

Region 4 Club Presidents Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2007

Call to order

Dave Mikels called to order the annual meeting of the **Region 4 Club Presidents** at 10:15 A.M. on **January 14, 2007** at the **Comfort Inn** in **Columbus, Ohio**.

Roll call

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

Club Presidents/Representatives present: Rob Stambaugh & Dave Mathias (Buckeye), Rick Thomason & Steve Peck (Mini Indy), Mark Wilsdon & Jerry Carpenter (Lansing), Kevin Bodine (Kokomo), Don Fleming & Brian Leffel (Miami Valley), AJ Troyer & Chad Violet (Mac-O-Chee), Eric Rankine & Mark Grodi (Toledo), Jim Cremonesi (Waterford)

Dave welcomed newly appointed board members John and Kim. John and Kim were appointed board members in January when these board positions were vacated in December.

Approval of Treasurer's report from last meeting

The Treasurer's report was distributed. *Motion to approve Treasurer's report. B. Perry/J. Klimowicz. Carried unanimously.*

Old business

Rule Change Proposals (RCP)

Dave explained to the club Presidents that Region 4's RCP's were received by USAC at least 30 days prior to the due date. However, they were not sent certified mail as stated in the rule book. Three days after the deadline, the national secretary contacted Dave and informed him that the region's RCP's would not be accepted. Therefore, Dave will be presenting Region 4 RCP's from the floor at the national meeting. Bill Perry sent an email with our RCPs attached to the other Regional Directors explaining the situation and asking them for support at the national meeting.

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 (BQMRA, MOC, KQMC - Yes / MV, CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA - No)

Serial #2 - Failed (BQMRA - Yes / MOC, KQMC, MV, CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA - No)

Serial #3 - Failed (Unanimous - No)

Serial #4 - Failed (KQMC, NWOQMRA - Yes / BQMRA, MOC, MV, CIQMA, MMRA, CQMA - No)

Serial #5 - Failed (KQMC, CIQMA, NWOQMRA - Yes / BQMRA, MOC, MV, MMRA, CQMA - No)

Serial #6 - Failed (BQMRA, MMRA - Yes / MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, NWOQMRA, CQMA - No)

Serial #7 - Failed (MV, CIQMA, MMRA - Yes / BQMRA, MOC, KQMC, NOWQMRA, CQMA - No)

Serial #9 - Failed (CIQMA, NWOQMRA - Yes / BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, MMRA, CQMA - No)

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Serial #10 – Failed (NWOQMRA – Yes / BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, CQMA – No)
Serial #11 – Failed (CIQMA – Yes / BQMRA, MOC, MV, KQMC, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA – No)
Serial #12 – Failed (MOC – Yes / BQMRA, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA, – No)
Serial #13 – Passed (MOC, MV, KQMC, CIQMA, MMRA, NWOQMRA, CQMA – Yes / BQMRA – No)
Serial #14 – Failed (Unanimous – No)

2006 Awards Banquet. Due to circumstances beyond the board's control the banquet date needed to change. The 2006 awards banquet will now be held on March 10th 2007. The banquet will still be at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. Room rates will be reduced in March since the original date was set for Super Bowl weekend. Invitations will be sent the week of 1/15. Michelle stressed to the Presidents that we can not accommodate unexpected guests for the luncheon and to remind their club members to return the RSVP cards in a timely manner.

Safety & Tech Report.

- Rob reported that on January 1, 2007 steel fuel tanks will be prohibited and safety belts need to be replaced every two (2) years.
- Safety Checks at Championship Series events. Rob proposed that for our Championship Series events each car have a comprehensive safety check performed at the first race and receive a Region 4 Safety Sticker to place on the car. That car would then not be required to have a safety check done at subsequent Championship Series events. However, there would be spot checks performed throughout the series. *A motion was made that Rob develop a procedure to put the proposal in place. A. Troyer/M. Wilsdon. Carried unanimously.*
- New restrictor plates are available from the National office. Michelle spoke to Courtney and she would like all requests for the new restrictor plates to be done by next Tuesday (1/16). Dave Mikels thought that the clubs could trade in the old plates for new plates at no cost, but apparently that is not true. The club Presidents were concerned that the new plates do not come with instructions or gaskets and cost more than the previous restrictor plates. Dave said that he would take this concern to the National meeting.
- World Formula. The changes that were made to the World Formula motor were reviewed and discussed. Eric Rankine indicated that all of the changes made to the motor were valid and improved the performance and overall reliability of the motor.
- Carbon Fiber Axle. A general discussion about carbon fiber axles was held.
- Fuel at Championship Series events. Eric Rankine talked about the fuel spill that occurred at Toledo's event last year. The insurance company for the company that provided the fuel will not pay the EPA for cleanup. That cost is approximately \$40,000. In addition, the club has to repair the damage done to the facility at approximately \$10,000. Eric asked the attendees if there is anything the region or the clubs can do to help defray the costs Toledo will incur.

