

Willamette Motor Club
Minutes
October 15, 2020

Members present: John Juhring, Gary Dulude, Aspen Padilla, Paul Hawkins, Chris Davie, Ed Penna, Rob and Deb Riedel, Don Emerson, Steve Newby, Ben Tanner, Mike Glass.

Meeting Call to Order: 7:01pm

Webmaster Report – Results are posted. Aspen can now upload minutes and has been doing that the last few months. John cleared old news from the front page and added info about elections. Ben will review and clean up if needed.

Old Business

- Event recap
 - Maryhill event recap (September 26-27, 2020)
 - Event went smoothly. Hoping the event can become an annual event for the fire crew. Feedback from participants (on Facebook and in person) was positive. People followed COVID protocols well and impressed the local Chamber of Commerce member. Special thanks to Zach for helping.
 - Note for next time: Arrange for EMTs and backups by the end of August
 - There's an opportunity for some relationship building with Goldendale fire. They said with enough notice, they could have a truck available.
 - Fall Frenzy event recap (October 4, 2020)
 - Good event, notwithstanding the early weather. Timing worked well and didn't cause delays. Most people followed COVID protocols.
 - A couple issues:
 - People parking in the customer parking lots
 - Distance between course and allowed parking leads to delays
 - John will emphasize slow speeds in the parking lot and no parking in customer lot
- Banquet/end of year
 - Chris: Dec. reservation is still on the books at Salem Golf Club and can be cancelled until three weeks before the event. The restaurant says they can space tables appropriately - but can they do that and accommodate a large group?
 - Suggestion to postpone or cancel for this year.
 - Trophies? Yes. Regular trophies this year. Fewer events impact the trophy budget.
- Wine tour
 - Chris: Wine tour is usually the weekend after Thanksgiving. Several wineries have posted rules disallowing groups larger than 10 people and requiring service at a table, so the event probably can't run as it has in the past.

- Suggestion to postpone until group size rules change.

New Business

- 2021 officer nominations and elections
 - From last month: initial “nominations” in the form of incumbents agreeing to run again.
 - Nominations are officially open - nominations can be received at this meeting or by email to secretary@wmclub.org until November 19, 2020 (monthly club meeting).
 - Ballots will be mailed and can be returned by mail or in person to a current board member.
 - Question: If there are single nominees for each position, is mailing of ballots necessary? Unknown, but we will mail ballots.
 - Traditionally, ballots have been counted at the banquet. With no banquet this year, we will have to come up with and communicate an alternate plan.
- Offseason tasks
 - Helmets:
 - SCCA limits timeline for safety helmet eligibility. In 2021, the SA2005 helmets will no longer be legal.
 - Do we want to continue to follow SCCA rules for 2021? Yes.
 - We should replace the five or six SA2005 helmets.
 - Driver School will likely be the highest use day, so we can wait to discuss
 - Motion to table discussion until January club meeting: Steve. Second: Chris. Motion tabled until January 2021 club meeting.
 - Fire Extinguishers:
 - Fire extinguishers need to be certified annually, so we should get all of ours done in this off-season. Do we have a local company that we've historically used? Northwest Fire Services or Instant Fire Protection (or something like that on Portland Rd. in Salem)
 - John will contact them and arrange to drop them off to be recertified or see if they will do service at the trailer.
 - Other:
 - Any other safety equipment we need to replace or get? Flags, Cones, Signs, Banners
 - Do we need more long-handled red flags? No, three is enough.
 - Do we need more short-handled red flags? Yes, and red rather than orange.
 - Motion to purchase five red fabric flags (limited to \$150): Gary. Second: Paul. Motion passed; none opposed.
 - Chris will research flags and purchase appropriately.
 - Any other safety changes or updates for next year?
 - Something to block driveways to prevent people from driving through an event, eg. collapsible saw horses.

- John will research and present options at the next meeting (something self-standing that will stand in wind)
 - Signs to remind people to drive slowly - they can be attached to the saw horses at any event
 - John will research and present options at the next meeting
 - Helmet and tech stickers
 - Motion to purchase two years' worth of stickers (same as we did for 2019/2020: Paul. Second: Chris. Motion passed; none opposed.
 - Ed will contact vendor and arrange purchase
- Venues for 2021
 - Volcanoes: Positive but non-committal. We may have to schedule around baseball
 - Evergreen: Probably a few events there
 - McKay: Portables are still in the parking lot. May not be able to use that space for a while still, depending on construction progress and delays.
 - John will reach out to McKay contact for an update and possibilities for next year
 - Bible Creek: Construction should be done by next summer. Damaged pavement is a possible hazard. Suggestion to add tentative event (August 7-8, 2021) and wait until later in the year to confirm.
 - Fairgrounds: Would like to have the site for at least one event per year. John will reach out to the contact to see if they're amenable, with emphasis on noise control.
 - Maryhill: John reached out to the new managers and asked for confirmation for September 2021 dates.
- Trailer transport
 - John: Ideas for getting the Timing Trailer to the remote events along with my race car. So far it has worked with my son dual-driving or finding another person to drive the truck, but it would be good for next year to have a more guaranteed solution.
 - Looking for ideas....
- Food drive:
 - Buy food Nov. 20, deliver Nov. 21
 - Last year the club spent \$1230 by adding \$500 to the Charity Fund account
 - Proposal to match last year's budget, which would mean adding approx. \$1000.
 - Motion to match last year's budget by supplementing with \$770: Rob. Second: Paul. Motion passed; none opposed.
 - Question: Do we need to change how we allocate to the Charity Fund next year? Currently \$1 per entry.
 - Motion to change Charity Fund allocation to \$2 per entry: Rob. Second: Gary. Motion passed; none opposed (will take effect in 2021 season).

- Lifetime membership nominations
 - John nominates Steve Newby and Chris Davie for lifetime memberships. Many “seconds.” Nominations approved with enthusiasm.
 - Thank you to both for ongoing service and dedication to the club.

Motion to adjourn: Steve. Second: Ed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:41pm

Action Items:

- Ben
 - Review John’s website updates and clean up as needed
- Chris
 - Research and purchase red flags (budget: \$150)
 - Cancel banquet reservation?
 - Order trophies?
- John
 - Arrange fire extinguisher recertification
 - Research and present options for barriers and signs
 - Contact McKay and Fairgrounds
- Ed
 - Contact vendor for helmet and tech stickers; purchase stickers for 2021 and 2022
- Aspen
 - Write and send ballots