

Willamette Motor Club
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020

Members present: John J, Chris D, Mike G, Steve and Emalee N, Gary D, Ed P, Grant G, Aspen P, Rob and Deb R, Paul H (virtual meeting due to social distancing requirements)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04pm

April meeting minutes approved via email 04/24/2020.

Webmaster Report –

- Updates to the WMC Website (from email 04/24/2020)
 - Ben has updated the 2020 Event Calendar to indicate that the schedule is on hold until further notice.
 - Ben has updated the "About WMC" page to list Aspen as the Club Secretary.
 - Ben has added a 2020 Meeting Minutes link and has published the March minutes... with the Treasury Report removed.

Old Business

- Equipment Trailer Actions:
 - Checklist for returning trailer to the storage unit. Still to do - JJ
 - Insurance for trailer and equipment in trailer – Agent update?
 - Trailer registration renewed in Feb - Chris has the new stickers and will transfer to John
 - 8' Ladder for Storage Unit. Still to do – JJ
- Event Sites for 2020
 - Volcanoes – No contact with them yet. Phase 1 of reopening doesn't allow sufficient attendance; hopefully phase 2 will, so we can do am and pm groups.
 - Attendance cap might impact registration because people needed to run the event count toward the cap. Will have to see how that works out and possibly reduce registrations.
 - Have to keep track of local changes (eg. Maryhill is in Washington; Evergreen is in Yamhill County)
 - John will reach out to Volcanoes as reopening rules become clear and if/when we get to allowable rules, then work on setting date(s)
 - ORP – John, Mike, Grant attended BCA meeting. Event moved to June 20-21 (WMC part is June 20)
 - Sherman County already well into phase 1 so hopefully into phase 2 by these dates
 - Equipment question: Will we leave equipment with BCA for their Sunday activities? Not planning to at this time.
 - Registrations carry forward. Cancellations will be refunded. Event is currently full, but cancellations will open up spots. There is (probably) a wait list process.
 - Who will be there from this group? Let John know.

- Evergreen – Waiting for them to contact John with an opening date.
- Bible Creek – Steve: forwarded copies of registration forms. Date is confirmed, permits are filed but not officially approved.
 - Need to figure out what to do about catering.
 - Need to continue to track event size restrictions and set registration cap accordingly. Tillamook County entered phase 1 with first group of counties.
 - Steve and Deb will run some numbers to determine registration cost.
 - Insurance: Deadline to commit to the insurance (see “Hillclimb Insurance” below)
- Palm Harbor Homes, Albany – John has been indirectly in contact. They’re still trying to figure out what’s going on with their business. John will reach out at the end of June.
- Maryhill - Rob will reach out to property owner and coordinate with luge club contact about helping out with parking area cleanup. John will reach out to Jackie. Last year’s deposit carried forward to this year; need to confirm status on their end.
- New Bank Account – Business savings account: First Internet Savings in Indiana. \$15k transferred from existing account (leaving \$11k in Columbia Bank). Earning 1.6% interest.
- Hillclimb Insurance -
 - Agent needs premium in hand by May 28.
 - Need to know how many clubs/events will be on the policy.
 - Goal to find better, more generous policy for clubs. Landed at existing policy, so same coverage as last year.
 - There is better coverage to be had...but at significant cost.
- Business Cards - John will get a couple hundred printed before ORP event.
- Virtual Racing - Suggested as interim stand-in for racing in person
 - iRacing turned out to be more challenging to set up than expected.
 - Can’t find a cross-platform option to allow folks to race on different devices.
 - Assetto Corsa will be out in coming months, but by the time it comes out, we might be racing in person again.
 - Other logistical challenges from tech and skill level.
 - Table for now. Maybe an option for the off season.
- Banquet Planning (Chris) - Found Rudy’s Steakhouse banquet room in downtown Salem.
 - Tentative date: December 12, 2020.
 - Chris will meet with event coordinator to talk about details.
 - Price seems comparable to previous years.

Other Old Business

None.

New Business

Question: How to structure championship points since the season got upended.

Answer: Let’s get through an event, and see what’s left of the season at that point.

Potential autoross sites:

- K-mart/Les Schwab parking lot (off Mission St. in Salem). Is the surface ok? Is it available?
 - Paul: Surface is “not great” and might swallow Miatas. Salem Hospital has been using that space as employee parking and shuttling employees. Emalee/Chris N: Hospital will use it again when construction resumes.
- Police training facility has a driver training space
 - Chris will investigate using it for autocross and/or driver skills training space
 - Paul will also ask around

Other New Business

Grant: Interested in organizing some backroads driving groups. Maybe organize through Facebook.

Gary: Also TSD have been fun in the past.

Contact Paul if you want a 1st gen Mini Cooper S front strut bar. Free to home, good or bad.

Action Items:

- John -
 - Contact Volcanoes stadium
 - Contact Palm Harbor
 - Contact Jackie (sp?) re: Maryhill
 - Print business cards before ORP
- Chris -
 - Get trailer registration stickers to John
 - Investigate police training facility as usable space
 - Meet with Rudy’s Steakhouse event coordinator re: banquet details
- Paul
 - Ask about possibility of using police training facility
- Steve and Deb
 - Discuss numbers and determine Bible Creek registration cost
- Rob
 - Contact Maryhill property owner and luge club re: parking area cleanup
- All
 - Let John know if you’ll be at ORP

Motion to adjourn: Paul. Second: Gary.

Adjourned 8:12pm