

Nodak Racing Club Minutes
General Meeting
Sunday, October 24, 2021

2020-2021 Executive Board

President	Brandon Beeter	701-833-1746	brandon.beeter@nuverra.com
Vice President	Robby Rosselli	701-720-8437	rickyrabbit0@gmail.com
Interim Secretary	Colleen Bertsch	701-340-0449	colleen.bertsch@voya.com
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Board Members	Jeff Barta		jfbarta@midco.net
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	Scott Joern		signs@min.midco.net
Race Director	Bruce Rudland		

Present

Brandon Beeter, Robby Rosselli, Kelly Bertsch, Colleen Bertsch, Jeff Barta, Rick Huber, Scott Joern, Mary Edin, Bonnie Joern, Nate Joern, Terry Hovde, Dale Uhlich, Glenn Schumaier, Kristi Bertsch, Troy Bertsch, Bruce Rudland, Tim Anderson, Justin Medler, Lexi Aho, Kevin Aho, Rob Stenvold, Kreg Brandvold, Jason Kniffin, Roy Miller, Aden Clark, Chris Reuer, Steven Pfeifer, Brock Beeter, Kayla Haugeberg, Brennon Grinstead, Tyson Grinstead, Trent Flaten, Kadi Ruby, Jason Ruby, Jordan Huettl, Dirk Miller, Kristin Kokot, Jess Knudson, Brett Woznick, Taylor Huber, Beau Simmons.

Absent

None.

Guests

None.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Track Rules

The track rules were last reviewed February of 2018. Brandon proposed adding two rules as follows:

- Possum Rule – Purposely stopping on the track due to car issues, you are out of the race.
- Race will end with Yellow White Checkered, time allowing.

Motion by Kadi Ruby, second by Chris Reuer to add the two rules. Motion carried.

Classes and Schedule

Roy Miller indicated that the club needs to rethink the current class rotation. He doesn't think it's right to remove a class and replace it with another class, i.e. sprint class. He feels that all classes should race every weekend.

- Attendance increases on the nights we bring in the wingless sprint classes.

- If all classes ran every weekend, the races would end at 10:30-11:00 pm. This would be an issue for many of the drivers and pit crews who travel.
- Running all classes would also put a strain on the club's finances.
- Bonuses were paid to drivers who made every race in 2020. There were 32 people between the five classes.
- Each class had 15 race nights, 11 of those nights were points nights.

Another option would be to have the Championship in July with Justin Medler suggesting each class having a special night in August.

- The club lost money every race night in August due to attendance being down.

Dirt for Track

The club understands that the track needs to be improved and that there is an issue with rocks and the board has been working on getting bids for track work.

- Free dirt is available but to haul it in, remove and haul out the old dirt would cost around \$200,000. This is taking into consideration volunteer hours. If the club were to bid out all of the work, the cost jumps to \$450,000.
- The best option now would be to rotomill 12-18 inches down and then screen the dirt. Gravel Products quoted \$45,000 for screening. Financially, club can't afford this.
- Troy Bertsch asked if the club could look at getting a five year loan.

State of Nodak Speedway

- Two tractors were purchased in 2020 and work well.
- Versatile has been sold.
- Water truck issues. A new tank is being put on one of the trucks at a cost of \$8,500.
- The second water truck needs \$10,000 in repairs to make safe for the 2022 season.
- Catwalk is being extended over the track entrance from the pits. Club made this a priority due to safety/liability concerns.
- Club is exploring the possibility of boring a water line from the dead loop river to the track in order to have access to water.
- Purses for the upcoming 2022 season will remain the same.
- Start times will be 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm to utilize as much daylight as possible.
- The club will not be supporting the Enduro at the 2022 NDSF due to difficulty and cost of removing and reinstalling the track along with providing the purse for the event. The club loses money and it is difficult to find volunteers. An Enduro can be held outside of the NDSF, if there is interest.
- The gate on the north side of the fairgrounds is normally closed around 30 minutes after the conclusion of the races. This is when the NDSF employee is done for the night.

Financial Report

The club's financial report was presented.

- Kelly Bertsch informed the group that there are numerous outstanding checks. After December 31, 2021, a stop pay will be put on all remaining outstanding checks. Pass the word to your fellow racers to get the checks cashed. Checks will not be reissued.

There are some racers who do not wish to cash their checks. For the 2022 season, it was suggested to have those racers sign a check waiver.

- Kelly then reviewed the yearly income vs. expenses for the season.

Additional Discussions

1. Discussion continued on how to promote the sport of racing.
 - Having an enduro or slingshot class.
2. Roy Miller presented a proposal to form a committee to promote/develop the last three races of the year. He would be part of this committee along with four other people.
3. Roy also talked about process of claiming motors and if we would allow. As long as the IMCA procedure is followed, claiming a motor is allowed.
4. Hall of Fame
 - Kadi Ruby would like to have more support and volunteers.
 - The group are trying to become their own entity. As of now, the Hall of Fame is not tax-exempt, but donations would still be welcome.

Elections

Brandon Beeter has one year remaining as club president and he indicated that he will not be looking to continue in that capacity. If nominated, he will decline. His son is getting into racing and he would like to be available to support him.

Open Board positions as follows:

- Vice President – 2 Year Term
- Secretary – 1 Year remaining due to resignation of Jess Knudson
- Treasurer – 2 Year Term
- Board Member – 2 Year Term
- Board Member – 1 Year Term

Nominations for Vice President - Rick Huber by Bruce Rudland; Robby Rosselli by Kelly Bertsch. Both nominees accepted. Votes cast. 22 votes for Robby Rosselli; 16 votes for Rick Huber.

Nomination for Treasurer – Kelly Bertsch by Bruce Rudland. Nominee accepted. Motion by Jeff Barta, second by Rick Huber to accept single nomination. Motion carried.

Nomination for Secretary – Colleen Bertsch by Terry Hovde. Nominee accepted. Motion by Jeff Barta, second by Rick Huber to accept single nomination. Motion carried.

Nomination for Board Member (2 Year Term) – Jeff Barta by Brandon Beeter. Nominee declined. Nomination Rick Huber by Brandon Beeter. Motion by Jeff Barta, second by Robby Rosselli to accept single nomination. Motion carried.

Nomination for Board Member (1 Year Term) – Jeff Barta by Rick Huber. Nominee accepted. Motion by Robby Rosselli, second by Kelly Bertsch to accept single nomination. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Barta, second by Brandon Beeter to destroy ballots and close elections. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Jason Ruby, second by Chris Reuer to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.