

REPORT OF THE COMP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007

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1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM
2. Members attending: Les Phillips, Doug Stewart, Walt Carlos, Mike Marshall, Mark Nichols, Dave Golik, John Norris, Ross Olney, Darren Young, Jerry Anderson. Bruce Allison sat in as Chairman for Steve Stavely who could not attend. One guest attended, member Angela Swan (Pro7).
3. Review 2007 Supp Regs for 2007 to apply to 2008 – Walt Carlos pointed out that SGT2 is now called Mazda GT2. (under Run Groups). Les Phillips mentioned that the BWR RV spaces now have 30a and 50a service. (under Buttonwillow Raceway Park). All other supp regs were deemed appropriate.
4. Tires and the need to adjust supp regs for SM/ITA/SRX to allow the new 888 Toyo tire - It is the opinion of the representatives of the appropriate classes that the current RA1 tire continues to be the best option for the racer. Unanimous vote: nothing needs to be amended at this time.
5. Review of Scheduling Committee – The CC was appraised of the formation of the Scheduling Committee. David Golik and Mark Nichols will contact Ceci Smith about this committee.

Round table discussion followed and included the following:

6. Angela Swan mentioned that there are rumors about NASA adding a new class in 2009 for 14-17 year old drivers called Spec Miata Lite and was concerned that Cal Club would be missing this up and coming demographic if we did not react. Conversation ensued about the merits and disadvantages of young drivers in general. Les brought up that the Formula Renault series allows this age group and Bruce Allison mentioned several other groups also allow 14 year olds to begin the racing ladder. It was agreed that this point is moot for Cal Club because Topeka controls our licensing. An interesting topic nonetheless and one more point for a club independent of Topeka.
7. Mark Nichols mentioned that there was a problem with the McKeever school/Gilcrease waiver licensing procedure for a 17 yr. old graduate named “AJ Walker” at the last event that has caused much controversy and poor PR for the Club. The CC strongly recommends following through with this problem and finding a solution for any issues with this new schooling procedure.
8. The controversial 2008 January Cal Speedway event – Many members have complained about the lack of a Regional race during this date. To help accommodate the needs of the Club, Les Phillips volunteered to call Andy Porterfield to try to get (at minimum) a Regional group approved (schedule time permitting) or, in the case of Topeka denying the Double National format, attempt approval of last years schedule.

9. The subject of how to make our Regional Racing program better was debated. Bruce Allison suggested a new regulation on the order of “any group with less than 10 cars WILL be combined with another group”. Much discussion resulted. Points made were “Can we regulate the Stewards with such a proclamation?”, “What is the best use of the extra time and how to prepare for that extra time?”, “Should the combined group always have a split start in the new group?”, “If there is extra time, and another race is desired for one or more groups, is another sanction # required?..points?”, “Should the time be used for test & tune?”, “Should the time be used to go home early?”, “Should the time be used to increase the time for all remaining run groups?” “Should the time be used for Time Trials?”. Obviously this subject needs more thought and discussion in the future.
10. Ross Olney suggested that we offer heavy discounts and/or free race weekends respectively to members who have not raced in 1 yr. or 2 yrs. Discussion followed about various incentives for dormant members. Another subject that needs more thought and discussion in the future.
11. Discussion ensued about more HPDE in our events or even separate events. Comparisons to the great success of NASA in this regard were made by Walt and Les. Another subject that needs more thought and discussion in the future.
12. Bruce Allison asked the CC to consider concept of giving any class who entered more than 6 cars a \$25 discount coupon towards the next CalClub event, and any class who entered more than 12 cars a \$50 discount coupon towards the next CalClub event. Much discussion followed with pros and cons debated. Another subject that needs more thought and discussion in the future.
13. The subject of entry fees for Cal Club events at BWR and also the infamous \$50 Surcharge was brought up with Les leading the discussion until very late into the evening. Much info was disseminated and appreciated by the CC.
14. Adjoined at 9:45PM