

## **ARCA AGM – September 14, 2016 – Glenmore Inn**

Attendees: Stu Geddes, Andy de Boon, Sue Wilson, Brooke Carter, Lynne de Boon, Tracey McEwing, Jim Trahan, Gord Galloway, Jorgen Krause, Dan Marten, Dave Gardiner

### **Welcome**

- Stu welcomed attendees
- 100% of board attending
- Noted that membership has dropped, as recent new members were originally part of a disbanded club that have now started own club. Discussion around membership items.
- Discussion around ARCA sponsorship of BBQ and other events

**Quorum** – ARCA currently has 30 members – Need 10%, therefore, need three for quorum - we have 11 members attending, so we have a quorum.

**Review of the Previous Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the website, available for everyone, and presented here. Some discussion of various points in the minutes. Corrected error in minutes: Brooke’s report, sentence four should read “Brooke would like to recommend ARCA to sponsor a race weekend at Castrol Raceway.”

**Motion** - Sue moved to adopt the minutes as corrected. Jorgen seconded. Carried. Any further discussion – will do so later in meeting. All in favor, carried.

### **Secretary Treasurer’s Report:**

Lynne de Boon, presented financial highlights for the 10 months ended August 31, 2016. Details available on request.

Sue moved to adopt the financials. Stu seconded. All in favor. Carried.

### **Race Director Report:**

Brooke Carter presented:

ARCA did not put on races this year, however ARCA helped with many.

Brook attended the WCMA Steward’s school – it was enjoyed. He has observed positive changes in how racing is run, changes in attitudes.

Things to look at:

There is a new WCMA Race Director, who is interested in changing many aspects of racing: see WCMA website race regulations document of Proposed Changes for 2017 scoring regulations. This new structure proposes new car classes – group discussion - there was consensus that the rules are difficult to understand. Brooke is not in favor of using Others NASA rules. agreed. Sue interprets that they are similar to the West Canadian closed and open formula rather than regional and provincial. The rules are intended to encourage clubs to stop holding club championships as they have a different scoring structure in mind. This means the new system would want to abolish the ARCA King of the Road and other local

Championships, however it was determined that WCMA would not be able to do so, as those activities are club business, which is outside of WCMA's control.

Challenge cars – there is concern that rules are not being followed. Changes were made to car classes this year to pursue rule stability, however we may need to change again next year, which is contra to our planning.

There is a new President at NASCC. Their past president, Jed is going on a sabbatical. Brooke is concerned that NASCC will need ARCA's resources to put on races.

Brooke has agreed to run next year's driving school, in Jed's absence; this will, naturally, require NASCC's approval. As a group, ARCA has a great opportunity to work on improvements to this process. This is not a racing school, it's a high performance and licensing school. There needs to be more focus on safety, flags and conduct.

- Instructors – there is a varied group which needs to present a more standardized message; need to get them working on the same goals: there was discussion around the varied needs of students requiring varied approaches from instructors. It was agreed that there is a need for consistency and Brooke will continue applying positive pressure.
- Brooke feels classroom sessions were improved last year, and feels there is room for further improvement.

There was discussion around the application of rules to particular competitor(s) and classifications.

#### **Member at Large Report:**

Tracey McEwing presented:

Worker Recognition – Tracey feels worker recognition such as the “Worker of the Weekend” and “Station of the Weekend” are important. She has spoken with Ray Wintonyk about driver votes – she feels it's going well for workers to stand and be acknowledged in front of drivers. Really keeps them motivated. She feels it is good to offer incentives, and is very concerned that there has been less of that in the last few years. In prior years, ARCA received advertising monies and put funds towards worker recognition and incentives, however NASCC has taken over worker organization, and does not do that. It was noted that she would need to address NASCC on this need.

The worker's group is planning to do Live Fire training. They were unable to this year due to the Fort Mac fires.

Proposal for the formation of a new worker's group:

They intend to reorganize the current flagging group whereby they want to start their own Marshal's Club. CMRT will partner with this new group and provide support. This new club would like the full support of ARCA and NASCC. Their goal is to have their own identity, participate in joint training programs, increase membership, and find opportunities for the group. Marshals are getting bored with lower car counts. Having their own club will allow for better control over the safety equipment they rely on. The new club has been finding sponsorship to ensure track safety and to keep the marshal base in place. They have

arranged to receive a donation of 30 to 40 fire extinguishers. There is a shortage of brooms in good condition, so they are unable to sweep the track efficiently – takes too long.

They are planning a fire training school together with CMRT.

The new club would like access to the Worker Fund that the drivers contribute to and would like an accounting for the fund. Sue indicated that lunches, beer, and pop are being acquired with it. It also pays for WCMA AGM dinner costs for workers. However, this is not an ARCA function – ARCA has no control over the Worker Fund; this is an NASCC financial matter. Tracey indicated the new Club would be bringing it up at the WCMA AGM. She wants to use the funds to acquire items like pins and t-shirts to motivate marshals and volunteers, as well as equipment, as mentioned before. The new group's main focus is to have the worker fund paid out to workers and equipment.

