

THQMA Membership Meeting 11.9.17

Called to order at 7:15

Attendance Called

Membership Issue:

(Jayne-Ani)

It was brought to the attention of the 2017 board that there were issues with 2017 memberships not being submitted. The 2017 board has met to address this issue as well.

There will be refunds made for QMA dues for those members that had paperwork that was not submitted.

Angie Healey has resigned her position as secretary. Amber Mendoza has agreed to accept the vacant position for secretary.

Secretary Minutes:

Tom Spain Made Motion to accept

Greg Dillion questions us receiving a list of items to be completed for the next year at the track.

Amy notes that she will send out a copy, Jayne-ani states that she will submit a copy to Steve to post on THQMA site.

Denny Meneely 2nds; Minutes pass:

Treasurer Report:

Stan presents treasurer's report.

Stan discusses audit of memberships submitted and financials concerned with unprocessed memberships.

Roger Wright thanks Stan and Amy for the easy transition from one treasurer to another. Amy Strong thanks Stan for his work in auditing the books.

Dan Wallace makes motion to accept

Jeremy Urbain 2nds

Treasurer Report passes

New Facility Update:

Stan presents report. He states that we finished under budget. Summary of key remaining expenses that are budgeted for (must haves) : playground, walls, judges and flag stand etc...This is approximately \$155,448 in additional expenses. His goal is for us to understand what we can expect to spend before we are "Race Ready". Even with these expenses we ran 6% under budget. Stan suggests that the board produces a budget for the club to work against to manage expenses.

Stan reviews projected expenses for things we "should do". These run at approximately \$21,700.00

Steve questions if the remaining funds (the 6% under budget) will also be transferred to Friends of THQMA. Stan states that this money for the time being will remain in the local account, not the friends of THQMA account. Amy states that there must be an approval given for funds to be spent by both president and vice president. Jane-ani and Amy state that they plan on keeping the funds where they are for about another year until we become acclimated to our new facility.

Stan states that the building has been passed by the inspectors.

Allen Agee questions winterization of plumbing. Stan states that the building out by the hot chute has been winterized already. Stan suggests removing batteries so that the outbuilding cannot be accessed while winterized.

Key pads are installed and functional. Access code discussed with members present.

Roger Wright asks when we will lock the other gates to that others cannot access the facility. Jayne-ani states that they can be locked as soon as we have the keys and do so.

Mike Cioch states that the back gate was open when he arrived. It was discussed that concrete was installed today and the crew potentially left it open.

Jeremy Urbain states that we must put a system in place to ensure that gates are locked.

Stan states that we will have to be fluid with modifications in the future to account for inevitable changes that will need to be made.

Denny thanks Stan for taking care of the new facility.

Banquet Update

Lilli M. thanks everyone for the help. We are setting up Tomorrow night at 6:30pm. All help will be accepted.

Doors open at 4, starts at 5:45. Cindy Wright will be our MC

Open Board Position

Shaunce Williams is the only candidate that is running. She will become our new non-racing board member for the remainder of Jane-ani's term

Parades

Mike Cioch discusses organizing participation in Brazil Christmas parade. Dan Wallace mentions the need to put the male plug on the front of the car and the female plug on the back to assist with lighting continuity.

Concerns voiced about exhaust fumes from side by side pulling cars. Loren S. states that he has longer tow bars that may help with this issue. Electric side by sides were suggested as well.

Laken R. voices concerns about needed to be a "float" to participate in Terre Haute parade with Saint Mary of the Woods. Mike Cioch states that he will investigate this issue further.

Dan Wallace and Jeremy Urbain discuss that interest declined in the past and they have since stopped participating.

Denny asks about traveling trophy for judging cars. Dan states that he has the trophy and he will present that trophy to the winner as long as we are participating in these events. If we stop, the trophy must go back to Dan.

Children as young as two can participate in event.

Mike C. will have Melissa H. send out a Facebook message regarding participation in Terre Haute parade.

PRI Show

Brian R. states that he has been in contact with the gentleman that owns MOSCORE. He will come to PRI show and he will do a training session on MOSCORE for \$300. He will train any number of people. If you would like to go you must sign up for the PRI show. Loren Shaffer signed up. You must be signed by November 16th. You must have your ID badge for QMA or driver's card.

Brain needs to set up the details of the training. It will just be for us. Greg suggests booking the training for Saturday so that members do not have to take time off of work. PRI is on December 7,8 and 9.

Heather, Nikki, Amber, Jane-ani, Krissi, Allen, Roger W., Mike C. all express interest in event.

Brian will make contact and put the schedule on Facebook and the website with the update.

Committees

Please send your interest in committees to Jane-Ani's email for the board to discuss during our December Board Meeting.

Jayne-Ani states that the by-laws are with the attorney. There is a need to form policies and procedures. If you have an interest or any input in forming these, please contact Jayne-Ani and/or board members,

Grand Events for 2019

Brian states that nobody has put in for the 2019 Grand Events. He is presenting the idea of hosting the Eastern Grands and the Dirt Grands.

Greg states that the Robby Stanley memorial is the week before battle of the brickyard, so we would not have USAC participation if we host the Grands the week before battle of the brickyard.

There is a lot of interest in hosting two Grand National events at our facility in 2019.

Greg suggests to host events back to back to save on airline expenses and hotel expenses. Attention needs to be paid to asphalt and dirt racing order.

Bandit brings up the issue of needing to set up the track in the parking lot.

Brian states that if there is interest in hosting the Grands we need to let Noah know so that he can present it to nationals.

Skip C. makes a motion to host both grands (Eastern and Dirt) in 2019.

Brent Taylor 2nd.

Matt H. wants to know racing order / weeks. Dan suggests hosting after brickyard. Suggestion made to run asphalt week before Robby Stanley. Then dirt after brickyard.

Jeremy Auterson has concerns about a month of continuous racing. Members state that they believe that people who run all of those races, will come.

Matt H. states that the VP of nationals has mentioned an interest in having both of the grands events here.

Mike C. reiterates that we must have club commitment to pull this off.

Jane-ani asks if a proposal is needed. Melissa states that we must submit a written proposal.

Motion approved.

Parking

Dan Wallace brings up parking. Dan states that we need to put numbers on parking spots to assist with assigning parking. Dan asks if we will assign parking this year and what the process will be. Amy states that she has the parking seniority list, but has not had a chance to address it. Denny states that there is map of parking available to assist with assigning parking. Dan is suggesting a new procedure for assigning parking.

Amy S. proposes a committee for writing parking assignment procedures. Dan Wallace volunteers for committee, Greg Dillion volunteers as well, Brent Taylor volunteers. Greg discusses getting vinyl to put on parking spaces. Dan Utterback states that he will do this for free. Denny Meneeley and Tom Spain will volunteer as well. Parking committee will have these procedures completed by the January membership meeting.

Jeremy asks if we are locking all of the boxes. Jayne-ani states yes. John S. states that parking spots may not be shared. Dan W. does want to know what will happen with your parking spot if you do not participate in a Regional.

Parking spaces left unused at regional events will be rented out for the event.

Hall of Fame

Dan Wallace has written a hall of fame book. He does not have it, the secretary does. He states that Miranda had the book and it has been passed to the secretary since. Dan has looked on his computer at home for a pdf copy of the book and was unable to locate it.

Greg Dillion asks about the ability to access the old website and the history of the club that is on the website. Brian R. states that he can access the old website.

Steve R. states that he and John S have discussed developing a new website. Mike Cioch asks if we will wipe out the site and buy a new site, or if we need to purchase the site.

Steve states that the site software is free, we had paid for the work of the old developer. Matt H. talks about myracepass as an option for new site software.

Hall of Fame committee: Dan Wallace will head. Roger Wright and Skip Collins want to be on committee as well. We need procedures for selection and participation of members etc... In the past Dan Wallace states that they operated under an alternate handler (no voting rights unless national dues are paid).

Amy and Jane-Ani voice concerns that there is no procedure in place, it's only "tribal knowledge". We need to create written procedures and policies in place to guide us now and in the future.

Loren Shaffer volunteers for committee, Greg Dillion and Roger Wright volunteer as well.

Greg questions if a hall of fame member may participate on the committee. Jane-Ani and Amy state that she may participate. Charlotte Fredric may participate as well.

Can we get these procedures developed by January meeting?

Skip will be on committee as well

Website input from Cindy W. Weather, places to eat and stay etc....

States Race

We are hosting states race on June 2/3. Jane-Ani states that we need to get our kids on the track as soon as possible.

Allen A. questions our Regional Dates conflicting with other events.

Allen and Jane-ani note that we must present any formats and schedules by December (30 days prior to January Membership meeting)

Date of membership meeting questioned by Allen Agee. Jane-Ani states that Jan 13th will be the membership meeting. Board meeting will be January 4th.

Jeremy U. asks if proposals go to info@thqma.com. Yes, they do.

Cindy questions arrive and drive in the spring. Dates April 28th and grand opening April 29th. We need to get advertisement in place for arrive and drive.

Amy S. suggests 3 arrive and drives? To bulk up novice class.

Jeremy states that we owe families cars from last year.

Advertisement opportunities at Linkin Park Speedway, the mall, the home show etc...

Jeremy suggests pushing scholarships cars.

Brian states that he is seeing marquee signs \$6,500 – \$7,000. Brian will look into marquee signs, Jeremy Urbain will help.

Greg notes that wall has not been built. It was noted that the track is too muddy to build walls at this time.

We need to get the walls from the temp track to this facility.

RCPs

1. *Drivers ages and weights – increase minimum and combined heavy driver weight*
 - a. *One – yes*
 - b. *All other no*
 - c. *No's have it*

2. *Lapped Cars –*
 - a. *0 – Yes*
 - b. *No’s have it*
3. *Last 5 laps – actual order*
 - a. *No’s have it*
4. *Transponders – location of transponder*
 - a. *Yes -13*
 - b. *No – 0*
5. *Initial starts – using green cone at turn 4*
 - a. *Yes – 12*
 - b. *No – 0*
6. *Flagging procedures – double file restarts*
 - a. *Yes – 1*
 - b. *No – 3*
7. *Flagging – rolled up black flag warning at flagger, RD or judges’s discretion under green*
 - a. *Yes – 0*
 - b. *No – 11*
8. *Second Novice class for 160 and Animal (talking point only)*
 - a. *Yes -*
 - b. *No – no’s have it!*
9. *National board of director officials should not have a business affiliation r/t quarter midgets*
 - a. *None in agreement, all oppose*

Other two RCPs have been thrown out d/t not being signed.

Allen Agee questions Commitment line will it be incorporated or not? Greg questions RCPs that we submitted. Matt H. states that we did not submit RCPs on proper documentation with proper signatures and they were thrown out.

<i>Good of the Order</i>

Cindy will head arrive and drive committee. Mike and heather Cioch, Loren Shaffer, Amy Strong, Brent Taylor Stan Hawthorne, Melissa Hickox.

Wall Committee –Denny M., Allen A., Loren Shaffer, Roger Wright, Mike Cioch, Brent Taylor, Matt H. Questions about whether or not the posts will be placed in the dirt or on the concrete. Bronson Wilson, possibly Dusty Wright as well.

Concession committee: Shawn Deweese, Lynn Utterback, Jamie Turner, Jodi Wilson, Ashley Shaffer.

Furnishings for the tower, downstairs: Laken R. , Niki and Amber, Jody Wilson.

Denny M. Makes a motion for purchase of necessary toiletries: soap for dispensers, paper towels, toilet paper. Roger Wright 2nds. Motion passes.

Novice Cars: Roger will help, Skip will report back after Christmas on a plan of action for the preparation of novice cars.

Allen Agee and Tom Vicino may have deposit box keys. Amy asks if Allen will go with her to transfer the keys.

Brent Taylor – awards similar to CCQMA. Melissa states that they build trophies at CCQMA and use a label maker. Storage was an issue at the old track. Possibility of building trophies on site will be explored.

Safe Serve for concessions inquired about by Jodi Wilson. We must have this in place. The person with the certification must be present. Safe Serve must be displayed, we will check on requirements.

Jim Huxford questions his refund for \$150 for his membership not being processed. He has received \$300 cash, where is the other \$150?

Amy explains that \$100 belongs to QMA and will be refunded. The \$50 covers your use of the track, your voting rights awards etc. \$300 was refunded for national membership. But, if you want the \$50 back for the local club, you may ask for it back.

Jeremy A. asks about further action with our secretary. Jayne-ani states that we are consulting nationals on how to proceed with further action. Jeremy and Laken reinforce the fact that stealing is stealing, regardless of if the stolen items were returned.

Jeremy A. states that it is a bad example to do nothing. Board states again that we are consulting the nationals

Mike C. states that we need to put in place procedure instead of going on what we used to do.

The question arises if we will pursue legal action and/or punishment. Melissa and Jayne-ani state that it is not an option, we will pursue some sort of action.

General spoken concern is that no further action will be taken after Angie has removed herself from office.

Code of conduct has been researched by Mike Cioch and the board. Code of contact only covers on track items and social media, not situations similar to ours. That is why we are reaching out to the board for guidance in how to move forward in the appropriate manner.

Allen A. suggests that we give the board some leeway in researching what the appropriate action steps will be. Melissa reassures the club that this will not be swept under the rug.

Nikki, states that she fears that if we do not pursue legal action we might put our not-for-profit status in jeopardy. Greg Dillion had suggested that we might put it in jeopardy by pursuing legal actions.

Nikki Urbain Motions to adjourn; Loren Shaffer 2nds.

Meeting adjourned.

