

**Saskatchewan Motosport Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Sept. 29, 2013  
Gallagher Centre, Yorkton, Sask.**

**Present:** Darwin Janz, Regina, President  
Joel Briere, Regina, Vice-president  
Daryl Murphy, Regina, Past-president  
Peggy Atkinson, Moose Jaw, Administrator  
Karen Briere, Pense, Secretary  
Carline Bachman, Lloydminster, Treasurer  
Brent Shury, Battleford, Promotions  
James Francis, Kindersley  
Andrew Valentine, Swift Current  
Aileen Pilsner, Assiniboia  
Jamie Dessert, Moose Jaw, Rider rep  
Gary Bachman, Lloydminster  
Heather McKee, Lloydminster  
Cathie Nemeth, Weyburn  
Jason Easton, Regina  
Blaine Jezowski, Lloydminster  
Jess Duerksen, Yorkton  
Rick Bradshaw, Yorkton  
Derek Jensen, Lloydminster  
Shane Wiebe, Lloydminster

\*Clubs not represented: Saskatoon and Coronach

Darwin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Agenda:** Pat moved; Brent seconded. Carried.

**Minutes:** Karen read highlights from the minutes of the 2012 AGM. Carline noted that the minutes should read \$25,000 in the bank, not \$2,500. Brent moved to accept the minutes. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**President's Report:** Darwin said 2013 was a good year with no race cancellations. Mark Opseth and Daryl will discuss cancellations, with a view to rider safety. All tracks were in good condition before race days this year. He said Peggy is to be recognized for her hard work particularly prior to each race, as is Mark for his work as referee coordinator. Rick moved the president's report be accepted. Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

Some further discussion about issues from the past year and how they were handled: the competition voted at the previous meeting to retain motodrops; it's up to clubs to decide whether they want to share financial information; transponders were purchased; investigation of time-stop video was done; flagging information was sent to clubs; the initiative to involve more volunteers at clubs other than their home clubs didn't get off the ground; clubs not at today's AGM will be penalized; free access to all tracks was rejected.

**Referee's Report:** Mark was not in attendance at this meeting.

**Administrator's Report:** Peggy said local clubs did a much better job this year of getting personnel and preparing for races. She noted the new radios and headsets were received and appreciated. The new transponders were tested at a few races and working well. One set of lap counters will still be needed and she hopes to get groups of people to learn how to run both the computer system and transponder system. Rick asked if the region has a designated transponder system. A club and rider package will be developed over the winter so everyone knows how they operate and how to obtain one. Darwin said an SMA meeting should be held to deal with that issue alone. Peggy distributed a handout showing the average entry was 226, with a high of 282 (Regina) and low of 148 (Assiniboia). Daryl moved Peggy's report. James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

At this point Darwin offered an addition to his report. He outlined how he had taken the executive through a SWOT analysis and how core values were established.

**Financial Report:** Financial statements are attached to these minutes. The purchase of radios and transponders are one-time expenses. Carline said the transponders should be capitalized and move into a depreciation category over time. There are still bills to come in for this year. There was \$22,229 in the bank prior to the final race in Yorkton. So far, CMRC has sent \$4,500 to the region and more is expected. Outstanding amounts from previous years have been received and she thanked Daryl for his efforts to make that happen. She questioned an invoice for \$484 from Motoregistry that just arrived but is for 2012. An investigation will take place. Only seven clubs affiliated and paid this year. Kindersley paid twice (!) and Coronach has not paid for 2013. Prince Albert and Unity did not hold races nor pay fees this year. Jamie moved the financial report be adopted. Daryl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Proposed Budget:** Carline presented a proposed budget for 2014 (attached to these minutes). Daryl moved acceptance of the proposed budget. Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE TO FIX REMUNERATION & SIGNING AUTHORITY:** Carline moved. Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

## **ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:**

**President:** Karen nominated Darwin. Rick 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

**Vice-president:** Brent nominated Jamie. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted. Daryl nominated Jess, seconded Gary. She declined. Jamie accepted.

**Secretary:** Karen nominated Jess. Brent 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

**Treasurer:** Daryl nominated Carline. Brent 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

**Referee Co-ordinator:** Jamie nominated Mark. Blaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

**Rider rep:** Jamie nominated Andrew. He declined.

Joel nominated James. Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

**Promotions/Fundraising:** Blaine nominated Brent. Daryl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted.

Darwin thanked outgoing executive Joel Briere and Karen Briere.

## **CLUB REPORTS:**

**ASSINIBOIA** — Aileen said they had a slow start to the year and thanked the SMA for allowing a race to be scheduled at a late date. She said there was good cooperation by all and they were happy with the day even with lower race entries due to the forecast of heavy rain. Next year they would prefer a race in early June. The club hopes to change the finish line to be able to use transponders. She accepted kudos from those at the meeting who attended the race and said the track was in great condition.

**KINDERSLEY** — Kindersley held two races this year after none the year before due to excess rain. James said the road entering the track was built up and they hope to build a bottom section to the track for easier maintenance. The club made money off both events and intends to use it for gravel.

**LLOYDMINSTER** — Blaine reported a phenomenal year. Membership continues to grow thanks to the new tracks. The club never has enough help and has been hit by vandals several times. Carline noted that more than half the riders in the ladies' class are from Lloydminster.

**REGINA** — Jason said the enduro and peewee tracks have been built and the water system completed. The club is financially healthy. Darwin noted that the club pays out a lot on race day for ambulance attendance and personnel.

**MOOSE JAW** — Jamie said the club is continuing to look for land. The possibilities are quite far from the city at this point.

**SWIFT CURRENT** — The club held two races and lost more than \$1,000 on the second one. The new track was well received.

**WEYBURN** — Cathie said the club continues to struggle to put on a CMRC race when the SCRC circuit is so popular there. For the last two years it has come down to a vote by club executive on whether to hold the race or not. The SCRC is much cheaper for racers to run at \$30 per season and \$10 per class. She suggested Weyburn might not hold another CMRC race. Discussion of SCRC followed.

**YORKTON** — Rick said there was good gate attendance. He suggested 220 riders represent a break-even for clubs; Yorkton had 273. Track was well prepped. Pit area is still an issue and the club is waiting for the city to give it control of the Millstone park area. The club would like to upgrade its 50 track, which has deteriorated and needs work. He also pointed out he used Facebook extensively to advertise, rather than spend money.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reclassification meeting date:** Saturday, Nov. 3 in Saskatoon. The management of the transponders will also be discussed at that meeting. Brent and Daryl will work on this. Darwin would like to see more intermediate riders.

**Contact information:** James suggested all clubs should place contact information in the race day programs so that people who receive them know whom to contact to get involved or get access to the track.

**Kudos:** Blaine passed along that a rider from Red Deer had attended the last few races and was overwhelmed at the hospitality shown him by Saskatchewan. That speaks to our core values.

**Notification of cancelled races/Information:** There needs to be a better way to notify people that races are cancelled. Facebook is probably the best option. Darwin suggested the process be that the club gets in touch with Peggy and she updates the SMA Facebook page the night before the race, and perhaps 10 a.m. and noon on race day. This way, people travelling will know if they should continue or turn around.

**Social media presence:** Daryl will work on the process. Volunteer help will be needed. As well, the website needs to be better updated. Darwin said this should be in place by December. Kristen Genest could be asked again if she will redesign the site.

**Moto-drops:** This issue recurs. Darwin asked if it should be discussed again at a scheduled meeting and most said yes. There will be a vote at the spring scheduling meeting.

**Motoregistry:** Discussion if the cost of \$1 per paid entry is worth it. To be discussed further at a later meeting.

**Staging:** Jess asked why racers who win the first moto don't get gate pick for the second. To be discussed later.

**50 tracks:** Discussion that some tracks are not wide enough or big enough for more advanced racers. Clubs should take this as feedback, not criticism. Includes Swift Current and Assiniboia. Aileen mentioned she would like to see the 50 classes split.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 1:10 p.m.