

Annual Region 4 Club Presidents Meeting

***Region 4 Club Presidents Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2008***

Call to order

Dave Mikels called to order the annual meeting of the **Region 4 Club Presidents** at 10:10 A.M. on **January 13, 2008** at the **Comfort Suites** in **Columbus, Ohio**.

Roll call

Officers present: Dave Mikels (Regional Director), Don Fleming (Assistant Regional Director), Kim Mathias (Secretary), Jeff Clouse (Safety), Brenda Swartz (Publicity)

Club Presidents/Representatives present: Chuck Longbrake & Stephanie Hall (Buckeye), Steve Kuhn & Rick Thomason (Mini Indy), Mark Wilsdon & Jerry Carpenter (Lansing), Jeremy Jameson (Kokomo), Don Fleming & Brian Leffel (Miami Valley), Jeff Wren & Tina McPherson (Mac-O-Chee), Eric Rankine & Terry Perry (Toledo), Jim Cremonesi (Waterford), Rob Stambaugh (Guest of Buckeye)

Dave Mikels welcomed newly appointed board member Brenda Swartz. In addition, Dave announced that Pete Hawkins was appointed Tech Director. Assisting Pete this year as Assistant Tech Director will be Dave Mathias.

Approval of Treasurer's report from last meeting

The Treasurer's report was distributed. Michelle was unable to attend the meeting due to a work commitment. Eric Rankine mentioned that Toledo's R4 series monies were not noted on the report. Kim will speak to Michelle. *Motion to approve Treasurer's report. C. Longbrake/J. Wren. Carried unanimously.*

Old Business

Roll Call Vote of Rule Change Proposals

Each RCP was presented and each club representative voted on the RCP. The order of vote was rotated amongst the clubs so that a different club started the voting each round.

- Serial #1 - **Failed** (Unanimous - No)
- Serial #2 - **Passed** (Unanimous - Yes)
- Serial #3 - **Failed** (MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC - No / NWOQMRA - Yes)
- Serial #4 - **Passed** (KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, NOWQMRA, BQMRA, MOC, MV - Yes / CQMA - No)
- Serial #5 - **Failed** (Unanimous - No)
- Serial #6 - **Passed** (Unanimous - Yes)
- Serial #7 - **Failed** (NWOQMRA - Yes / CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA - No)
- Serial #9 - **Failed** (Unanimous - No)
- Serial #8 - **Failed** (CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC - No / CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA - Yes)
- Serial #10 - **Failed** (MOC, MV, NWOQMRA, BQMRA - Yes / KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, CQMA - No)
R4 Board (Fleming - Yes / Clouse, Mathias, Swartz - No)
- Serial #11 - **Failed** (MV, KQMC, MMRA, CQMA, BQMRA - No / CIQMA, NWOQMRA, MOC - Yes)
- Serial #12 - **Passed** (KQMC, CIQMA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, MOC - Yes / MMRA, BQMRA, MV - No)
- Serial #13 - **Failed** (Unanimous - No)

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Serial #14 – Passed (MMRA, NWOQMRA, BQMRA, MV, KQMC – Yes / CQMA, MOC, CIQMA – No)

Serial #15 – Failed (NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA – No / MV – Yes)

Serial #16 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

Serial #17 – Passed (BQMRA, MOC, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, NOWQMRA – Yes / CQMA, MV – No)

Serial #18 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

A discussion was held about this RCP failing in the originating region. Dave Mikels indicated that he was going to vote “Yes” on this RCP at the National meeting. The club presidents requested that if he did vote “Yes” on this RCP that he have the RCP changed to eliminate classes that are not fully subscribed such as Heavy Mod, Heavy B, or Half all of which had less than 25 cars entered at the 2007 Eastern Grands.

Serial #19 – Passed (MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, CQMA, MOC – Yes / NOWQMRA, BQMRA – No)

Serial #20 – Passed (KQMC, CIQMA, NOWQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV – Yes / MMRA – No)

Serial #21 – Passed (NWOQMRA, BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA – Yes / CQMA – No)

Serial #22 – Failed (MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MV, KQMC – No / MOC, CIQMA – Yes)

Serial #23 – Passed (Unanimous – Yes)

Serial #24 – Passed (CQMA, BQMRA, MV, KQMC, MMRA, NOWQMRA – Yes / MOC, CIQMA – No)

Serial #25 – Failed (BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA – No / CQMA – Yes)

Serial #26 – Passed (MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, NWOQMRA, CQMA – Yes / MMRA, BQMRA – No)

Serial #27 – Failed (CIQMA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC – No / MV, KQMC, MMRA – Yes)

Serial #28 – Failed (KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV – No / NWOQMRA, Yes)

Serial #29 – Failed (CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MV – No / MOC – Yes)

Serial #30 – Failed (MMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MV – No / NWOQMRA, MOC, KQMC, CIQMA – Yes)

R4 Board (Clouse, Swartz, Mathias, Fleming – No)

Serial #31 – Passed (Unanimous – Yes)

Serial #32 – Failed (CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA – No / NWOQMRA – Yes)

Serial #33 – Passed (Unanimous – Yes)

Serial #34 – Passed (MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA – Yes / MMRA – No)

Serial #35 – Passed (Unanimous – Yes)

Serial #36 – Failed (KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA – No / MOC – Yes)

Serial #37 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

Serial #38 – Passed (MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC – Yes / CIQMA – No)

Serial #39 – Failed (NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA – No / MV – Yes)

Serial #40 – Failed (CQMA, BQMRA, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA – No / MOC, MV, NWOQMRA – Yes)

Serial #41 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

Serial #42 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

Serial #43 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

2007 Awards Banquet. The 2007 awards banquet will be held on March 8th 2008. The banquet will be at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. Room and luncheon rates will be the same as last year, with an addition of a reduced Friday night rate. If both nights are booked, you will receive mini golf passes and \$10 worth of tokens. Invitations will be sent the week of 1/15. Kim stressed to the Presidents that we can not accommodate unexpected guests for the luncheon, if parties want to sit together they should arrive early, and to remind their club members to return the RSVP cards in a timely manner. This year the jackets will be fleece and trophies will be distributed through fifth place. In the past only first through third place received a trophy, but since all of the clubs this year gave awards through fifth place it only seemed right to have the region do the

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same for year end awards. Jacket costs will be approximately \$6,500 and trophy costs will be approximately \$2,600.

Championship Series Event Format.

Indoor event. As voted upon at the November 27th teleconference meeting: *a motion was made to have the Indoor Race part of the Region 4 Championship Series. D. Fleming / R. Stambaugh. Motion passed (MV, CQMA, KQMC, CIQMA, BQMRA, MOC - Yes / NWOQMRA, MMRA - No).* Format will be the same as last year (no practice with the exception of Novice) and no refueling of the AA and Half classes. The R4 Board and Buckeye club reserve the right to change the format based on car count.

Championship Series Event Date Selection. Dates were tentatively selected at the November 27th teleconference meeting. After that meeting club Presidents were to ensure with their track owners that the R4 race date they selected would have no conflicts. Lansing had first choice of dates and chose to host the States Race for Region 4. Date selection was done in the following order: Lansing, Toledo, Kokomo, Mini Indy, Buckeye, Mac-O-Chee, Waterford, Miami Valley. Hondas will be run on Saturday and DECOS, Novice and World Formula on Sunday with the exception of the Buckeye Indoor and States race which will run in the "Grands" style order. Dates selected are listed below:

February 23 & 24 (Buckeye Indoor)
May 10 & 11 (Mini Indy)
May 24 & 25 (Lansing - Region 4 States Race - Rain Date - 5/26)
June 7 & 8 (Miami Valley)
July 5 & 6 (Mac-O-Chee)
August 16 & 17 (Kokomo)
August 30 & 31 (Toledo)
September 13 & 14 (Waterford)
October 4 & 5 (Buckeye)

Championship Series Points Format.

Kim highlighted changes in the points format from 2006 to 2007. The items that required a vote are listed below.

- DQ (Calls) would receive race points unless the call was a DQ Flagrant call, such as flagrant rough driving or unsportsmanlike conduct. A motion was made to keep this the same (vote "Yes") for the 2008 season. *J. Cremonesi / B. Leffel. Passed. (BQMRA, KQMC, MV, MOC, NWOQMRA, MMRA - Yes / CIQMA, CQMA - No)*
- A motion was made that there be 1 drop from the total number of races run and that rainouts can not be used as throw outs. A vote of "No" means that we accept the change to the format. A vote of "Yes" means that we keep the format the same as 2007. *R. Stambaugh / M. Wilsdon. Motion Passed (to change points format). (CIQMA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC - No / MMRA - Yes)*

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Championship Series Race Format.

Kim highlighted the changes in race format from 2006 to 2007. The items that required a vote or had discussion are listed below.

- *Fueling – Host clubs will no longer supply gasoline or alcohol. A designated fueling station will be stated on the event flyer. A discussion was held about stating 89 Octane on the flyer and asking Dave Mikels to request a variance for the States Race at the National Meeting. Changes passed unanimously.*
- *If a timing failure occurs, then the car goes to the hot chute and waits for two (2) cars to qualify. NO adjustments, including wiping the tires with your hands, are to be made to the car. If the failure occurs on the last car of the class, the next class will start and two cars from that class will qualify and then the car will resume qualifying. Again no adjustments are to be made. If the failure occurs on the last car of the last class of the day, the car will wait one (1) minute, with no adjustments being made, and then resume its qualifying run. A discussion was held about removing the “wiping tires with your hands”. The rationale behind the procedure was to keep handlers from changing tires to re-qualify. Change the wording to “No adjustments, including changing tires, are to be made to the car. Tires may be wiped by hand or gloves only”. Change passed unanimously.*
- *Refuel (AA & Half) – enforce a four (4) minute time limit for each re-fuel. The initial refuel after the 1-minute warm-up, will not have a time limit. If driver is not ready at the conclusion of the time limit, the driver will start at the tail. If all cars on the track have been refueled and safety checked before the time limit is up, the race will resume, even if there are cars being worked on in the pits. A discussion was held about not having the initial re-fuel since there is only a 1-minute warm-up or a time limit for the initial re-fuel. Laps would be counted during the 1-minute warm-up. Dave Mikels persuaded the club Presidents not to change this procedure.*
- *Safety Check Procedure – Affixing a decal to cars that have been through a thorough Region 4 Series safety check. This would allow the car not to be safety checked at subsequent Region 4 Series events. A discussion was held about how last year’s decals rubbed off easily. In addition, the safety director from the host club should work close with the Region 4 safety director to conduct random safety checks during the Region 4 series event. Jeff Clouse also would like to develop a procedure to ensure that weights are identified in case they exit the car during a race. He will distribute his plan to the other club presidents in the upcoming months.*

Championship Series Event Fees.

- *Sign in fees were increased last year to \$25 for novice and \$30 for all others. This gave the region an additional \$2 and the hosting club an additional \$1. The additional \$2 that the region received would be earmarked for a general capital improvement fund. A discussion was held about monies received for capital improvement and if another increase is required. The region received a total of \$15,112 for series fees. From that total series fees, Capital Improvement funds totaled \$3,778. The Region spent more than that in capital in 2007 but no major expenses are expected this year. Therefore, it was agreed upon NOT to raise the fees the region receives.*

A motion was made to accept the 2008 Region 4 Series format as amended above. C. Longbrake /J. Wren. Passed unanimously.

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New business

Kim requested that a committee be formed to review and update the Region 4 By-Laws. *A motion was made that Kim and one representative from each club form a committee to review and update the by-laws.* Club presidents need to send Kim the name of their By-Law committee representative by January 1/27.

Chuck Longbrake asked Mark Wilsdon if Lansing had any plans to improve the lighting at Lansing. Mark Wilsdon replied that the track does have flood lights for the hot chute, but at last year's R4 event they weren't turned on.

There was a lengthy discussion about Honda keys and the interchangeability of parts between Tier II and Tier III motors. There is information posted on the Region 2 website that is not posted on the National website. This is causing a lot of confusion. With our first R4 series event in February, handlers are getting concerned about what is legal. Dave Mikels said that he would get clarifications from National.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting. S. Hall/S. Kuhn. Carried unanimously.

Dave Mikels adjourned the meeting at **3:55 P.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Kim Mathias**