

November 15, 2015 General Member Meeting and Election

Location: Holiday Inn - Rhodes Room

Attendance: See sign in sheet.

Tom called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Nathan Watne made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2015 meeting. Steve Pierce seconded. It was approved.

**Classes.** We were only racing 4 classes at the end of the year. The Legends only had 6 cars the last time they raced. We even did a bonus to get them to come earlier in the year. After the accident happened the car count went downhill after that. We have the ability to have more specials if we cut the normal classes down to just 4. We would cut it down to just Hobby, Stock, Sport Mods and Mods. What does the by-laws state? They state that we need a 2/3 vote of the general members at a general meeting from September 1st through December 15th. Rick Huber made a motion to drop the Legends class. Dana Brandt seconded it. It was approved. That takes the Legends off the weekly show but they could still have the Legends there for specials though.

**Treasurer Report.** We have roughly \$60,000 in the bank. There is still about \$15,000 to collect from sponsors. We have a couple of banquet bills out still and Nick's bonuses are still out. Those bills need to be paid at the end of the year. Jeff Barta made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Brock Beeter seconded. It was approved.

**Elections.** The spots that are open are Vice President, Treasurer, 2 year board member, and 3 1-year board member terms. Tom told everyone that he had a letter from Dale Nordstrom that states he would like to run for a position. We would like everyone who is interested in running to get up and talk about themselves. Maybe we need to do some kind of nominating committee.

Who is willing to run:

Clint Hudkins has done a push vehicle in the past, he is willing to run, he has helped out in the pits, he has served on Williston's board. He has been around racing his whole life.

Eric Folstad is willing to run. He is interested in a one year term. He lives in Glenburn. He has been racing since he was a teen.

Scott Joern is from Minot. He has been around racing his whole life. He has been on the Underwood board. He is interested in a one year term.

Deb Chapman took a year off from the board. She is willing to run again.

Rick Nelson is re-running for a 1 year term. He has been involved with racing for a long time.

Nathan Watne is re-running. He has enjoyed his time on the board.

Rick Vondal asked if we need this many board members. Can we lose 2 1-year board members?

Shawn Anderson asked what about those that can't be there every week. If you are excused then its ok. We have all missed meetings. The by-laws state that if you miss 3 meetings without letting someone know then. Needed to add something in for those that just wouldn't come or quite coming. It is ok when you let someone know that you won't be there.

The new board can decide when to meet. What about conference calling in? Has anyone ever done that? Not this year no one had.

Shawn Anderson said he would be willing to run for a one year term. He races Mods. He has been around racing since 2000.

Ron said that what he does and what his wife helps with some of if could maybe be hired out. We won't go back to when the treasurer did nothing. But in Mandan he doesn't write the checks. There is a woman that does it. He just audits what she does. Ron will continue to help out. He will continue to help out the next couple of months.

Do we need a motion to lower the number of board members? Is it good to cut? Maybe not Ron thinks. Yes it would be nice to cut it down when there are too many different opinions but what happens when 1 or 2 can't make it to the meeting. Then it won't work out. You can't get enough done without enough people there. Unless there is a motion then we will leave it the way it is. It was left alone.

Nominations for Vice President. Brandon could run for the position if he wanted to. Someone else would just be nominated to finish out his 2 year term. Brandon said he would run. Jeff Barta nominated Brandon Beeter for Vice President. Brock Beeter seconded. Kelly Henderson nominated Clint Hudkins for Vice President. Ryan Sebo seconded. Bonnie Joern made a motion to cease nominations. Nathan Watne seconded. Brandon Beeter won. He is the Vice President.

Nominations for Treasurer. Ryan Sebo nominated Deb Chapman for Treasurer. Jeff Barta seconded. Steve Pierce nominated Kadi Ruby. She does not accept the nomination. Jeff Barta made a motion to cease nominations. Ryan seconded. Deb Chapman won by unanimous decision.

Nominations for the 2 year position. Troy Bertsch nominated Dale Nordstrom. Ryan Sebo seconded. Zach Lutz nominated Nathan Watne. Eric Folstad seconded. Kelly Henderson nominated Clint Hudkins. Rick Huber seconded. Rick Vondal made a motion to cease the nominations. Kelly Brandt seconded. The 2 year position went to Clint Hudkins.