The new club will be able to store equipment at Castrol. ARCA will be able to store equipment if they wish to. The new club will be having regular meetings this winter.

An additional reason why they want a voice as a club, and are working with CMRT, has to do with volunteers encountering disrespect and a particular incident earlier this year. There was limited discussion around the incident that occurred. The CMRT structure will provide resources to assist in this type of breached code of conduct, in future.

There was group discussion around this proposal – Stu and Andy noted that ARCA originated as a Workers' group. Andy spoke about CMRT's development in a short period of time as an internationally recognized structure. This new workers' group will be a positive development.

There was discussion around ARCA's equipment; mainly flag sets and fire extinguishers. ARCA will allow the new group to use them until they acquire their own, then they can be returned to ARCA for use when ARCA has own track. There were twenty 10's and ten 20's originally, however this will have atrophied over time. Tracey will take responsibility of the equipment, and ensure it is repaired and stored in a safe location.

Motion by Jorgen to lend ARCA's equipment to the new group with the equipment to be held by CMRT. Seconded by Dave, All in favor, Carried.

ARCA has supported CMRT in past and will continue.

**Competition Director Report:**

Sue Wilson presented.

Tracey was asked about the condition of the flags. Sue advised that direction has been given to Jim Trahan to arrange to acquire them from Tracey in order to take them for cleaning and repair at the end of season. There are 15 sets, plus the Starter set.

Advised that Jed sent an email to Castrol to request dates for next year's races where he asked for 5 races plus the school.

The GT Money Race: Gerard Tobin wants to change the rules to more class-designation rules similar or like NASA – Jed asked Sue since ARCA formulated this rules set. Sue indicated that the current system is working, so perhaps a change is not required. There was discussion around the negatives of changing. The consensus is to not change the rules. NASCC will be supplying the trophies for the GT Money Race. ARCA will not have their logo on them or paying for any portion of them.

There was group discussion around the breakout percentage for the GT Race. In 2013 it was 2.5% and it's unlikely to have changed since. Would like to recommend that that's too high – 1.75% to 2% is more appropriate, possibly. Brooke to contact NASCC to suggest it.

### **Elections-**

Vice President –Andy moved to nominate Stu. Dave agreed to stand. Sue Seconded. Acclaimed.

Secretary-Treasurer – Sue moved to nominate Lynne, Lynne agreed to stand, Jorgan Seconded. Acclaimed.

Competition Director - Brooke moved to nominate Sue. Sue agreed to stand. Dave Seconded. Acclaimed.

Director At Large – Sue moved to nominate Gord. Stu seconded. Acclaimed.

5 minute break.

### **Old Business**

ARCA Brochure. Not required as it's no longer ARCA's job now. The purpose was to recruit marshals. It was originally written by ARCWA before it became ARCA.

Marshals Manual - Sue requested Tracey to send her a copy as she was unable to find the one previously sent. Tracey agreed to send a copy. Tracey advised she has updated the document, as she could.

Crew Hards. The hard cards for workers seems to be working for reducing the wait times at the gate, so Sue wants to have WCMA start to have hard cards for crew and/or family members next.

### **New Business**

WCMA AGM is October 15, 2016 in Airdrie, Alberta. The ARCA Directors have voted to pay for two ARCA members to go to the WCMA AGM:

- All AGM attendees who plan on attending will have their way paid for by NASCC therefore ARCA will not be paying for any attendees.

In the past drivers made contributions for workers. ARCA has been putting \$500 towards drink tickets in previous years. Brooke motioned to make a contingency of \$250 up to \$500 for this year. Jorgen seconded. Carried.

### **2016 Worker of the Year Awards Nomination**

- Tracey would like to nominate Doug Finch, who has won worker of the weekend regularly.
- Discussions around all of them – they all do good work.
- Doug Finch was Acclaimed.

### **Other items**

Proposed that ARCA members meet more regularly than once per year at the AGM. Pre and Post season would be good. There was group discussion around appropriate times. Will plan to hold biannual meetings. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the Race Room at Robertshaw's place of business. Tracey agreed to book the meeting. Sue agreed to send information in an email to Tracey.

There were group discussions around the purpose and relevance of the ARCA club. It is understood that the club is in stasis at this time while between race tracks. There is significant latent knowledge in the membership that should be maintained

There was group discussion around issues with car numbers and class designations. Duplicate numbers have been causing race control issues, worker issues, driver issues. Andy will discuss with Chris Semanciw, who is in charge of licensing, to get it resolved.

Jorgen presented information on behalf of Dana Krause who has been working with the Rocky Mountain Motorsports group. Progress is looking positive. He is going in front of council and they expect to know by the end of October whether the proposed race track project is a go. Ideally, they would start moving dirt immediately if frost is not in the ground. Best case scenario is mid summer 2017 to begin track days and so on.

**Motion to adjourn.**