

REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE COMP. COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/18/05

COMP. COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 1/18/05 TIME: 7:30 pm

Borrelli's restaurant in Torrance. Address is 22231 Palos Verdes Blvd.
Phone is 310-316-8500.

AGENDA:

1. Sign in - Introductions: The following persons attended the meeting Bill Matty, Connie Matty Jeff McCullough, Mike Marshall, Tom Misdierndino, Doug Stewart, James Olson, Ross Olney, Walter Carlos, Tom Dragoun, Steve Staveley.
2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda
None
3. Approval of Agenda - requires a Motion and Second (M and S) and Voice vote.

M by Doug S by Walter - approved.

4. Endurance race scheduled for June 18th. Staveley There has been much discussion about this issue and ways to improve this race. All efforts to expand Cal Club's use of this weekend to include a performance driving clinic and Solo activities on Sunday cannot come to fruition during 2005 as the 18th is the only day we apparently have in the current BRP schedule. A discussion of the race day and how we might include Solo needs to result in an M and S and a vote.

Update provided by Staveley - no vote as more discussion and research is needed with the track as there appears to be a conflict in that the track, not knowing that we were thinking in terms of a full weekend for the enduro, has other commitments for the Sunday. Staveley will follow up with Les Philips and report back a design for the Summer Enduro by Feb. meeting.

5. Endurance classes - Staveley and Norris E-mail discussions have resulted in these two members agreeing that endurance racing in Cal Club needs to include more classes - either the normal class structure or a 5 or 6 endurance class structure that increases fairness. If agreement is reached, a M and S and vote is necessary.

Discussion regarding the classes followed. There is some concern as to where the Committees prior decision to include enduro's in the regional points series is explained to the members as it is apparently not in the supp regs. Tom M. thought it might be resident in the operations manual. Decision delayed pending

determining where this info is resident and item 4 above and making a package deal for the committee to review.

6. Review of the completed race schedules for the first three races General Manager. The general manager will review the schedules he has developed based upon Board guidelines for the first three races. M and S for approval is required and a final vote by the committee.

Extensive and exhaustive discussion followed where in the concerns of several racers were expressed about the schedule produced for California. Concerns voiced tended to be focused around what were seen as increasing costs, and reducing racing, practice and qualification times. Jim Olson, Tom M. the General Manager and others explained that the returning of scheduling races and the time table was intended to be the responsibility of the comp. committee. For several reasons it has not been that way for several years. The board using its GM and immediate past RE consulting with the others created the schedule that was posted and caused the concerns to be voiced. Tom M. noted that he would, within a week have this fixed and changes are forthcoming. Committee members offered counsel on how to best insure a satisfying racing experience and meet the needs of workers and others. One suggestion by Tom M. was to insure that within a 30 min race when a red flag is necessary there will be only a 10 min hold and then the 30min. clock will start again and continue to count, shorting the race from min. 11 until the race begins again. Other suggestions offered were to insure that stewards are asked to manage the time from the time the last race ends until the next race begins in a more aggressive manner. Discussion followed about victory laps. Mike M. noted the workers like them and others noted if something must go for the schedule to meet its goal - it should be victory laps, not on track time for racers. There seemed consensus on this point, but no vote. Next action with a week, by Tom M.

7. Schedules for 2005 Races - Staveley. The chair has been instructed that the committee will hence forth be responsible for scheduling races. That seems to make sense to the chair, but his new job prevents him from doing any of this until March or April. Member Olny has agreed to head a committee of members within the comp. committee to do this work and bring it to the full committee for approval before sending it on to the Board for approval. Olny could use some help and we seek volunteer to assist in the development of schedules for races April - the end of the year.

Mike Marshall and General Manager Jeff agreed to help Ross Olny with this effort. Our first race to be scheduled is the Summer Enduro. See that item above and comments by RE below. The chair offers special thanks to these members for stepping up to the plate to get this work done.

8. Governing Board member Miserendino wishes to discuss co sanctioned events ie endurance races / regionals etc. and the identification of suitable "festival events " ie FF Small Bore GT SRF etc.

Tom M. expressed that he wanted to see more excitement in our races. He noted several examples of how the excitement has gone out of our events compared to other racing series. Several ideas he suggested might become of the comp. committee scheduling system. These were ideas, not specific direction but apparently designed to provide examples of the kinds of things that might return excitement to our racing series.

A FF and FV festival.

Special "featured race or class" at each event. The race group after lunch of Sat or Sun or both might serve as an example to highlight the classes and draw more racers and spectators.

Suggested that possibly winners of such events could get their race entry fee back, second $\frac{1}{2}$ and third $\frac{1}{4}$ as examples.

Increased trophy consideration - something special for winning your class or run group if it is the feature race.

Reaching out to VARA or other clubs to bring in their racers for the feature race.

Some of these proposals if appropriate will require time to implement, but the effort needs to be made. Discussion followed which generally seemed positive and other ideas were offered for consideration.

Tom noted the club needs to decide if we are a National focused club or a regional focused club - we don't seem to serve ourselves by trying to be all to everyone- worth a discussion for the future of the club.

Jim Olson noted that maybe the comp. committee should investigate the potential of a mixed double and single regional in one weekend - some classes race a double and some a single weekend - for example a double for closed wheel allowing the schedule to accommodate a major - featured race weekend for small and big bore open wheel classes who would only run one race during a weekend.

Tom M. concluded that he wanted to encourage the committee to try some of these ideas, but in small steps to insure that the needed changes can be tried without creating distraction and turmoil among the members / racers.

9. Spec. 944 and pro 7 rules General Manager. The general manager will report on his very significant progress in creating a So. Pacific. Div. rules package wherein, our Pro 7 rules will be adopted for Az. Region races and their Spec 944 rules adopted for Cal Club races. M and S will be required and a vote to approve.

General Manager reported that Az. Region- after a number of years of effort is in the process of adopting our Pro 7 rules allowing our racers to run in Az events. Apparently their "comp. committee " (they use a different title) has approved the Pro 7 rules already and they are under a quick safety review by their chief of tech. in anticipation of approval. General Manager Jeff asked in the spirit of cooperation and quid pro quo that the

committee adopt the Az 944 rules (attached). This " deal" also includes the Honda Cup (HC) cars we have already approved. Moved and Seconded (I forgot by whom) Approve the 944 rules pending approval by Dennis Fisher and the board of Govs. (Note as of 0530 1/19/05 rules sent to Dennis with a request for action).

Meeting adjourned at 950 PM.

Next regular meeting to be scheduled for Miller Nissan.

NOTE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS - WE WILL HOLD A 1 HOUR COMP. COMMITTEE MEETING AT CALIFORNIA - SAT. NIGHT AT 5 PM OR AS SOON AS OUR LAST COMP. COMMITTEE MEMBER CLEARS IMPOUND OR THEIR ASSIGNMENT. MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE DRIVERS LOUNGE. AGENDA TO FOLLOW.