

2018 NEMA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date 12-16-18

Location: Thompson Clubhouse

Time : 12:20 pm called to order. Jim Cataldo

2nd Matt O'brien

Officers and Board Members Present;

Tim Bertrand, Mike Scrivani, Paul Scally, Jim Cataldo, Alan Chambers, John Mikitarian, Dennis O'brien, Jim Susi.

Officers and Board Members absent;

Mike Chambers, John M. Zych.

2019 Racing schedule presented by Tim Bertrand. Available on web site shortly.

Treasurer's report;

Similar numbers and percentages to the previous year with the exception of membership revenue down. Request to sign up team crew members and owner/ separate driver memberships where appropriate which would drive up much needed revenue.

Banquet resulted in positive revenue for the first time in some years due to the restructuring efforts of Dennis O'brien.

Motion to accept treasurers report Matt O'brien, 2nd Jim Cataldo.

Election Results

President- Tim Bertrand, Vice-President- Jim Cataldo, 2nd Vice-President- Mike Scrivani

Treasurer- Paul Scally, Secretary- Richie Coy.

Competition Board- Alan Chambers, Jim Susi, Dennis O'brien, Todd Bertrand, Max Zachem, John Zych.

Present Rule Proposal Changes

Rule proposal #1 - Submitted by Tim Bertrand (PASSED)

Change to current handicap system rule – Suggestion of using 4 races out of the last 20

Verses the current 5 out of the last 15.

Rationale – current rule penalizes a driver for nearly half a season for a first or second place run even if they have a series of poor finishes.

- Rule proposal #2 – Submitted by Tim Bertrand (PASSED)
 - All Lites ignition boxes must be set at 7300 RPM. (Optional NEMA Official to set it for the competitor). However, the ignition box should be the sole determinant for disqualification.
- Rule proposal #3- Submitted by Max Zachem (PASSED)
 - Double file restarts the entire race.
- Rule Proposal #4- Submitted by Max Zachem (PASSED)
 - 3 tires for any Lites race that is over 49 laps.
- Rule proposal #5- Submitted by Max Zachem (PASSED)
 - Dyno rule Change: 2 race wins to the dyno if no dyno sheet presented before the start of the year. Vehicle to be tested will be locked in your own trailer with NEMA provided locks.
 - NEMA locks.
- Rule proposal #6- Submitted by Max Zachem
 - Withdrawn by proposer after discussion.
- Rule Proposal #7- Submitted by Max Zachem
 - Withdrawn by proposer after discussion.
- Rule Proposal #9- Submitted by Max Zachem
 - Withdrawn by proposer after discussion
- Rule Proposal #10- Submitted by Dennis O’Brien (PASSED)
 - Focus midget must retain the unaltered (Findanza part# 186991) Aluminum flywheel that originally came with SCREAM package. Example not a lightened version or lighter type providing less inertia.
- Rule Proposal #11- Submitted by Dennis O’Brien (PASSED)
 - Focus midget pressure plate must be OE generic stock replacement or OE Ford Focus as originally equipped by SCREAM.
- Rule Proposal #12- Submitted by Dennis O’Brien (PASSED)
 - Focus midget utilizing clutch disc (only) may be substituted by a performance item provided it has the same dimensions.

- **Rule Proposal #13- Submitted by Dennis O'Brien (PASSED)**

Focus Midget- All engine long blocks (heads, cranks, blocks etc.) are to be the same casting numbers machined for the same OE Ford application as described by SCREAM.

Only Ford Focus Zetec cylinder head casting number RFYS4E allowed.

- **Rule Proposal #14- Submitted by Dennis O'Brien (PASSED)**

Lites- Access inspection hole must be provided in bell housing to allow for visual inspection of flywheel and pressure plate. If not already present a 2" hole is required.

- **Rule Proposal #15- Submitted by Richie Coy (PASSED)**

Original proposal was discussed and modified to a new proposal by the Technical committee as follows;

Rule 7.16f. NEMA Tire Rule: Each NEMA and Nema Lite competitor (car owner) will be allowed to build inventory for the first 3 events they compete in, after that time NEMA teams will be allowed 3 new tires per event, per vehicle. Each Lites team will be allowed 2 new tires per event, per vehicle. Any team thought to be or found to acting outside of the intent of this rule will be penalized via loss of points, prize money, and/or suspension. No new or sticker tire shall be allowed for the Feature event. If a car chooses to use a new or sticker tire, the starting position is forfeited and the car must start at the rear of the field for the Feature event. If a vehicle is found to be violating the rule in warm-ups or heat races they will not be allowed to compete in that event. (warm up or heat race) NOTE; This rule may be modified for both NEMA and Lites by the race director if exigent circumstances present themselves. For the 2018 season, each NEMA team will be allowed 4 additional tires to be used at their discretion, each lite team 2 additional tires. The additional tires are limited to one per evening. The competitor shall bring to the race directors attention when and if they will be using the additional tires and it will be recorded in a logbook. Additionally, the track supplier will keep a record of which specific tires teams bought and that data will be furnished to the board upon request.

- **Rule Proposal #16- Submitted by Jim Susi (PASSED)**

To allow the use of the Microsquirt 2 ECU ignition/ EFI system for use with the Ecotec engines.

Rational: Some of the approved ignition systems listed in the rule book are outdated and are not available. This would be a comparably affordable system to the electromotive system currently approved with a local (Warwick, RI) representative.

- Rule Proposal #17- Submitted by Jim Cataldo

Withdrawn by Competitor.

New Business;

- Discussion of potential series sponsor with Sunoco fuels. A deal is not finalized as yet but looks favorable.

- Banquet Committee Report- as discussed in treasurers report and will attempt to again use the same facility and logistics as last year. Dennis O'Brien to preside over committee again.

Motion to adjourn. 3:25 pm Jim Cataldo , 2nd Tim Bertrand.