

ARCA AGM – September 17, 2013, Glenmore Inn

Attendees: Gary Lohues, Jim Trahan, Gerard Tobin, Andy de Boon, Dan Martin, Rudy van Woerkom, Tracey McEwing, Brooke Carter, Dave Gardiner, Stu Geddes and Sue Wilson

Quorum – There is a quorum of members to hold this meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes – Sue distributed a copy of the previous year's minutes to all attendees.

Motion – Dave moved to adopt the minutes as circulated. Stu second. Adopted

Financial Statements – The Secretary-Treasurer did not attend, so Sue gave a report from her memory of the financial statements given to her for the Annual Return. ARCA has about \$120, 000 in bank. ARCA has purchased 10 new radios and 10 new batteries. Sue indicated that 2 of the radios need to be looked at as they are broken. One of them transmits only and does not receive. The other is transmitting intermittently. Sue advised they are both older radios. Dave indicated they are getting old and we need to service them occasionally. Sue indicated she spoke to the workers at the last event about handling the radios and requested they take care with them.

Action - Sue to look into a GIC for some of the funds and report back to the board.

Race Director's Report – Brooke talked about working closely with Jed Harrison, President, NASCC with respect to Jed asking his advice on what to do in certain areas. They have developed a good working relationship. It worked well.

Action - Brooke to talk to Jed about officially requesting the scales for each event, as per WCMA regs, but he must also find someone to operate them. Sue suggested Dave Matthews as the operator, if he is not racing.

Action – Gary to talk to Dave Matthews about this function.

Action - Brooke to talk to Jed about Dave Matthews operating them and having a possible back-up.

Director-At-Large Report – Tracey indicated she spent time with Jed over this season dealing with marshal issues. She felt there was a better working relationship this year than last year.

Flags - A discussion was held as to our flags that are stored in the NASCC trailer. ARCA has 15 sets of flags. Rudy indicated his neighbour can do flag sets for us at a very reasonable price. A general consensus was if we need more flags sets, then we order them. ARCA will need 10 blue flags.

Action - As Tracey currently has the ARCA starter set in her possession she is to give sample blue flag to Rudy who will order 10 blue flags.

Tracey would like want NASCC not to use ARCA's flags for ice racing. The reason is they get wet and when put away they get moldy.

Action – Tracey will talk to Mark & Rick Andruchiw to ask them not to use the ARCA flags for ice races.

Fire Extinguishers – ARCA currently owns 20 – 10lb extinguishers and 10 – 20lb extinguishers, currently stored in the NASCC trailer. It appears that 5 - 10lb extinguishers are missing. Sue spoke to Sean Finn about the missing extinguishers. He advised he has 1 in his shop for re-charging and advised the last time there was any service done to them; a bunch was unable to be re-certified for whatever reason. They were thrown away. There is no way to know if they were ARCA's or not.

Action – Sue to ask NASCC to purchase at least 10 - 10lb extinguishers for next season.

Brooms – Tracey indicated that we need more brooms. Sue advised that is NASCC's responsibility.

Action – Sue to ask NASCC to purchase some more brooms for next season.

Marshals - Tracey indicated that compared to last year NASCC is treating the marshals very well. Mike Elhard is doing a lot for them. As Chief she would like to be made aware of issues affecting marshals. The marshal numbers have increased this year.

WCMA Offering - WCMA is offering some funds to workers and Tracey is asking for WCMA to pay for banquet tickets for marshals. Sue asked about the offering for the rest of the workers but was told it was for her marshals.

ARCA Offering – Discussion was held regarding ARCA encouraging more race workers to attend the Race Official workshop. ARCA is offering to put \$15.00 towards any race worker lunch who attends the Race Official workshop meeting. All executive board members agreed.

Action – Sue to notify all race workers of this offering.

Competition Director's Report – Sue advised that she worked closely with Jed Harrison on many administrative matters concerning the management of each race event from race worker lunches, their water and beer to driver registration. Jed was very easy to work with. Sue brought up changes, she is recommending for next year.

- 1 – Offer a Friday night move in, registration and tech to all competitors.
- 2 – Keep the Castrol gate open later each day.
- 3 – Have more than 1 person on the gate on Saturday mornings to handle the waiver crunch.
- 4 – Try to get Castrol to do something about the west gate so that we can use that gate to enter and not be bothered with the drag track issues.
- 5 – Continue to have additional potties (similar to what they ordered for the last event)
- 6 – Recommending to continue ordering lunches from Safeway. Most of the workers indicated they liked and enjoyed the selection she was providing.

There will be more added to this list as time goes on.

Paddock - Sue asked the attending racers if there were any potential problems with the way we paddocked. She indicated she was a little concerned about fire due to the close proximity of everyone together. She asked if some people could get out if they wanted out early, Sue indicated she didn't think so. Dave indicated if it was your trailer in the paddock then no they couldn't. If you're your trailer in the parking lot, then you just loaded up your car with your gear and drove to your trailer. Dave

indicated that leaving at the end of the day for those with trailers in pit lane went well and fast once they started to move out.

Dave indicated that paddocking this way, is okay, with limited registrants, but if NASCC wants to open up registration for more competitors they may have a problem. Sue indicated that Jed was concerned about how much track time each group would get. Sue indicated that Jed should not worry about offering 5 or 6 races each weekend to each group as, at other venues, you might be lucky if you get one (1) hour of track time each day. Stu confirmed this.

Sue indicated that a meeting with Jed, Mike, Sean & Sue that NASCC will need to talk to Castrol about 2014 race dates by the end of September 2013.

Old Business - None

AMB Transponders – Sue presented a proposal that was offered to ARCA regarding the AMB timing system. See attached proposal.

Action – ARCA agreed to purchase 20 transponders for a rental pool and to assist racers if they wish to purchase their transponders through ARCA. This decision is predicated on confirmation the timing loop is actually installed. An increase in the rental pool may be required at a later date.

World of Wheels 2014 – Everyone agreed ARCA will not participate in 2014. Dave indicated he is putting his car into the High River Car Show. Dave asked if anyone wanted to enter with him.

ARCA Brochure - Brooke suggested an updated brochure to encourage competitors and race workers.

Action – Brooke to work on putting together a brochure for ARCA which includes information on competitors and race workers.

Action - Sue to send current brochure to Brooke for reference purposes.

WCMA AGM - Sue mentioned WCMA AGM date is changed from October 5 to October 26. Sue asked who was planning on attending and most hands were raised so ARCA should be well represented.

Worker of the Year Award – Tracey mentioned Rick & Mark Andruchiw and Harold Aldrich should be given consideration, Rudy agreed with Rick and Mark's nomination.

Motion – Tracey moved to award to Mark & Rick collectively the 2014 ARCA Worker of the Year Award. Rudy seconded. Accepted.

Elections – Sue indicated that Stu would like to step down as President due to personal reasons. He is mostly recovered from the High River flooding, but he still needs some time. Sue thanked him for his past service and told him his involvement has been appreciated and worthwhile.

President – Sue nominated Andy as president, Rudy seconded. Andy spoke about working with a different club and felt that with his past experience he brings a lot to the table. There being no other nominations, nominations closed. Andy acclaimed as President.

Action – First order of business he wants Stu’s phone number.

Secretary/Treasurer – Sue nominated Brian as Secretary/Treasurer, Rudy seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations closed. Brian acclaimed as Secretary/Treasurer.

Vice President – Dave indicated he would let his name stand for re-election. Rudy nominated Dave as Vice-President, Sue second. There being no other nominations, nominations closed. Dave acclaimed as Vice-President.

Race Director – Brooke indicated he would let his name stand for re-election. Rudy nominated Brooke as Race Director, Andy seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations closed. Brooke acclaimed as Race Director.

Director-At-Large – Tracey indicated she would let her name stand for re-election. Rudy nominated Tracey for Director-At-Large, Stu seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations closed. Tracey acclaimed as Director-At-Large.

Competition Director – Sue indicated she would let her name stand for re-election. Rudy nominated Sue for Competition Director. Andy seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations closed. Sue acclaimed as Competition Director.

By-Law Revisions - Sue is going to look into changing officer elections so half the board is elected every year. A Special Resolution will be put forth at the 2014 AGM.

Job Descriptions - Brooke would like all officers to write up their job descriptions. Rudy indicated this is a very difficult process as the officer functions are always changing. Sue indicated that basic function information is in the ARCA By-Laws. Brooke wants to rejuvenate the club. He indicated we should make up a flow chart of ASN to ARCA to explain the relationship. It was suggested that perhaps offer a social night. Many positive thoughts on this. No one offered to take this on.

Action – Sue to send Stu, Andy and Brooke the “How to get involved in racing” information that she put together.

Action - Put on “how to get involved in racing” information and the “Contact Us” on home page.

Spec Miata – Everyone indicated this is the fastest new series coming into our region. Sue indicated he had done a great job for 2014. Gerard indicated he is bringing in 20 more miatas for 2014. Dave suggested that Gerard send the actual rules into WCMA for inclusion in the Race Workshop agenda so they can be officially adopted as a WCMA class.

Action – Gerard to send rules to Sue so they can be reviewed at the WCMA AGM.

Action – Sue to post link to miata site on the ARCA website.

Motion to adjourn.

AMB Transponders

Conversation with Jed Harrison, President, NASCC.

They would like to work out a co-operative deal with ARCA so they don't have to lay out any more money than they have to. This also gives ARCA a revenue opportunity.

NASCC still has to purchase about \$10,000 worth of equipment to finish what they require for the AMB system. This does **NOT** include the actual transponders.

NASCC would like ARCA to purchase and handle the rental pool of AMB transponders.

First - need confirmation that Castrol is in fact doing another pavement lift and will install the loop in the pavement.

ARCA could send out notices to all licensed drivers, once confirmation is received, that we are moving forward and going to the AMB system.

ARCA could offer to purchase a transponder for those who still require them (many who race elsewhere like Mission and Chump car may already have them) upon receipt of a \$300 deposit.

They would be given the opportunity to purchase the "direct power" kind or the "battery power" kind.

If buying in bulk, we may be able to get a better price than what is posted on the website.

For the rental pool, I would suggest purchasing 10 "battery power" transponders to start ($\$480 \times 10 = \$4,800$ US, plus tax). If I was to order them while in the US, I might be able to save on the shipping, handling and brokerage fees.

I spoke with Perry Fagan's, who works with the AMB system at Mission and Portland. He advised me that they rent the transponders for \$50 per weekend.