Due to this fuel spill and the high potential for it to happen at any of our clubs, Rob proposed two solutions. The first is to implement a pump-a-round system. Mini Indy currently uses this system for their weekly events. The second solution is to designate a fuel station near the track and have the competitors provide their own gasoline and alcohol. Pros and cons were discussed for each system. *A motion was made that Pete Hawkins (R4 Tech Director) develop a procedure to put in place for designation of a fuel station for the Championship Series events. R. Stambaugh/K. Bodine. Carried unanimously.*

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New Tracks in Region 4. There may be two new tracks in Region 4. One in Kalamazoo Michigan and the other in New Carlisle Indiana. The organizers of the Kalamazoo track have requested a Championship Series event date. After a discussion it was determined that once the track is open and a charter obtained, the club presidents will revisit the request at that time.

Championship Series Event Format.

Indoor event. A vote was taken to determine if the indoor event scheduled for February 24 & 25 would be part of the Championship Series. Rob informed everyone that Buckeye would have an event on those days regardless of the vote and he also wanted to let everyone know that the Buckeye club does not make money on the event. *Passed (MV, CQMA, KQMC, CIQMA, BQMRA, MOC - Yes / NWOQMRA, MMRA - No)*

States Race. Miami Valley has first choice of dates and can select to host the States Race for region 4. Don indicated that his club wants to host the States race and is aware of the other clubs concerns about getting it completed in two days since they are also hosting the Eastern Grands and expect a large car count. Don will be working with Kil-Kare on parking details on Friday night. The plan is to allow parking early in the evening on Friday night rather than after the big track closes as done in the past.

Championship Series Event Date Selection. Date selection was done in the following order: Miami Valley, Lansing, Toledo, Kokomo, Mini Indy, Buckeye, Mac-O-Chee, Waterford. Hondas will be run on Saturday and DECOS 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 24 & 25 (Buckeye Indoor)
May 12 & 13 (Mini Indy)
May 26 & 27 (Miami Valley - Region 4 States Race)
June 9 & 10 (Mac-O-Chee)
August 11 & 12 (Kokomo)
August 25 & 26 (Lansing)
September 8 & 9 (Toledo)
September 22 & 23 (Waterford)
October 6 & 7 (Buckeye)

Championship Series Race Format.

- Any RCP that passed at the National meeting will be in place at the February event if it affects our racing rules.
- Time Limits - Based on car count. May vary from event to event. A main time limits will be determined by time of day, track curfew, and car count.
- Laps - Increase from last year. 30 (Jr)/40 (Others) laps for A mains. 25 (Jr)/35 (Others) laps for B mains. 20 (Jr)/30 (Others) laps for C & below mains.
- DOTS - remain the same as last year at 2.
- Qualifying - remain the same as last year at 3 warm-up laps / 2 on the clock.

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- Document the procedure of what to do when the clock stops working during qualifying. *The following motion was made (A. Troyer / R. Stambaugh):*
 - 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. *Passed. (MV, NWOQMA, KQMC, CIQMA, BQMRA, MOC, MMRA – Yes / CQMA – No)*
- Refuel (AA & Half) – enforce a four (4) minute time limit for each re-fuel. If driver is not ready at the conclusion of the time limit, the driver will start at the tail and be given a DOT.
- Remove the “no bikes, scooters, etc” from the Championship Series flyer. Each club will determine if bikes and scooters are allowed at their event.

A motion was made to accept the 2007 format as amended above. R. Stambaugh / D. Fleming. Passed unanimously.

Championship Series Points Format.

- Kim asked the club Presidents if they would like her to do the points for 2007. She was concerned that it may be a conflict of interest. No one had any issues with her continuing to do the points.
- A motion was made that DQ (Calls) would receive race points unless the call was a DQ Flagrant call. *J. Cremonesi / D. Fleming. Passed. (MV, NWOQMRA, KQMC, CIQMA, BQMRA, MMRA – Yes / CQMA, MOC – No)*
- A motion was made that rainouts can not be used as throw outs. *R. Stambaugh / E. Rankine. Failed. (NWOQMRA, KQMC, BQMRA – Yes / MV, CQMA, CIQMA, MOC, MMRA – No)*
- A motion was made that if a driver received a motor tech DQ, which incurred a suspension, that for the length of the suspension they can't use those events as throw outs. *R. Stambaugh / C. Violet. Passed unanimously.*

Championship Series Event Fees. A motion was made to increase the sign in fees to \$25 for novice and \$30 for all others. The region would receive an additional \$2 and the hosting club an additional \$1. The additional \$2 that the region receives will be earmarked for a general capital improvement fund. Suggestions for capital improvements are purchasing a defibrillator or an FM transmitter. *J. Cremonesi / R. Stambaugh. Passed unanimously.*

New business

Eric Rankine indicated that Toledo is considering submitting a proposal for hosting the 2009 Eastern Grands. He will get with Dave to send a letter of intent to the National meeting in February 2007.

John reported that North Carolina is purchasing a device to detect tire chemicals.

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Rick Thomason reported that someone called Courtney requesting information about a member. Courtney released information that should be confidential and released to only club Presidents or club Secretaries. Dave will review this concern at the national meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Klimowicz/R. Thomason. Carried unanimously.

Dave Mikels adjourned the meeting at **3:35 P.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Kim Mathias**