



## **SWMS Meeting Minutes**

October 27, 2020

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### **General**

Note: Due to restrictions on gatherings, this board meeting was held via the internet-based Zoom video conferencing application.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM by President Gary Sanford.

This meeting constitutes the final SWMS Official Board and General Membership Meeting for 2020.

### **Announcements from the President and Board Members:**

- Motion to approve the 9/2020 meeting minutes (held 9/22/2020) was moved and seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- A comprehensive treasurer's report is now generated by J. Colbert in Excel format, both as event balance sheet summaries as well a monthly, running summary. These new documents will be sent out separately to the Board. A snapshot is provided below:

Beginning balance for October	\$13,044.07
Deposits	+\$2,899.99: Sept Event and Reg Fees
Withdrawals	-\$927.56: Club shirts, track worker radio replacement parts
Estimated Ending balance Reported for September	\$15,016.50

- Motion to approve the treasures' report was moved and seconded.
- Treasurer's Notes:
  - Track worker radio ear buds purchased for individual workers per COVID best-practices.
  - Use of COVID-safe Motorsports Reg registration system working well.
  - Due to NM COVID restrictions, the 2020 season is currently operating 3 of 5 total events with remaining 2 un-used events account for approx. \$2975 in insurance policy credits moving forward.
  - SWMS notes that the growing, two-day kart groups account for increased total weekend SWMS entrants.

### **Old Business**

- Skills Training and Competition Licensing Class
  - Overall, extremely positive feedback on 2020 activities, lessons, and classes.
  - The COVID-safe lead/follow system of instruction worked well, though it was noted that on-the-fly instruction is difficult during this method of teaching.
  - Members and participants noted that the racing school topics [starts, passing, race-craft, ect] were extremely helpful and improved safety during 'first races' for new competitive memberships.
  - The SWMS Board would like to fully integrate these Competition Skills and Licensing classes of 2020 into the 2021 season scheduling.

- Overall, SWMS licensed three all-new full competition drivers during the 2020 season, representing a 10% increase in 2020 competition licenses: well done to the students and instructors!

## **New Business**

- October 24/25 – Sandia Event #6: Miata Mayhem
  - Unfortunately, the SWMS board was required to cancel this event with SWMS respecting Sandia Speedway and NM State COVID restrictions.
  - Race Chair J. Stoughton noted that SWMS interest was at a season high, 20 Miatas alone were registered to participate.
  - Shirt package was ordered and then able to be cancelled at the last minute, it was noted that Zia Graphics was very understanding.
  - A largest-ever group of SWMS volunteer track workers was lined up for the October season finale event.
  - Lesson learned: process for SWMS Sponsor purses developed and ready for future events.
  - Thanks to University Mazda who was very much interested and onboard for being a sponsor for the October event.
  - Many calories and much positive energy was ready for the cancelled October event, thanks to all those involved for their flexibility.
- 2020 End of Year Celebration
  - The plan is for a COVID-safe, Zoom Happy Hour-type celebration, tentatively 21-Nov (Saturday before Thanksgiving).
  - A number of special 2020 season trophies are planned, in addition to the classic race class trophies:
    - Volunteer of the Year
    - Rookie of the Year
    - John Deere II
    - Sponsor/Member of the Year
    - Used/unwanted engine piece parts are welcomed to support trophy welding; L. Haynes will donate Formula Ford piece parts.
  - The SWMS board is considering producing a series of hats to show thanks to those who supported, demonstrated, and showed flexibility during the unique 2020 race season.
  - Due to the shortened 2020 season, the SWMS Board elected to close out the 2020 season points. The 2021 season will start as an all-new season with respect to points.
- Preliminary Planning for 2021 Season
  - Due to the many uncertainties and with the utmost respect to the COVID pandemic, the SWMS Board noted that the 2021 season will require continued flexibility from members of SWMS.
  - The SWMS Board is considering a move to 100% COVID-safe, minimum contact registration via MotorsportReg.
    - G. Sanford and J. Colbert to be added to the SWMS MotorsportReg administration to streamline finance and race fee accounting.
    - A means to provide limited exceptions to 100% online registration will be considered and reviewed, nevertheless, the goal is a 'hands off/COVID safe approach' for racer fees and registration for 2021.

- Move to 100% MotorsportReg to be a topic in an upcoming Board meeting.
- It was noted that Sandia Speedway closes for the 2020 season on 8-Nov.
- Planning and the new 2021 SWMS race event schedule to be worked on with the dates/contracts finalized by the end of January 2021.
- SWMS Timing and Scoring Decoder Discussion [V. Yarberry]
  - A general overview of the timing and scoring system components was given:
    - Track wire
    - Decoder box (purchased in 2004 by SWMS for \$7,000)
    - Laptop
  - SWMS learned that the current 2004-model decoder box and support will be discontinued by the manufacturer at the end of 2020.
  - A new decoder is \$4,000 or \$3,000 upon trade-in of the existing decoder.
  - A new decoder box may be subscription-based versus the one-time pricing of the current box.
  - It is the understanding of SWMS that fellow club SMRI and/or Sandia Speedways uses a similar decoder system/box as SWMS.
  - The SWMS board ultimately elected to run the current, non-supported decoder as-is for the time being.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM

The next meeting will be held in 2021, Happy Holidays and see everyone in the New Year.