

Minutes of the NARRC Committee Meeting  
March 7, 2009 at Rocky Hill, CT

Present: D. Anthony, T. Campbell, C. Franson, C. Golub, J. Hanifan, W. Huber, C. Morales, C. Mosley, D. Panas, D. Patullo, J. Rigoli, L. Santanglo-Mosley, D. Zazlow, E. Zebrowski

FYI – New York Region will host the 2009 NARRC banquet.

NARRC fees and the Treasury

Discussion was held regarding the amount of money left over in the NARRC treasury after the 2008 season, and what to do with it. As of October 2008 the balance was \$19,100 and NYR still owed \$1116. Various expenditures were recounted. Kristine Mushnick (Treasurer) was not present. After a phone call was made to her, the current balance is approximately \$23,000.

[Later in the meeting] NYR produced a check for the \$1116 that was given to the Secretary who will send it to the Treasurer.

**D. Anthony** – Do we want to distribute the money to the top people in each class or do we want to roll it over into 2009 as a possible slush fund in case any of us go out of business.

**D. Zazlow** – The maximum payout was \$425. for Spec Miata.

**J. Rigoli** – Why not just waive the fees and burn down the money for next year.

**T. Campbell** asked what a year's worth of expenses were. The answer was about \$10K to \$12K.

Discussion was held on the attitude of how much to cut the fees for 2009, with various opinions being expressed ranging from a zero dollar cutback to a full cutback. This included comments that by cutting the fees the Regions would add to their profitability.

**C. Mosley** – From my viewpoint as a driver, I didn't care about any payout. The jacket and a really nice trophy this year made a much bigger impact. I've run the NARRC Series for many years and this year the jacket and trophy was great. I didn't really care about the money. I don't think the drivers really care about a check for \$100 or \$75. I think that the end of the season getting the trophies and jacket make a much bigger impression.

**C. Golub** – What about running an ad in SportsCar? An ad with the winners names congratulating them. That might be good promotional material for the recipients.

Discussion continued about the size, content and cost of the ad. Suggestions included posting the winners names and the 2009 schedule. Comment was made about the Series being the oldest continually running Regional series in SCCA.

**D. Anthony** commented that **Bob Zecca** is advertising in various magazines and that in some cases magazines were looking for advertisement revenue. The thought was presented that perhaps we could piggyback on his ads and get some kind of reduction in cost. This would require however that the NARRC ad be obviously separate from the Zecca ad.

**D. Anthony** – Lets say about \$1500 for an ad? Where does that leave us?

**D. Anthony** – last year we did say that we weren't going to make any payouts. I did get a couple questions about that but not a lot. So in the worst case what we'll do is update the NARRC website and say that we're going to do an ad, and roll the money over until next year and see what people say.

**Motion by J. Hanifan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Anthony – For a maximum of \$2000 we take an ad out in SportsCar to highlight the 2008 winners and the 2009 schedule, and also emphasize the fact that we are the oldest Regional series in all of SCCA.**

**All in favor.**

**Motion by T. Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Golub – That the remaining money in the NARRC treasury be left in the bank.**

**All in favor.**

The next item is the NARRC fees for 2009.

**Motion by T. Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Franson – That we not collect from the Regions the NARRC per car fee for 2009.**

The purpose of this motion is to give the Regions a little help in their financing this year.

**All in favor.**

#### Winners Stickers

**J. Hanifan** indicated he has the artwork for the stickers and will give that to **D. Anthony**.

**D. Anthony** said that the stickers can be completed in about two weeks after he gets the artwork.

A question arose as to whether there should be a year on the sticker. **D. Anthony** said he'd like to see a year on a rocker which could go under the sticker. This would be similar to the Runoffs patches. It was agreed to eliminate the 2008 Champion stickers.

The subject of giving out NARRC hats was raised. It was noted that they would be \$8 to screen print and \$14 to embroider – on top of the cost of the hat. It was decided not to provide hats. "Enough is enough."

## SM & SSM Rules

For SM we all agreed we're going with the MARRS rules less the administrative stuff and dynoing motors.

A long discussion ensued regarding tires for both classes. Right now the Division specifies RA-1s for SSM. The question arose as to whether the rules are for the Division or for a Series. Varied opinions were espoused including looking at the whole thing from a Divisional, Regional, or Series viewpoint.

**E. Zebrowski** suggested that the way to look at the situation is from a Series viewpoint, rather than from a Divisional or Regional standpoint.

**Motion – J. Hanifan, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Rigoli – That the Toyo R888 or the Toyo RA-1 may be used throughout the 2009 racing season, with the RA-1 having a production date before 2009.**

**All in favor.**

A long discussion followed regarding participation. **J. Rigoli** said that he thought the participation was going to drop this coming year due to people's financing and the general economy. People who had done really well in 2008 stated that they were so far behind in money from chasing points in 2008 that they concerned about their racing this year. There was a concern about the number of Series being run in the Division and how this may affect the future. (NARRC, NYSRRC, MARRS, Pro-IT, Kryder, NERRC). **C. Mosley** indicated that he thought the NARRC was a more influential series than the others and that people would follow this series rather than most of the rest.

## Bonus Structure

**D. Anthony** – The rule behind the bonus structure is that you have to be able to visit the track twice, so that you're not required to go on Mother's Day or Father's Day only. The way the bonus structure is now you start 5 NARRC races and you get 300 points. If you start at Pocono and NHMS you get 500 points. The NARRC Runoffs are double points. With only one race at Pocono this year the track bonus will go away.

At NJMP you have two tracks. A question is, is that two tracks for NARRC purposes or not?

**D. Zazlow** - Let's go over the bonus points. You have a bonus for the number of events you've run to try to get people out for one more event. Last year that was a 5<sup>th</sup> race. That got you 300 points. But if you simply went to Pocono and New Hampshire you got 500 points. Lime Rock dropped out last year because of the paving.

**D. Patullo** – Do you get credit for two tracks for doing the two races in Millville? [Many people talking at once.] The question arose as to whether the number of tracks there should be counted or whether it has to do with the location.

**D. Zazlow** – There is a small group of guys running a lot of races, and then most of your entries are the rest of this. And to get a small percentage of that to go to another race is a lot of entries. That’s what those rules are meant to encourage.

**D. Anthony** – So going to three tracks gets you 300 points, and doing 5 races or more get you another 300 points, and you count 8 races.

**Motion – D. Anthony, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Rigoli** – For the bonus structure this year, if you attend 3 or more tracks you get 300 points. If you attend 5 or more races you get another 300 points, and you count 8 races toward final points. If you are disqualified you get no points for that event.

**All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Panas, Secretary

