

2020 Season – 1st Board Meeting Minutes

Antioch Pizza, Paddock Lake – November 19th 2019

Attendance: Ion Stear, John Kirk, Donn Kiedrowski, Larry Neau, Larry Neau, and Mike Neau

- **Term limits for new board members**
 - 2, 3 year terms – John Kirk, Ion Stear – terms expire end of 2022 season
 - 2, 2 year terms – Donn Kiedrowski, Nick Sheridan – terms expire end of 2021 season
 - 1, 1 year term – Mike Neau – term expires end of 2020 season

- **Mike to verify total balance of account with Kim (including Hoosier money) for banquet points fund payout**
 - Should keep a reserve of \$300-\$500
 - **\$486 rolled over for 2020**
 - Find out what fed the balance throughout the year (guest fees?, \$/per race?)
 - **\$100/night plus guest fees (\$15/per) and non-starting feature cars (\$25/per) fed point fund**
 - How much was rolled over from 2018?
 - **\$366 rolled over from 2018**

- **Open items from October board meeting**
 - Issues with BD order of events last 2 years – John to reach out to Larry Hillerud (SLS) to see if we can remedy situation
 - Anyone willing to take on negotiations with Hoosier for a potential new contract that is more beneficial to the club?
 - Ion can get current contract from Kevin Daywalt (Mike requested any/every club doc that he has would be helpful)
 - Idea of going to American Racer to see if we can get a better deal than what Hoosier offers – Larry to reach out for details
 - Talked about allowing additional RR tires, 4 corner rule, or rear tire rule but ultimately felt that keeping the current rule was probably best for the club
 - Need a constant weekly reminder at driver's meetings and with help from Dave to have the leader set a faster pace on all yellow/pace laps. This will help starts and hopefully quicken our program
 - Leader/Pole car sets the pace and if desired they can slow/speed up while going into T3 while coming to the green, but all pace laps should be quicker than we've typically done in the past
 - Flag stand/Competition Director can aide in instructing the pole car/leader to pick up the pace over the receiver when needed

- **Open items from November membership meeting**
 - Schedule – same tracks as previous years, less races (Mike to handle track liaison duties)
 - 3 races a month/1 race off per month is ideal May-Sept
 - Knoxville Nat's weekend to keep as off-night in August
 - Talked with Sycamore already and Mike needs to confirm our payout/fees from Kim before continuing discussions
 - Co-Sanctioning probably DOA – can reach out to GLLS/MMSA but not really feasible to schedule official co-sanction events. We can openly invite them with waived guest fees, however.
 - Qualifying/Heat races – **Need verification from Steve on how to remedy for 2020**
 - Discussion of how to make qualifying more fair for everyone
 - Preliminary discussion with Steve during 2019 season suggested possibly lining groups up by points
 - Scrap qualifying and just do hot laps with the pill draw/passing points for heat and feature lineups
 - Current lineup scheme adapted from IRA for 2019 creates almost pointless heat races when you only have 2 heats for a night
 - 10 car re-draw – need to finish in top 5 of heat to be eligible
 - Heat pole car can lose 4 spots in heat and still qualify for pole of feature
 - 2nd place starting car can lose 3 spots in heat and still qualify for front row of feature
 - 3rd place starting car can lose 2 spots and still qualify for pole of feature
 - 4th place starting car (quick time) can lose 1 spot and still qualify for re-draw (best starting spot of 4th possible)
 - Suggest changing the heat invert from 4 to 6
 - Puts the faster cars towards the rear – most fans want to see
 - Gives opportunity for cars to start on the pole of a heat race that may never have had that opportunity before
 - If pole car doesn't win heat, chances are they won't make the re-draw
 - Quick time needs to pass a car in heat to make re-draw
 - Keep the 5th place requirement to qualify for invert for 2,3,4 heat races (currently 5,4,3 respectively)
 - Throw out nights
 - Consensus was to eliminate the throw out – especially with the lightened schedule – (My Race Pass may force this anyway)
 - Since Wilmot ASCoC/WoO/Fair Night shows typically draw our largest car counts, should we put eligibility requirements on those races?

- Consensus was no – could have negative effect
 - Suggested to table this idea until we can consistently draw 20+ cars on regular nights
 - Would changing the payout to distribute more money to the rear on traveling shows encourage people who are on the fence of traveling actually show up? i.e. \$100 min start money
 - Mike to work the math to see what that would look like
 - Will need Steve/Kim sign-off as this will require them to use an alternate payout template on those shows
 - Could we get some special series sponsors to throw up some extra money for certain races to have some higher paying shows to possibly draw in more cars
 - Feature/Heat race/Qualifying /Hard Charger sponsors? i.e. Antioch Pizza Quick Time Award
 - Have announcers mention it every night
 - Get sign(s) made up for pictures in victory lane/pits and advertise every week online
 - Can everyone reach out to try to secure something?
- **Tech**
 - Suggested to provide a print out of what tech was down from the previous week to post at drivers meeting to better communicate that tech is being performed
 - What do we want to do perform at the track and what tools do we need to do so?
 - Weight (club has scales)
 - Scope inspection (club has scope)
 - Shifting through all gears
 - Check charging system (club would need multi-meter)
 - Verify RR tire
 - Tire durometer (Mick to donate durometer to club)
 - Wheel base measurement (tape – might be unnecessary now with 74” max)
 - Wing measurements (tape)
 - Fuel samples/testing (Mike to investigate with IRA and beyond to determine feasibility for testing of all fuel types both at track and at a lab)
 - We ultimately don’t want tech to cost people money and prevent cars from getting back on the track – tech should be simple
- **2020 Rule changes**
 - Already made:
 - Incomplete race definition (equal feature point value may change per My Race Pass/IRA scheme though)
 - Disclaimer about if rule/procedure not covered, default to track/IRA rules – there decision is then final

- Must take an attempt at a green flag to be scored
- New for 2020:
 - Eliminate work area – all yellows and reds are closed
- TBD pending meeting with Steve
 - Head and neck requirement
 - Mud covers
 - Double file restarts (pending member vote as well)
- TBD pending further investigation
 - Appeal process for rule violations
 - Gasoline rule – should it be opened to more fuels, or restricted more?
- Shelved as deeper discussion/understanding would be needed or deemed unnecessary
 - 2 year production rule on engines
 - Min weight from 925 to 950
- **Misc. discussions**
 - Would be nice for test/tune sessions at Wilmot throughout the year like other tracks to address issues and work with new drivers – need to bring up with Steve at next meeting
 - 141 – every Thursday
 - Gravity Park – every Weds
 - Discussed putting together a reference guide for new members as far as maintenance goes to help inform people as to what they should be doing routinely to keep their cars on the track. This could be uploaded to website as well as Facebook. Possibly even expand to include what to look for/stay away from when purchasing new cars in an effort to prevent people from buying something that leads to nothing but problems.
 - Mike and Ion could help put something together

Next board meeting with Steve/Kim from IRA on Thursday, December 3rd – Buddyz – McHenry - 7pm