

**Saskatchewan Motosport Association
Annual General Meeting
Sept. 14, 2014
Palliser Pavillion, Swift Current, Sask.**

Present: Darwin Janz, Regina, President
Jamie Dessert, Moose Jaw, Vice-president
Daryl Murphy, Regina, Past-president
Peggy Atkinson, Moose Jaw, Administrator
Jess Duerksen, Yorkton, Secretary
Brent Shury, Battleford, Promotions
Aileen Pilsner, Assiniboia, Treasurer
Warren Bullock, Swan River
Jayme Dessert, Moose Jaw
Jason Easton, Regina
J.C. Genest, Dinsmore
Kristin Genest, Dinsmore
Pat Quinney, Kindersley/Eston
Raylene Quinney, Kindersley/Eston
Vic Stuart, Regina
Lyndon Kozakewich, Regina
Doug Corrins, Swift Current
Larry Newans, Coronach
Rocky Beauchesne, Assiniboia
David Pilsner, Regina
Broc Shury, Battleford

*Clubs not represented: Lloydminster, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Weyburn

Darwin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda: Jamie moved; Peggy seconded. Carried.

Minutes: Jess read the minutes of the 2013 AGM.

President's Report: Darwin- 2014 was a good year in general with a few struggles to get refs in place and Mark has stated that we need more help in this regard. A few issues in deciding what to do on race day decisions with regard to safety or weather issues. Clubs in general did a great job putting on races and extra kudos to the Kindersley club and the community of Eston for their effort in getting the Eston track up and running to hold the race. Transponders have been well received and kudos to Peggy, Daryl and the Desserts for their efforts to keep things running smoothly. Very happy with the quality of the tracks and track design but very unsettling the amount of injuries/hospital visits this season. Stated that there were hospital visits nearly if not every race. We need to reinforce safety and remind riders about making good choices. One example is with the Saskatoon track having a very high speed straight start and no water available which made it impossible to see. Item to be discussed is that it be mandatory to have an ambulance/transport vehicle on site to avoid major delays. Commended Regina club on their work to hold the national and suggested that we discuss the option of not having a regional race tied to the national.

Referee's Report: Mark was not in attendance at this meeting. Discussion about how to attract new refs and it was proposed that we have a training session so that people are prepared for the position and not intimidated when asked to step up. Also noted that the headsets are not acceptable and the users are unable to hear each other. Brief discussion of headset options to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Administrator's Report: Peggy said local clubs did great job this year of getting lap scorers and personnel and preparing for races. The transponder system is working well after a few hiccups with the new lines and should be no issues moving forward. We have received two new CMRC shirts. Motoregistry entries have increased and would like to see it increase even more. Attached is a summary of the race entries included a breakout of motoregistry entries as well as CMRC memberships and day passes sold.

Discussion followed that we need to train more personnel on the use of the transponder system and registration system for 2015 as to not put the region at risk only having one person trained in these.

Financial Report: Financial statements are attached to these minutes. Aileen stated that we are recovering the cost of the transponder system through rentals. Suggested we change the rider levy to be \$7 for both online and trackside registrations to offset paypal expenses. There has been a glitch with motoregistry with respect to second moto discounts and the admin fee. Aileen to follow up to get figures straightened out and will set guidelines with motoregistry regarding billing. Discussion regarding the pros and cons of using motoregistry followed and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Question regarding the transponders and cost recovery. The cost of \$12,400 is hoped to be recovered over three years and 2014 is an amount of \$5450 recovered to date.

Proposed Budget: Aileen presented a proposed budget for 2015 (attached to these minutes).

Explanation re: remuneration; it does not apply as our executive is not paid. Brent made a motion that the SMA continue to operate on a volunteer basis. Pat 2nd. Carried.

Huge thanks given to Aileen for stepping up and taking over the role of treasurer. We had lost our incorporation status and she had to rebuild a good portion of our financials with the help from our auditor Roxanne Murphy.

Discussion followed regarding our rebate from CMRC for licenses. It was proposed that we withhold CMRC fees from the amount we remit for license sales. It has been proposed to CMRC that we settle up at year end but they declined. Further discussion required.

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President: Doug nominated Darwin. Aileen 2nd. Accepted.

Noted that Darwin mentioned that we need to look toward nominating a president to take us the long haul, someone with a vision for the future. Discussion regarding the position of Vice President and hopes that the person in that position would be training for the position of president.

Vice-president: JC nominated Vic. Brent 2nd. Accepted.

Pat suggested adding a second VP position to add stability to the board and carry on with Darwins comment that the VP should be looking toward taking over the Presidents position.

Pat made a motion to add the position of second vice president. Vic second. Carried

Jamie nominated Rocky as second Vice president. Pat second. Accepted

This position will be carried through as long as the proper procedure has been followed regarding a change in executive.

Secretary: Jamie nominated Jess. Peggy 2nd. Accepted.

Treasurer: Jamie nominated Aileen. Jess 2nd. Accepted.

Referee Co-ordinator: Jamie nominated Mark. Peggy 2nd. Accepted via text message.

Rider rep: Peggy nominated Jamie. Rocky 2nd. Accepted

Promotions/Fundraising: Aileen nominated Brent. JC 2nd. Accepted.

Darwin thanked outgoing executive James Francis and welcomed Rocky and Vic to the executive. Executive roles and responsibilities will be sent out along with some goals for long term stability and consistency.

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Brent made a motion that the executive continue to operate on a volunteer basis. Pat second. Carried.

CLUB REPORTS:

Darwin noted that we absolutely need clubs to be active in the SMA. Our role as a board is to execute the wishes of the clubs and its members so it is imperative that we have club reps attend the meetings.

ASSINIBOIA —

Assiniboia had a good race with good weather on the rescheduled date... they've had several new members and a lot more help with the track and have made improvements to the track... Wednesday night races are going well... income is down and may be due to the low gate fee of \$5... when increased to \$10 previously it wasn't well received so they went back to the \$5 which resulted in a much lower income from gate fees... another thing that hurt their race income was the high cost of premise insurance... they had a lot of community support... want to thank Moose Jaw for the use of the starting gates... their cub is interested in holding the year end race and banquet next year

CORONACH –

Coronach is experiencing a very low membership... does plan to hold another race next season...

*discussion followed regarding safety in adverse weather/ lightening conditions and suggested that a policy be put in place regarding lightening

KINDERSLEY —

Kudos to Kindersley club for being awarded track of the year! The club received lots of help and community support from Eston. There were two ambulances on site and the club paid only for one and the fire department showed up as well and also provided water for the track. They would like to affiliate and have another race next season. Kindersley club numbers are down and there are not enough people volunteering to help.

LLOYDMINSTER — No report

REGINA —

Regina held the national this year which was excellent for the cub... no word on another for next season but they are open to it. Note** the club has no control over gate fees for the national. One struggle the club is having is the cost of the ambulance which has doubled. The club would like to suggest that the SMA supplement the cost or increase the gate fee for riders. Membership is down and they are also having trouble getting volunteers to help out. They are considering an increase in membership fees with an opportunity to "earn back" part of the fees by volunteering. Discussion followed with ideas for increasing the volunteer base within clubs.

SASKATOON – No Report

MOOSE JAW —

Moose Jaw secured some land and built a track however any further work on it or track construction is on hold until the club meets with the RM.

SWIFT CURRENT —

The weather was poor for the races which affected rider turnout. They would like to see fees increased. The club loses approximately \$1000 per race and there is a concern over lack of rider entries. A lot of their members are trail riders and racers and are concerned with the club losing money to hold a race. Club finances are not good. Discussion followed regarding ideas on how to increase entries. Discussion followed re: costs of trophies and the idea of a single point of contact for trophies was brought forward. Also suggested that every venue have a PA system in place which would possibly increase fan attendance and generate more income.

WEYBURN — No report

YORKTON —

Yorkton race went well... the club is in good shape financially but always looking for more volunteer help. It was suggested that we increase the refs pay.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Transponders – it was suggested that transponders be free to use for a first time racer... the CMRC day pass and transponder rental and transponder deposit makes it very expensive for the first race.

Edson has built a track and has the equipment and resources to maintain the track and potentially hold a race.

Created a list of pending items for discussion;

- Refs- need training and resources and to attract new refs
- Admin- need to address training a backup for Peggy
- Moto registry – need effective use of the program
- CMRC licence reimbursement – address time lag
- Mandatory association with a club to be an SMA member; what constitutes the term “member”
- Gate fee increase
- Ambulance costs
- Tracks minimum requirements to hold a race re track prep, watering
- Mandate for requirement for medical personnel on site
- How to stimulate growth in rider numbers
- Transponders – readdress deposit process and fee for first time riders
- Pros/cons for our affiliation to the CMRC
 - Discussion followed regarding the ANQ process; reimbursements; insurance; admin benefits (wristbands, race packages, entry forms, official shirts) ; credibility for sponsorship; discussion brought forward re: Manitoba and how they facilitated disengaging from the CMRC
 - There needs to some fact finding done and list of pros and cons compiled for remaining affiliated; it was stated that the CMRC needs to have a chance to represent themselves and demonstrate what they are offering and the pros with remaining affiliated
- Race scheduling; shorten the time span between races
- Flaggers – compile a list or “regulars” ie siblings parents etc that could be flagging at races
- Suggested that Juniors should get a hot lap before their moto because of the large class and placement in the practice schedule

Jamie made a motion that the junior class be given a hot lap before their moto to be carried out at the discretion of the head ref. Kristin second. Carried

- Review practice schedule wrt 50/65 classes

Brent made a motion that we review and change the practice schedule as necessary to avoid potential conflicts. Aileen second. Carried.

- Single source for trophies; types of trophies/plaques acceptable

Pat made a motion that the SMA find a primary trophy supplier for rates and leave trophy/plaque selection up to the clubs discretion. Vic Second. Carried

Jess and Peggy will work together to find a source for trophies.

Reclassification meeting date: Sunday, Nov. 9 in Davidson. We will also be addressing all items brought up through the club reports and discussions that followed.

Daryl made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. JC second. Carried

ADJOURNMENT: 1:21 p.m.