Finish off Brandon's 2 year term. Jeff Barta nominated Scott Joern. Dusty Seidler seconded. Justin Medler nominated Dana Brandt. Dusty Seidler seconded. Rick Nelson nominated Jason Olsen. Brandon Beeter seconded. Clint Hudkins nominated Shawn Anderson. Kevin Eklund seconded. Zach Lutz nominated Eric Folstad. Dusty Seidler seconded. Rick Nelson made a motion to cease the nominations. Dusty Seidler seconded. Dana Brandt is finishing off Brandon's term.

Nominations for the 3 1-year positions. Nate Joern nominated Scott Joern. Jeff Barta seconded. Zach Lutz nominated Eric Folstad. Korie Huettl seconded. Steve Pierce nominated Rick Nelson. Kelly Henderson seconded. Dana Brandt nominated Justin Medler. Rick Huber seconded. Kevin Eklund nominated Shawn Anderson. Jeff Mock seconded. Chris Reuer nominated Dale Nordstrom. Troy Bertsch seconded. Eric Folstad nominated Nathan Watne. Ryan Sebo seconded. Deb Chapman nominated Jason Olsen. Brandon Beeter seconded. Kelly Brandt nominated Dusty Seidler. Rick Vondal seconded. Nathan Watne made a motion to cease the nominations. Justin Medler seconded. Vote for 3 people. Eric Folstad, Justin Medler and Jason Olsen got the 1-year board member positions.

Tom said congratulations to the new board members.

**State of the Track.** The PA system is being put in the pits. The lap board for the catwalk/pits is up and it does work. We purchased a tractor, skidsteer, sheep's foot and packer. We got the light up on the north end of the track. The Nodak building has been moved. It is by the catwalk. It is still ours. The track employees are employees. They all get paid in some way. Some of them get paid throughout the year and some get a bonus at the end of the year. The thank you cards went out at the banquet. Korie handed out what she could of them last night. They will get the rest to them soon. Scale is being worked on this week. We will no longer use the one in the center of the track.

**New business.** Rick Vondal was wondering about the back gate getting open on race nights. What can we do to help out there? Can we open up a gate in the SE corner to help out with traffic. Years ago there was a patrol man out there at the light directing traffic. They would probably charge us for it. Is the gate to the north open? Not always. It needs to be open every Sunday or whatever the race night is.

Bonnie Joern asked about pit stalls. When are we doing it? We are going to have it ready by the car show. Maybe the first stalls should cost more and the back stalls cost less. We do have some options on how to do it. We have also looked at changing the layout. If we move Trakside and the concession stand we would gain 5 or 6 spots.

Nate Joern asked about the cone rule. He didn't feel it was working later in the year. He was wondering if we were still doing it in 2016? Yes we will be doing it again.

Shawn Anderson asked why we can't pack the track? In other places, they go backwards to pack the track. Everyone could go out at 6:00 pm at pack. No one wants to pack though. We can't get through heats without it turning into a dust bowl if we pack. It's not fair to the first class to do it that way. The dirt won't last when it's hot out. They have tried to tell everyone to pack and only 2 cars did it. What about making it so they have to. If they don't help pack then they load up. That's how it is at other tracks. Everyone has to do it.

We need a foot of the right dirt. Anyone is welcome to help work on the track. It's not the same dirt anymore. How do we get better dirt? We also need rock pickers in the spring. There is lots of work to do.

**Dirt.** We need better clay. Years ago we got 30 belly dumps of good clay. Last year we got bad clay. There was lots of sand in it so it doesn't stick together like it should. We need some good clay again.

Tom said anyone is welcome to come to the meetings. Jason and Eric came to a lot of meetings so they know what is going on. Don't come to your first meeting when you are made. Come and sit and visit first.

Tom asked that the new board meet for a few minutes after the meeting.

Deb Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Nate Joern seconded. It was approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.

The new board will meet Monday, November 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn.