

February 21, 2015 General Membership Meeting (Wild about Wheels)

See sign in sheet.

Tom called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

Tom said that their were schedules made and at the Nodak booth if any one was interested in them.

Tom told everyone that we hired a new Marketing/Event Coordinator. His name is Nick and he was absent Saturday but would be there Sunday to chat.

Tom said we are always looking for **Track Employees** and if anyone is interested to let us know.

Tom talked about how we would like to do **driver interviews** and having them on face book or the website leading up to the race season and during the season. If anyone is interested they are encouraged to speak with Nick about it. Nick would be doing the interviews.

Tom talked about how we plan to have a Hobby Stock/Sport Mod special during the year. We don't have everything about it nailed down yet. We are thinking about having it August 2nd. It would be raced with IMCA rules.

Tom asked if everyone would like a **representative for each class**. We wanted to know how the general membership felt about the idea. We wanted everyone to talk amongst themselves and let us know what they thought of the idea.

Tom introduced the new board members that were elected in November.

Ron gave the **financial report**. Between the 2 checking accounts there is about \$56,066. That is about where we want it to be for carry over for the start of the next season.

Ron spoke about how the **Fair** is going to put a permanent roof on the stage. They plan on starting in April on it. Its all behind the front barrier. There are 2 columns on the front of it and 4 on the back side of it. They have worked with us on it. They raised it as high as they could and it won't block any of the rows in the bleachers. It's something they have been talking about for years. We have been talking to them about taking down the infield building they have. If they did that it would make it a lot easier to see the back straightway also.

Ron spoke about how the Fair added **concrete** to the front straightaway, it was about 20 feet added to the north end. They are hoping by doing that they can add more standing room for the concerts. By doing that we will need to add an extra barrier section to the front wall. We will have to pay for concrete. We will have Beeter's do the dirt work.

Ron spoke about how we would like to add a light pole facing the pits off of the fence line for the track.

Ron told everyone we would like to move the **scale** also. We would like to see it go to the outside of the track, however the fair would like to see it left inside the track, so no one messes with it, just close by the road we use to exit the pits. The fair would also like using our coming off the track road as their road

for buses to come in on instead of over the track. They would also like to see the fence shifted a bit so there is a better angle to get in and out of the gate.

Ron told everyone we have purchased two **trailers** for the track. One is used for tools for fixing the fence, etc. Instead of everyone bringing their tools in we would have our own to use on the track. It would also be left at the track. The second was a trailer to be used for souvenirs. Right now souvenirs are stored at Ron's house. This way we can have everything in the trailer and its always ready to go. It can be stored under the grandstand all summer, minus during the fair. Right now everything has to be brought out of storage and set up every week at the track then all of it has to go back into storage. Sometimes the Marketing/Event Coordinator gets tied up doing all of that. We'd like to see them being out front more and this should help with that.

Ron talked about the **trench** that the fair is working on. It will cross the pits so for a couple of weeks we may have some issues but after that it should be done. It is a concrete waterway that will go east across the pit area.

Steve Pierce spoke about the changes in **the rules** for all the different classes . He wants everyone to be safe! That is his top priority. He wants to see everyone go home for the night. He spoke about if he writes a deficiency slip and you don't fix it. The next one is a DQ and no points. He did get the ok for pre inspection for the tours. If you are pre-inspected you will get a sticker stating so and it will be in his paperwork as well.

Tom brought up the **pit stalls**. A question was brought up about if they were announced anywhere that they were on the silent auction. Wayne Johnson asked why the club isn't doing letters anymore. Not everyone has face book, they would like to see us going back to sending out letters or post cards for things. No one knew that you would be able to purchase more spots later. It was never talked about at the meeting that that was going to be an option. We wanted to make it easier for the groups to all be next together. They were ok with single spots sold at the banquet, that is what the silent auction sheet said. Mike Tomlinson made a motion to abolish the pit stall parking all together and start from scratch. Seconded by Stan Tomlinson. They would like to see a committee, maybe be given a 2 week notice before going to sell spots. Originally there were 5 spots sold and the banquet and 2 were given away at the November 2nd general meeting. We never said you couldn't trade around spots after the fact. Why does it matter where you park? We come to race and this is the issue. There will be some free spots available as well. The vote was on if we should abolish pit stall parking altogether and start from scratch. The vote was done by secret ballot. It was 9 yes votes to 48 no's.

More discussion on the **pit stalls**. Ron brought up that he purchased a spot in Mandan and likes it because its convenient if they are running late. They know there spot will be there for them. Wayne Johnson made a motion to keep the original 7 spots we sold intact and abolish the rest. Spots 6 and 7 would be able to be moved if they would like to. Seconded by Zach Lutz. Discussion if we want to auction off each spot, going spot by spot. The membership is not happy that they didn't know before the banquet that they would have the option to purchase more spots before everyone else. Another motion was made by Sonja Struksness Weber to go by points when giving out pit stalls. Start with the

champions in every class and work their way through the classes. They would be able to get up to 5 stalls. It was seconded by Terry Faul. She rescinded her motion later.

Discussion on if we should do a random drawing at a board meeting and let everyone pick a spot. Another idea was to do a silent auction for the spots. You could buy up to 3 spots. The biggest issue is the tire saving that is going on right now. The drivers want it on face book, email, and mail the 2 week notice for the meeting. You could get up to 10 spots. They are ok with us putting numbers in a hat and drawing them out and then picking your spots from there. Wayne Johnson made a motion to put random numbers in a bucket and draw them out and let them pick their spots. Give everyone a couple of weeks to get their stuff together. You can buy as many spots as you want. Seconded by Justin Strifel. If you aren't able to be there you can have someone there to represent you so you can still have a chance to get your spots. The motion was passed. There were just a couple of times you may not get your spot. The Dakota Modified Tour there would be a time to be there by otherwise all the spots are free to anyone and also during the World of Outlaws. Nick will be getting something out right away for everyone.

Instead of Volunteers we were calling them Track Employees because we would give everyone something for helping out at the track. The value depends on how much that person is worth when they are not there.

Discussion on getting cards to all the drivers that have memberships. Need to look at last years roosters and this year's new drivers to get them all. They will get an email or letter asking if they are interested in paying for a spot.

We will get a general pit stall meeting scheduled and let everyone know about it.

Kadi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Next general meeting will be planned for 2 weeks. Time and place to be determined.