



General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2011

Called to order 19:35 (16 people in attendance)

Board Reports

- **Secretary-** Motion seconded to approve minutes of July 2011 meeting as posted on club web site. It appears no room was reserved for us when we arrived at Pompeii for tonight's meeting and we started off in the general restaurant area and moved to the outside patio despite the heat but it was easier to hear and conduct a meeting. Denise will now make sure that we have a room reserved. Spoke with the manager and we are now on the calendar for September 6th, which is a Tuesday due to Labor Day. (At this time I also found out that another group comes in every Monday that has been using the room.) Denise may not make next meeting but will make sure Tom will or will get someone else to cover minutes.
- **Treasurer-** \$16.86 in pay pal account & \$9613.27 in checking. Erik still needs expensed from Bob from the last event and the port a potties has not hit the charge card yet. Erik will confirm the port a potties for Alexian when he checks on when they will be invoice from the last event.
- **Director-** Not present
- **Vice President-** Mike will look into other venues for future meetings. Possibly Dupage Inn for future.
- **President-** Not present

Regular Reports

- **Membership and Registration-** We need two people to help with registration on 8/28. Denise will help, need another volunteer.
Discussed the perks of membership and Erik has been looking into a club tee or polo that you get when you become a member it would be something different from the trophy t-shirts. A motion to make a change to the Bylaws was brought up suggesting we change that to qualify for season points you have to be a member before the final three races. This would count the last three races and prior two for points. Motion is to change to you can become a member at any time up to the last race of the season and your points for the entire season will be counted. This motion was seconded and sounded like a good idea to most of the members present.
- **Equipment and Properties-** Discussed how it may be useful after all to have a dry erase board attached to inside of trailer door for special announcements. Those who will check it will benefit. Those who don't and don't listen will continue to have a problem but at least it will be helpful to those who come to get needed information like what time to return from lunch break and what time to be back at tent for drivers meeting.

- **Technology-** All going good.
- **Schedule and Sites-** Nothing new to report night of the meeting but currently there are possible issues with Alexian on 8/14. Please keep eye on emails and postings for this event.
- **Sponsors-** Keith was present and we thank him for all the great photos he has been taking. It was mentioned that now is the time to be hitting up your favorite vendors for our upcoming end of season banquet for giveaways and raffle prizes. Discussed that we can arrange for their business to be advertised during the slide show.

Old Business

- **Event Review-** The 7/24 event at Sears Centre chaired by the Janulis People was a success. Despite some intimidating looking weather and rain in the morning the track had pretty much dried up by the second session and the sun was beating down. It was a nice open course with very few cones hit and not many DNF's. This helped make the afternoon go by fast. This proves you can have a challenging course without having cones hit every time. Participants felt it was a fun course. It was asked if any elements of the lot posed a problem and there were no bad comments, all was good. Single grid was good & worked well but the grid workers have to walk farther down to send drivers off. Helpful to have two workers there. Need to make sure the waiver person is at the entrance of the track prior to the cars running on the track as we did have issues when we first started with non-participant cars trying to get into the lot we were racing on to park for another event going on at Sears Centre. Also need to watch any cars that may already be in the lot. If the owners return and want to leave maybe we should put a note on the car windshields to see someone for assistance getting out safely as we did have an incident of a car trying to leave when the carts were on the course.

New Business

- **Upcoming Events-** Next two events are 8/14 & 8/28 at Alexian Field. Wes & Paul are the chairs for 8/14 and Darryl will be doing 8/28 and Paul volunteered to help. We will need all the help we can get for 8/28 as many people will be out of town for Nationals and other commitments. If you know anyone to call up and encourage to join us that day we strongly suggest it. We need all the extra hands we can get. Also get there early to help.
- Still looking for people to help with banquet committee. Denise will help but need others to step up also.
- **Tabled for next meeting-** A request to amend the bylaws was brought up to change top 20 to be 5 out of 8 instead of 6 out of 8. It was suggested to save that for next meeting as this would not be something that could be changed for this season.

Announcements- Bill Kowalewski-Barrera is looking for a hard top for his 2000 Miata. Any one that has a lead on one please contact him at flamencoracer@yahoo.com

Adjournment 20:20