



The Orleans Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada  
QMA Annual Meeting  
November 13-15, 2017  
Submitted by  
National Secretary  
Ginny Barnard

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting Called to order 8:00 am

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Denise welcomed everyone to the 2017 national meeting.

Motion to accept the top portion of the 2017 National Meeting Agenda. We will need to modify National Boards presentations.

National Board and Regional Directors continued with their own separate meeting till 10:00.

Break

Denise called the meeting back to order at 10:30.

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RCP#1 Proposed Wording: All Heavy classes, drivers must weigh a minimum of 125lbs with driver and car combined weight of 340lbs.

RD1-N, RD2-N, RD4-N, RD5-N, RD7-N, RD8-N, RD9-Y, RD10-N, RD11-N, RD12-N, RD 13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N

RCP Failed YES -1, NO-15

RCP#2 Proposed Wording: What to do with lapped cars

When restart line- up are made lapped cars are moved to the back of the lead lap cars, and the first car lap down will receive be put back on lead lap behind of any charge calls. Example: Lap 24 9-7-8-5-0-4-3-2-1-6, Lap 23 9-7-8-5-0-4-3-2, Lap 22 9-(1)-7-(6)-8-5-0-4-3-2, Lap 20 Lap 19 is completed, yellow is thrown, 8 & 5 are stopped on the track and no driver is found to be 100 percent at fault. The new line-up is 9-7-0-4-3-2-8-5-1-6. The one car is now back on lead lap and the 6 car is 2 laps down.

RD1-N,RD2-N,RD4-N,RD5-N,RD7-N,RD8-N,RD9-N,RD10-N,RD11-N,RD12-N,RD13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N

RCP: Failed YES-0, NO-16

RCP #3 Proposed Wording: On all restarts with less than 5 laps to go the order should be in order of actual placement all lapped cars start behind lead lap cars.

RD1-N,RD2-N,RD4-N,RD5-N,RD7-N,RD8-N,RD9-N,RD10-N,RD11-N,RD12-N,RD13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N

RCP: Failed YES-0, NO-16

RCP#4 Proposed Wording: The front edge of transponder must be no less than 40 inches from the front bumper with no max.

RD1-Y, RD2-N, RD4-N, RD5-Y, RD7-Y, RD8-N, RD9-Y, RD10-N, RD11-N, RD12-N, RD13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N  
RCP: Failed YES-4, NO 12

RCP#5 Proposed Wording: Add the following: Cars must remain at a slow lineup speed until reaching the turn 3 commit line. The commit line may be highlighted by placing a 12" green cone in the infield at the local club's option.

RD1-N, RD2-N, RD4-Y, RD5-N, RD7-N, RD8-N, RD9-N, RD10-N, RD11-N, RD12-N, RD13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N  
RCP: Failed YES-1, NO-15

RCP# 9 Proposed Wording: Election – Add paragraph #2(A)(1) to state: All national QMA BOD Officers shall not have a vested interest in a business related to the sport of Quarter Midget racing (i.e Chassis manufacturer, engine builder, parts manufacturer related to quarter midgets)

RD1-Y, RD2-N, RD4-N, RD5-N, RD7-N, RD8-A, RD9-Y, RD10-N, RD11-N, RD12-N, RD13-Y  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-A  
Talking point Failed YES-3, NO-11, Abstained-2

Break for Lunch  
Called to order at 1:04

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Denise welcomed Kathy Rhodes from K & K to the National Meeting.

Kathy Rhodes gave her presentation about insurance. She passed along a few things that clubs can do to limit the amount of injuries and gave examples of mistakes that have been made that cost the organization money. Please make sure signs are hung and Waives are signed. When doing your Arrive and Drives please make sure non-members are not in the hot chute area.

RCP#6 Proposed Wording: The flagger may through a yellow by turn 2 if he/she or the RD feels the green should not of been thrown. (line up wrong, flagger mistake, etc.) and the race will be restarted double file if at the start or single file after they have been racing.

RD1-N, RD2-N, RD4-N, RD5-N, RD7-N, RD8-N, RD9-N, RD10-N, RD11-N, RD12-N, RD13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N  
RCP: Failed YES-0 16-N

RCP#7 Proposed Wording: The flagger can give a rolled black flag warning to a driver that is driving rough when judges, RD or flagger sees fit while under green.

RD1-N, RD2-N, RD4-N, RD5-N, RD7-N, RD8-N, RD9-N, RD10-N, RD11-N, RD12-N, RD13-N  
VP-N, Trea-N, Safety-N, Sec-N, Tech-N  
RCP Failed YES -0, NO-16

Talking Point RCP

RCP#8 Talking point

Add a new Rookie Class – Add a new rookie class that allows drivers to get experience racing at 160 or Animal prior to moving to a pink card

Discussion: Cannot add a new class structure through an RCP.

Talking point#1 Once the green flag is displayed- Once the green flag is displayed to begin the race (the initial green flag), it should remain displayed until another flag is required. The initial green flag shall be thrown at a consistent start line designated by the track. The start line shall be located at a point between the start of turn four and the finish line.

Matt motioned that we remove 4 E for our rule book and correct flagging procedures to match our rule book

Tabled at this time for Matt, Tad & Rick to get together and come up with the verbal change in the rule book

Suggested change in flagging procedures was presented:

### **New Flagging Procedures**

On all starts the Flagger will signal “one to go” to the field by either showing a rolled up green flag with one finger in the air or by pointing the rolled up green flag at turn 3.

On all starts the flagger must display the green flag no sooner than the turn 3 commit line and prior to the turn 3/4 apex. Otherwise the yellow will remain displayed and the "one to go" will be given to the field again.

On all starts no passing will be permitted until the front stretch. If the flagger determines that a car has passed before the front stretch the yellow will be displayed and the offending driver will be shown a rolled up black flag. The field will be lined up and the start will be attempted again. Driver will be sent to the back for a second violation.

On all starts if it is determined by the flagger that the green flag should not have been displayed and before a lap is completed, the flagger may display a yellow flag and a flagger error will be called. All cars will retain their starting positions prior to the flagger error and the race will be restarted. (Do over)

RD1-Y, RD2-Y, RD4-Y, RD5-Y, RD7-Y, RD8-Y, RD9-Y, RD10-Y, RD11-Y, RD12-Y, RD13-Y  
VP-Y, Trea-Y, Safety-Y, Sec-Y, Tech-Y  
Motion Passes: YES-16, NO-0

#### Talking Point #2

1 judge per corner end of track that will stand outside main track wall. The third judge will be the head judge/race director. The head judge makes calls unless he didn't have a clear view and then he would ask for the opinion of the judge in that end of the track.

Discussion: Tad stated, that last year we passed an RCP to run 5 judges and we didn't follow it. He also stated in his races they run with no judges. He went on to say that at first it was not well received, but now they have no problem with it. He could see where it could be a problem in many other areas.

Green Flag- Green flag should only be displayed at the start and restart of each race. Once flag has been displayed it should be returned to the holder and the flag person shall keep the yellow ready and the other hand free to activate the caution lights.

Discussion: this can be taken care of if we are once we correct the flagging procedure

Dave Young asked what was the long-term plans for QMA?

Denise stated QMA long term plans are

Marketing assistance to promote the organization and increase sponsorship

Online membership improvements to better align with technology

A disciplinary committee to help free up NBOD time to work on QMA items. Improve consistency in the COC process

Single Grands Concept

Focus on regional promotion for increasing members that don't travel as much

Create budget to incorporate projections for expenditures

Denise asked for the National board to go into an executive session for 15 min.

Meeting called back to order at 5:00

The question was asked how a club can ban a QMA member for life and not follow our COC process.

Michael responded to the question that at this time the National board has reached out to an attorney to get some legal advice on this matter and having them at the same time look over some of our documents to see what we need to update and what may be conflicting. This matter is not over with yet. Michael stated, we want to be sure we have legal advice so if this goes in front of a judge he could tell that judge we have done all we could do to correct this matter.

Denise adjourned the meeting at 6:00



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National Board and Regional Directors went into executive session

Tire Presentation

Hoosier Rep presented the Hoosier presentation

Vega Rep presented the Vega presentation

Burriss declined to make a presentation.

