

***Region 4 Board Telephone Conference
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2007***

Call to order

Dave Mikels called to order the meeting of the **Region 4 board members** at 9:05 P.M. on **March 6, 2007**.

Roll call

Officers present: Dave Mikels (Regional Director), Michelle Troyer (Treasurer), Bill Perry (Assistant Regional Director), Rob Stambaugh (Safety Director), John Klimowicz (Publicity Director), Kim Mathias (Secretary), Pete Hawkins (Tech Director)

A brief executive session was held in regards to various open items from the Indoor regional and upcoming rule changes.

Indoor Regional

At sign-ins at the indoor race, Ron Laing, did not have proper credentials nor was his name on the list provided by the National office. Kim asked to speak to an officer of the club he belonged to and Mr. Laing told her she was speaking to the Tech Director. The Tech Director indicated that Mr. Laing was a QMA member. On the Monday following the race, Kim asked the National office and the secretary of the club Mr. Laing claimed to belong to and they both indicated that they had not received his membership application. Bill tried several times to reach the Tech Director and was unsuccessful in contacting him.

The Buckeye club is having a stated meeting on 3/6/07 and will determine if further consequences will be levied on Mr. Laing.

Due to this circumstance, a new policy at all Region 4 events will be put in place. The policy will be that if a handler or driver do not have proper credentials, they will be required to join (cash only) the host club until proof of QMA membership is provided.

**** On March 8, 2007 it was confirmed that Mr. Laing was a QMA member prior to the indoor event. He had given his membership application to the Tech Director on 2/22/07. His club secretary did not know this when Kim was asking for this information. ****

Carbon Fiber Axles

Dave continues to receive complaints about the illegal method of making carbon fiber axles illegal. Members are also concerned about titanium axles becoming illegal in 2008. The Region 4 board agrees with their concerns and is recommending that the membership write letters to the RDs and National board voicing their concerns. In addition, they should create a petition and ask all QMA members to sign it. The Region 4 board believes that an ERCP should have been drafted in November when the board first came out with this rule. It should have then been followed up at the National meeting with an RCP.

Line-Up Changes

There have also been questions about the new line-up procedures. Kim has been in contact with Dawn for clarifications. Dawn is working on the official wording for the short sheet and scoring procedures. Most of the confusion seems to be if the inside row (odd numbered cars) is missing most of the field, does the outside row (even numbered cars) fill in the empty spaces?

Miscellaneous Safety Items

Rob is waiting for clarification from Curtis concerning the “nerf bar controversy” during a Heavy AA race at the indoor event.

Rob said that a cover over the display of the data display (i.e. MyChron) will be considered “out of driver’s view” for Region 4 events. But, he couldn’t guarantee if other clubs or National would feel the same way.

R4 Banquet

Banquet is scheduled for 3/10. Everything has been finalized and we should be good to go.

Waterford Donation

Waterford donated \$1,000 to Toledo to help offset the costs the club is incurring due to the fuel incident last year. John is going to post this information on the website in hopes that other clubs may follow suit. Mark Grodi is also going to thank Waterford at the banquet.

States Race

Kim is going to contact Debbie to set up a time to review Miami Valley’s plans for hosting the States race.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Klimowicz/B. Perry. Carried unanimously.

Dave Mikels adjourned the meeting at **10:20 P.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Kim Mathias**