

April 7, 2015 – General Membership Meeting  
Location: Texas Lone Star Grill, Dixon Rd., Etobicoke, Ontario

Recorder: Moe Aye

Meeting held by: Pat McDiarmid  
Called to order @ 2000h

Minutes: Posted on web within the required time period  
March meeting accepted by 1. Wayne Wanamaker & 2. Sherry Jones

Correspondence: Bryan Rashleigh  
(passed out magazines); Odessa Fairgrounds, June 13-14, custom cars and race cars.  
Presidents Award given to Scott Elsworth (was to be given @ BARC banquet)

Membership: Pav Krumpochova  
154 members (this is less than last year @ this time)

Treasury: Keith Whorley  
Thanked Wayne Wanamaker & Tom Hyland  
Cheques sent off for 2 races (Regional BARCs races)

WRRC -  
*Keith Whorley* - names for 2014 submitted for gifts; Pace Car drivers “need candy and chocolates”, Keith will bring them some. Need to draw more attention to volunteers; it’s hard to get them out to Regional, they only want to do Pro.  
*Howard Cohen* – More women stopped by the booth; 3 to 1 asked about racing, not so much about volunteering.  
*Paul Einarson* – Most people stopping by already involved in volunteering in all aspects (marshall, pit, etc.)

Social (etc.): Sherry Jones  
Tentative dates for banquet November 21 & 28

Newsletter/Web Page: Vic Sr. needs more news for Web (letters, content, pics)

Regional Race (etc.): Paul Einarson

*On the BARC side:*

I do expect to negotiate a class for August that will be Canadian and U.S. Radicals and this will help our bottom line. They will run under our rules and insurance unlike last time. We will expect to see some of the drivers that were here for the last U.S. Radical race. I have set May 21, 2015 for a BARC RAU committee meeting. This will be for department heads and any other persons wishing to attend. Location – Texas Lone Star Grill @ 7:30pm (I will send a reminder).

There will be on High Gears program for the start of the season and another for mid-season. The focus will be on more of a spectator/fan guide and clubs can provide copy. CASC will pay.

G70 has now been expanded to include G90 (up to 1994) and is renamed Classic.

There has been a suggestion that we name one of our races in memory of Greg Adamkowski. It is too late to officially name it as the tickets are printed, but this will be a discussion of the Board and could be announced at the drivers’ meeting.

DAC will be charging for spectator entry. A push is being made by Jason Sharpe to develop interest in the event by fans in the local area.

Will be approaching the sponsor that contributed to our volunteer gifts again – on my to do list.

*On the ORO side:*

There was an issue with the Motorsport Club of Ottawa announcing refunds to attract competitors to their new race at the end of May without telling the other clubs. This action from the perspective of myself and particularly BEMC had the effect of establishing customer expectations of getting refunds for the balance of the Regional Races. The Race Organizers, minus DAC and VARAC, met over this issue and MCO admitted they did not consider the impact of this rebate on other clubs and agreed to bring such issues forward for discussion with ORO. I calculated that, based on the MCO refund schedule, BARC would require an additional 15 entries just to pay refunds to those competitors that were expected to attend anyway. No other clubs will be offering refunds.

Wind tunnel – discount for CASC members. \$1600.00/2 hr avg. for Touring Cars (linked with UofOntario).

Other – Still looking for a new Race Organizer

Race Committee:

People like to complain about how races are organized. If they don’t like it, they should join and help form how things are run.

*Scott Elsworth* – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Indy meeting @ Texas Lone Star Grill (re: Honda Committee meeting)

*Scott Elsworth* – International races (talked about his experience at St. Petersburg Indy Car Event: went there to do a similar role that he does here. Organization of local support racers. 14 hr days. Stayed @ a hotel 5 min. away. The organizers provide almost everything for the races. They have local rescue groups, ambulance, fire extinguishers, etc. (no doctor on site though, as they are 3 minutes from a trauma centre. Saturday night Car Corel, they park in special area and they do a parade + 1 hot lap. I got to drive a Chevy Silverado pickup, led 1 lap with 4 guys in the truck who worked for Chevy. All I could smell after getting out of the truck was brake pads.

*Phil Delahey* – Was at the Sebring 12 Hour Race. Was in Kyle Marcelli's paddock pre-race. There were newer cars this year. They ran a good, clean race. Very little off track accidents. Friday was hot, 91 degrees C, Saturday, breeze, sun and cooler. The race started approximately 10 am. Most of the action was in the last hour of racing.

*Phil Delahey* – spoke briefly about Rev's Institute (from last meeting on March 3, 2015). There are 116 cars in the collection. 2 hours to see them all. And depending on the host's knowledge, you see and are told about the cars they know. All the cars have valid license plates and stickers. They do go out on the road and to other shows.

*Paul Einarson* – Re: compared prices for races. CTMP \$5.00/min. vs U.S. tracks \$6.00/min.

*Pat McDiarmid* – Sebring experience: got to grid 73 Trans Am and Mazda racecars. Darlene got to give the flag to the winner on her birthday. Also stopped by Daytona on the way back home from Florida.

#### Ice Race Director: Wayne Wanamaker

As previously reported, our ice race weekend was a success with great weather and great racing. The registered numbers were down but it was consistent with the other weekends. I do have the finalized dollar amount from our treasurer and it is better than we thought. We did turn a profit of \$249.00. This is even with providing our 2 pro drivers with their entry registration of \$290.00.

On Saturday, March 7, I chaired a meeting of the representatives of 4 of the other clubs to talk about the state of ice racing to date and mainly the financial aspect of ice racing. We had a really good discussion about each club's financial expenses and profits, if any. One thing that came out of this is that all the clubs are fairly consistent with their expenses for the weekend with regards to their workers. The main discussion was about how we can guarantee a fair profit for the clubs and a fair fee for the Kinsmen. We also felt that there should be some shared risk of low turnouts with the Kinsmen. We have come up with a couple of proposals to present to the Ice Race Director at the spring organizers meeting. We are going to propose that instead of a flat fee per entry and a track rental fee, that we pay a percentage of the entry fees received to the Kinsmen. This will guarantee a profit for the clubs relative to the entries received.

There was also a discussion about the somewhat arrogant attitude of the Kinsmen and their having the only ice racing track facility in Ontario. Some of the members would like us to look into finding another location for a track. With that in mind, Len Arminio and 2 other members of PMSC visited a site northwest of Bobcaygen that is used for off road motorsports in the summer and the owners are very interested in adding winter events to their property. There are a number of pluses to the site, but also a lot of minuses as well. This will give us some leverage in our negotiations with the Kinsmen.

At the Ice Race Banquet, the Andy Hughes trophy was presented to a well deserving Len Arminio.

#### Old Business:

*Dave Bailey* – Re: Greg Adamkowski; We as BARC is very officious, we need to be more customer oriented. Dept. Heads need to speak with their volunteers in the way they treat "Paying Drivers".

*Phil Delahey* – Re: Premier Events; They should encourage volunteers to participate at Pro Races and not turn them away. Especially if these volunteers work at the grassroots level. We need to keep volunteers to try and entice new volunteers.

*Bryan Rashleigh* – June race (Hospitality still needs help on Saturday – Marlene will be away)

#### New Business:

*Paul Einarson* – Donation helmets are needed for convertible car drivers (for parade)

*Bill Lobbin* – BARC main club knows about Ontario's BARC Chapter. The magazine has a blurb about Greg Adamkowski (Pat McDiarmid read the paragraph at the meeting).

#### Buy & Sell:

*Paul Einarson* – 30' motorhome

*Bryan Rashleigh* – Legacy or GT3/GT4

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Wayne Wanamaker & 2. Mary Lobbin

# of Members attended: 33 (although I believe 2 of which were non-members that signed in)

Next Meeting: May 5, 2015