Shellie asked how many Dunlop's were sold? Michael was looking up that information

Matt handed out all the tire test results from Silver City, Tri-Valley, I-70. He went through his Presentation with everyone explaining which tire worked the best.

Regional Directors and National Board went into closed session till 10:30am

Tire Vote: 7 -Vega, 9- Hoosier

Hoosier tire will be the Spec tire for 2018-2019 seasons

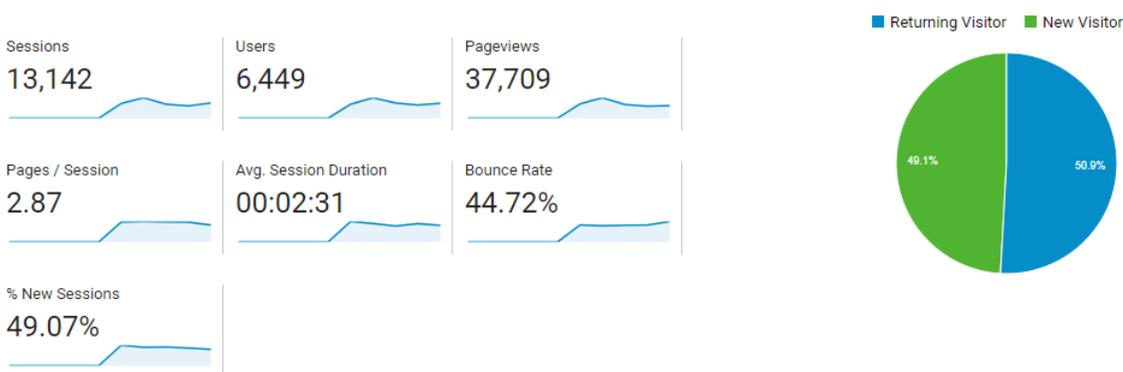
Publicity: Dave stated that he feels that Kristen is doing a good job, however, he also feels that the publicity job is a huge job for one person and that the national board needs to look into getting her some help.

Publicity is working on a new recruiting brochure and video. They're also adding pieces to the website as they get them built.

Facebook has reached 11,553 people, 4527 like

The live feed was viewed 9,248 times

Up to speed newsletter has 1344 subscribers



The question was asked how many rulebooks did we print. Michael stated he will look that up and let her know. We printed 2000 rulebooks for 2017. Stacey asked why are we still printing a rulebook when you can post online and have the members print their own. Michael stated that we do have sponsors that have paid for a good portion of the cost of the book. After further discussion we will continue printing the rulebook

Break for lunch

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April presented the financial report to the members. It was noted that membership across the country and Grands attendance has been down and that is impacting the amount of money coming into the national organization

Michael stated that we work for our members and the regional directors and would like to have some feedback from the regional directors. And that he has also been working on Insurance to see how we can save money for their clubs.

Michael presented his presentation with insurance options for local clubs.

Dave asked how can we go back to our clubs and just ask them for money? We need something showing us what the value is going to be by increasing our fees.

Reasons for increase:

1. The increase will contribute to the organization's goals of improving racing benefits for every racing family, each club and to grow the organization.
2. Provide insurance at very little cost or at NO COST to clubs in 2018
3. To help promote more club and Grand events

Rick stated it would be nice to get some assistance from national that can help in promoting the Grands had some help getting sponsors for his Grands.

Discussion on what QMA was going to be doing with the fee increase

- Increase marketing of the QMA brand and the Grands
- Create forms or press packets for clubs to help them promote at the local level
- Pay the club's insurance. The club won't directly pay the insurance premium.
- Create a surplus so that if the tire money is less than projected, National can still pay the

- club's insurance
- Continue to take care of the day-to-day operations of the organization

Matt presented his safety presentation

We will be clarifying the expiration of helmets in the rulebook. For both SA and SFI 24.1, the expiration will be 10 years + 1 year. So, a date of 2010 inside the helmet will be good through 2021.

There is a new MPI steering wheel on the market that has a hard-plastic center cover instead of a foam cover. After a discussion, it was decided to allow the steering wheel.

Denise stated, we have one club that is interested in hosting the 2019 Dirt Grands and Eastern Grands. Noah went over the new facility that THQMA is a building that could do both Dirt and Eastern at one facility. It was noted that one of the Grands requirements is that they have hosted a large event prior to being awarded the Grands. The purpose of the "large event" requirement is so that it can be proven that the facility can handle a large event AND that the club has the capability of holding a large event. Since this is an existing club that is large enough and capable enough to host the Grands, the decision was made to give them verbal notification that they will be able to host both Grands in 2019 but it wouldn't be official until they've hosted a large event in the 2018 season. There was some discussion about whether National awards the Grands too far in advance. The decision was made to notify clubs that nobody had put in for the West and allow clubs to bid next year for the 2019 Western Grands.

RD1-Y, RD2-Y, RD4-Y, RD5-Y, RD7-Y, RD8-Y, RD9-Y, RD10-Y, RD11-Y, RD12-Y, RD13-Y  
VP-Y, Trea-Y, Safety-Y, Sec-Y, Tech-Y  
RCP PASSED YES -16

Denise asked if we would like to go back and change the RCP form to add member name. Kyle motion to remove club's president's signature and rework the form. The RCP form was renamed a "Request For Change" (RFC) form and modified to allow members to not only submit a suggested rule change but also a procedure change. The "name" requirement was also removed so the only naming on the form will be the region it came from and the RD's signature. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm



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Election results were announced. Craig Delarocco won the national VP position unseating Michael Hughes. Ginny Barnard returns as the national secretary (she was running unopposed). Jerry Mostek announced that he won't return as national tech and as of yet, nobody has expressed an interest in taking the spot.

Michael asked which one of the proposals would they like to see to help their clubs.

A.J motioned to raise the fees to \$150 for regular memberships and the alternate handlers \$75 both effective immediately and clubs pay no insurance and for the clubs that are required to have over the standard coverage will pay the difference. The motion was second by Chris Carlson.

RD1-Y, RD2-Y, RD4-Y, RD5-Y, RD7-Y, RD8-Y, RD9-Y, RD10-Y, RD11-Y, RD12-Y, RD13-Y  
VP-Y, Trea-Y, Safety-Y, Sec-Y, Tech-Y

Motion Passed: YES -16, NO-0

Denise asked if anyone was interested in the Head RD position. Motion was made by Stacey that Shellie Amerjan be head RD. Second by Tad Shellie will be the new Head Regional Director.

A Grands Liaison committee was formed consisting of April Hansard, AJ Imperial, and Noah Tipton. The purpose of the committee is to help Grands host clubs in preparing for the Grands. Previously, this was done just by the national treasurer and April says it's too big of a job for one person to do by themselves.

Honda has dropped off as a sponsor for the grands. However, HPD will still be a sponsor.

The States Race is being replaced. Car counts were very low in regions where a States race was run as a stand-alone race and it appears that the States race has lost its luster. Instead, every QMA club will be required to run at least 2 "Grands qualifiers." These Grands qualifiers can be any race (club, region, non-points, etc.). The races can be run following the club's standard format. The club will send \$2 per entry at the Grands qualifier to the National Secretary. The club can either charge \$2 more per entry than they typically do or absorb the cost. Any driver who wishes to qualify for the Grands has to attempt to race in at least 1 Grands qualifier. If you don't attempt to race in a Grands qualifier, you won't be able to attend the Grands – there will be no hardship. This one will require a bit more work for the clubs because they need to designate which races will be their Grands qualifiers when they build their season schedule. Then after they hold their Grands qualifier, they need to send a list of drivers who attended along with the \$2 per car to National. You need to attend 1 in order to qualify for the Grands. Event memberships can be used for the Grands, but they have to qualify at a Grands qualifier in order to attend the Grands.

The Grands qualifier list will be erased after the last Grands of the season. Any Grands qualifiers that are run after that point will count towards the next season's Grands. For example, a club holds a Grands qualifier in September of 2017, it will count towards the 2018 Grands.

Stacey Yurgel Perone asked when the Regional Directors can expect to see the 2018 Budget. Denise stated she will have a budget By January 1<sup>st</sup> so everyone can see it.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm