
THQMA MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 2018

Called to Order at 7:08pm

Welcome

Welcome and thank you to those present tonight.

Treasurer's Report

Any reviews treasurer's report. Alan asks how we liked invoicing for our club dues and parking. Several members state that they did like the convenience of paying via invoice. **Dan Wallace makes a motion to accept. John Shipman seconds. Treasurer's report carries.**

Secretary's Report

John Shipman makes a motion to accept minutes as written, Tom Spain seconds. Minutes carry.

2019 Club Expectations

Focus on Fun, let's get back to having fun at the track

Member involvement. Thank you for being here and involved. Let's get all of our members engaged and involved. Whether it is coming to a meeting, work night or nightly activities at the track. We need to foster relationships with our new families and get the involved. We need to grow our club. Our car counts are not back to what they were at the old track, we need to grow as a club. Let's have activities that foster fun and make people want to come and be involved. One of the proxy votes mentioned community service, what have we done to give back to the community? We are non-profit and ask the community for many things, what can we give back to the community. We have a great facility, we should be sharing it. Attend membership meeting. We need to get people at our meetings. We need your thoughts and ideas contributed to the club. We need you to be here to understand the decisions and ongoings of the club, and to help get to know your fellow members. Cindy mentions getting our drivers involved in the decisions that we make. Their thoughts count as well.

Banquet

We are setting up tomorrow night starting at 6pm at the shrine on 7th street in Terre Haute. There is a lot to do tomorrow night, we need the help. Doors will open tomorrow at 4pm, banquet starts at 5pm. Please stay after and help clean up! If you have any raffle items, bring them Friday night, if possible. Thank you to the

banquet committee, they have been a great help! Brent touches on donation items. He suggests not set out items unless they are in our possession, as one donation did not pan out last year.

Amazon Smile

Please go to smile.amazon.com and make your purchases through this site, 0.5% of your purchase can go to a charity of your choice. THQMA is a charity that is listed, you make pick us as your organization and 0.5% of your purchase will come back to THQMA.

Myracepass is in its final stages of development and we will be seeing it go live very shortly! We will submit a monthly newsletter with items for sale, please submit your items to BOD and we will get them posted!

Arrive and Drive / Scholarship Program

We did receive some applications from arrive and drive for scholarship cars. Loren, Tom and Jeremy have already reached out to 9-10 applicants that they will be interviewing Wednesday. Our hope is to award the cars before thanksgiving. We will place our top six in cars and have a list of applicants on standby. When another car is available, we will interview those on standby and place them in the available cars. We will also consider new applicants as they come in from arrive and drive next year. Loren asks if anyone knows of someone who would be interested in the scholarship program, please have them submit their applications. Dan asks that we call and notify the families that are not awarded the cars, this has been overlooked in the past. Those are hard calls to make, but need to be made.

Equipment for Scholarship Cars

We will have a set of arrive and drive cars dedicated to only the arrive and drive events. We have enough cars to now make this happen. Now that we have those cars to use to host events that can give back to the community. We could have the boy's club, a church group, maybe a nightly drawing for a ride in a car. These are all ways that we can give back and excite the people in the stands. We can publicize this and increase our number of spectators.

We have purchased two Nervos, we are in the process of purchasing new Stanley's. Loren will also take inventory of equipment needed to bring the cars back to life. Please let him know if you have any available equipment to use for this purpose. Contact Loren Shaffer for details.

Our goal with having different scholarship car models is to link them to members with the same car and foster a learning relationship.

Greg has also volunteered to help audit and inspect our scholarship cars on a weekly bases to ensure that they are being properly cared for and ready to race. We do not want to prevent anyone from racing, but we do want to ensure that they are taking care of the equipment they have been issued. This also allows our novice families to ask questions. We have also discussed setting novice families up with a "Foster Family" that becomes a point of contact for them.

We are also looking for a sponsor for our scholarship cars. Prices are not set yet, but please let us know if you have someone in mind.

January Meeting

January meeting will be Saturday January 12th at 9am here at the track. We will select parking spaces and present and vote on race schedules and formats. Race Schedules and Format must be submitted 30 days prior to the January meeting (12/13/18) Regional and Grands dates will be sent to the membership prior to 12/1/18.

Christmas Parades

Justin Meneely will head Brazil Christmas parade. Brazil parade is on the night after Thanksgiving. Dan will discuss rules of traveling trophy at the banquet. Mike advises to let the parade event planner know where you are meeting so they can plan accordingly. Dan Wallace states that Justin can contact him for more information on contacts and parking for the parade.

Facility Worklist

Alan discusses worklist that was reviewed during November board meeting. At the Board Meeting we assigned a board member to each task discussed. They will be calling on members to ask for help on these projects. They are the point of contact on each of the items. We will also be asking what types of specialties or talents you might have. This will provide guidance when we have specific needs for the club. You can provide this information at the banquet during check-in. Please be on the lookout for a set of bleachers, we may be in need. Basketball court will also be added that is not on the worklist. Greg Dillion is heading this.

THQMA 2019 Sanctioning

Sanctioning has been talked about now for three months. The president and director of the 0.25 midget program were here at our las meeting to discuss USAC and what the have to offer. As a group we decided that we needed to voice our opinions. As a board of directors, we agreed that we needed to vote. In that motion we decided to allow a representative from each "camp" to speak to the membership prior to the vote.

Greg Dillion Speaks on Behalf of USAC

USAC is an Indiana based organization. They can offer local support. USAC is growing across the country in the 0.25 world. QMA track numbers around us are diminishing, which means there are not as many clubs to draw from near us. USAC averages higher car counts. USAC offers special events which gets our kids involved with Driver's who have moved onto driving as adults. They have offered our track an opportunity to host a national event alongside sprint week here in Terre Haute, offering our children the opportunity to interact with their drivers. USAC also states that they will not tell us how to run our individual events on a club level. As long as we are within safety scope. Membership fees / dues will be waived for the first year. You will be required to pay \$10 per individual for insurance. So, for a family of three, that is \$30, for a family of five \$50. Lawyer George White compared insurance coverage from QMA to USAC. USAC insurance is the same, if not better than QMA. The one stipulation is that you must post practice times. Those practice times can be set by

the club. National Events are being guaranteed by USAC for three years. Grands events cost a lot. If you do not have a trophy sponsor, you may be out on profit. USAC provides the profit. Regional races are one day, National events are three. Alan clarifies that USAC tires rule can be open on a local level. However, on a regional or national level you will be required to run Hoosier tires that are still in production. Denny Meneely notes that there is no judging in USAC. The race director will make all the calls. It will be mandatory for people to work corners and help judge. We can adjust this on a club level to fit our needs. In year two, we will have to pay our full membership fees. Also, year two would include USAC tire club. USAC is easy to work with. You run your club as you see fit, you govern your club as you see fit. From a current "dual" member there is an overwhelming excitement from Kokomo that there is an opportunity to race here in Terre Haute. Questions around Kokomo membership levels changing after switching sanctioning. Kokomo membership remained the same until another event caused membership to dwindle, but they are now rising.

Voting

QMA: 21

USAC: 26

THQMA will now pursue sanctioning with USAC.

Open Discussion

Greg Dillion has offered to hold a class for how to perform yearly maintenance on your cars. Saturday December 15th at 10am. Location TBD, likely hear at the track.

Denny Meneely makes a motion to adjourn. Jeremy Urbain seconds. Meeting Adjourned.