve Savage said no.

-14:10: Jamie said the new logo had been created in November and she will send it out to all members. And will send a vector image to Jess for merchandise.

-14:11: Chad asked if spectators can volunteer in the pits if they sign waivers?

- Rick said it would have to be okay, as promoters have workers in the pit areas.
- Steph suggested that each town's safety company should be contacted to give away tickets if people are willing to help. Rick suggested doing this through the town instead of the safety companies.
- Sheldon mentioned that volunteers should have to be a part of the safety meetings.
- Chad suggested that promoters shoutout for volunteers and contact the board.

-14:15: Steve Anderson mentioned that the rule book had been removed from the website.

- Jamie explained that the rule book had been removed while it was being edited.
- Sheldon said the old rules would need to stand for this year and be redone at the fall meeting.
- Melody said a company can do this. And that the rules hadn't been updated since 2019. Including the roll cage rule.
- Steve S said the roll cages were never a new rule.
- Chris G said that the insurance company came to Plamondon and said that if kids ride they need a containment seat and roll cage. Though this was not made an official rule.
- Steve S said he knows that people will not come to race because of the roll cage rule.

-14:19: Steve Anderson motioned to reupload the 2019 revised rule book on the website, with the inclusion of the roll cages and the containment seat for children.

- Chad seconded the motion.
- All in favour, none opposed.

-14:22: Sheldon asked about the whereabouts of the van and trailer.

- The van is at Ricks and the trailer is at Paiges.
- Paige had previously mentioned that someone else would need to take the trailer.
- Sheldon suggested storing them in Lloyd and sharing the responsibility of getting them to the races.
- Melody mentioned that her work has a locked compound that could likely store the van and trailer.

-14:24: The van was fully serviced last year and requires no maintenance. The current issues with the van are: broken mirror, lock, and the A/C doesn't work.

- Rick will ensure that the trailer is hooked to the van and ready to go. Matt or Sheldon will go get them from Rick.

-14:26: Chris G asked for clarification on the kids' class payout.

- Myrna confirmed it would be the same payout structure as streetstock.

-14:27: Sheldon asked about QR codes. Jamie will make sure all the QR codes are working and report back to the club.

-14:28: Sheldon called for any other issues needing to be brought to the table.

- No issues brought up.

-14:28: Sheldon adjourned the meeting.

-Matt Coldford thanked the club.

-Steph Cooper thanked the board and the club.