

2019 QMA NATIONAL MEETING

THE ORLEANS, LAS VEGAS

Monday November 11, 2019

Meeting call to order @ 8:02am.

Introduction by Denise Smutny, President.

Roll Call:

David Kapp, Melanie Deaver, Tammy Padilla, Dan Leonetti, Sunny Phillips, Ryan Medynski, Dino Bianchi, Nicol Venard, Denise Smutny, Kris Foster, Craig Dellarocco, Chris Wood, Andy Honka, Crystie Manson, Rob Smith, Alan Hawkins

Guests Present: Tim Lydon, Chuck Dubie, Phillip Dubie, Shawn Ball, Cody Jessup, Jim Jessup, Dave Olson, Flannery Olson

Not in attendance: Barbara Schankerman, Melanie Wicker

President & RD notebooks dispersed. Only QMA 2020 Presidents/RD's receive notebook. Other members will have chance to discuss later in meeting.

Introductions around the room. NBOD present.

Discussion about NBOD movements in 2019

- Why did RD's leave?
- QMA wanted RD's that were voted into position not appointed, have best interest of QMA, acting within appropriate rights of QMA.
- Accountant was making moves without approval of treasurer & president, was working with Secretary. Incorrect email addresses connected with members.
- Discussion regarding Secretary removal decision
 - o Requested QMA documents / property and information from Ginny. Items were picked up by Larry Barry and is pending inventory.
- Received email in October of 2019 from previous president that records were destroyed in December 2016
- RD removal, antagonistic approach to QMA. Detrimental to QMA.
- Discussion regarding FB post and letter from QMA president, not taken positively
 - o Negative comments on FB posts. Questioning whether or not QMA responded to the comments, needing to improve the chain of command/lines of communication.
- QMA newsletter/communication not sent out as frequently in 2019
- Clubs are wanting more frequent communication from the NBOD/QMA

- Discussion about a Social Media “committee” to communicate on that level.
- Communication to the NBOD needs to be stronger as well.
- 9 QMA clubs remaining, 3 committed to 2020 in writing. East Coast clubs in consideration to return to QMA, 3 clubs in west also in consideration in returning to QMA.
- Music City QMA in talks to get facility back and return to QMA
- Special Needs tracks in talk to join QMA
- QMA will respond to club needs to grow the organization.

Separate into RD/President, guests & NBOD groups to discuss RFC’s and general business.
Closed Executive Session.

Return to meeting at 10:23am

RFC Discussion/Voting

- 4 RD’s vote for their region? Discussion what RD’s can/cannot vote. Vote to agree that 4 RD’s present constitutes a quorum
1 opposed 7 for, Vote passes.

RFC #1 – Driver infraction after the checkered flag

- Combine all flagging procedure RFC’s discussion.
- Need consistency with authority, where the flag is thrown, caution lights (when they’re turned on/off)
- *Caution light procedure?
- All clubs need to follow the procedure/rules consistently.
- *What constitutes the end of the race
- Location on the track where the flag is thrown/unfurled? At the start/finish line.
- Possibility - Change wording from DQ to last place position
- Discussion - Change wording regarding when a race is finished
- *Specify wording - flag thrown/unfurled/waved/displayed
- Start a flag committee to rewrite flagging procedure – eventually
- Thrown, showed, display. How to use wording
- Pg 40 (J): shown = thrown verbiage which will back up a new flagging procedure
- Bring flaggers together to go over the 6 flagging RFC’s (Chris, Cody, Dave, Dave and Shawn) present to the group to vote on; will be presented Tuesday morning.

Consider kids judging along with the handlers, to see what the drivers see on the track.

- Kids judging clinics
- Kids judges – possibly lower age restriction for certain areas on the track. Age currently 16. Review insurance policy.
- Take kids to the judging stand

Motion to Change wording in 40(J) by Chris Wood, Second by Melanie Deaver. Unanimous vote yes. Verbiage changed shown to thrown.

RFC's 134567 Flagging procedures, combine all together in clear verbiage

RFC#2 – When Juniors start races. Timing, how late do they start

- Structure in night racing, or races in general.
- Track by track preference, leave to club format.
- Y-1 N-8;
- Leave to track discretion as to when kids race

RFC#8 – Present wording = No plastic wrap, factory wrap, or any other material left solely on mounted tires outside your trailer at all QMA tracks or events

Proposed wording = No plastic wrap, factory wrap, or any other material left solely on mounted tires outside your pit are on race day.

- Proposed to remove rule all together, as there is no penalty. Along with anywhere else it appears in the rule book.
- Will lead to wrapped tires allowed in all areas of track
- Pg. 26.7 F. Unanimous Yes, will be taken out of the rule book all together
- Can be at club/region discretion.

RFC #9 – Dividing Regions

- Change to North America – adding Canada
- Do we want representation in areas where there are no clubs?
- New structuring of Regions a possibility
- New clubs appoint leadership
- Consider nonprofit status, need to start over when club returns. In order to keep nonprofit status, NBOD takes over if no RD/leadership. Or merging with another (closest) region.
- Unanimously passes = No RD if no club in region.

RFC #10 – Drivers safety equipment

- Meaning - In general using any device is better than nothing.
- Will be addressed in Safety Session on 11/12/19
- Training issue with Safety director and/or parents. 6A wording changes
- Ensure we have correct SFI ratings on safety equipment – Refer to Dino
- Unanimous Fail

RFC #11 – Line up – mostly during grand events (18 classes)

- Club/Region can be at their own discretion regarding the race order.
- National Event line up
- Change Honda to go before animal. Half after Mod WF
- Unanimous Yes

RFC #12,13,11 – Drivers weight

- Suggested Minimum weight 115 or higher
- Issues with “water loading”
- Data from driver weight input throughout the 2019 year – nothing done with information
- Want more competitive heavy classes/drivers. Want to keep kids in the sport for longer
- Changes need to happen for both heavy & light
- PQMRA had outlaw 160 race class for 135 and over – minor success.
- Suggestion to reevaluate and specify class weight to limit such a broad range of drivers
- If weight changes for drivers, then the overall combined weight needs to change – Will be discussed further in VP presentation
- Suggestion to only raise combined weight leave driver weight as is.

Break for lunch @ 12:10 – 1:23

Roll call

- Table weight discussion until 11/12/19 during VP presentation

Bylaws

- QMA Hired a nonprofit Attorney in California regarding Bylaws to stay in compliance to grow and move forward through 2020
- Hired a nonprofit experienced bookkeeper and
- Bylaws are not consistent with nonprofit laws in California. Rewritten draft of new bylaws.
- Conflicts within the bylaws regarding nonprofit, they are ineffective
- 501C4 social welfare organization – 3 areas required to vote

Bylaws

Directorships (including vacancy on the NBOD)

Dissolution of organization – voted on majority of organization then goes to the state of California.

- No voting on Bylaw changes

- Bylaws will be brought back to each club, with more information to follow. Will not be provided online. No copies will be made at this time, one copy per club.
- A member only sign in only site will be created to access documents
- Will be holding a vote per the membership regarding bylaws
- Currently working under 2019 bylaws
- Not applied to Regions. Secondary set to be made for Regions/clubs to operate under for consistency.
- State Laws will be reviewed for separate bylaws to be created appropriately
- Question from Dave Olson - Is there a way to terminate a membership? Procedure in new bylaws.
- Nonprofit status is still secure and active in the state of California.
- IRS status is all in compliance
- Finances in compliance

What do members and clubs want from QMA?

- Dave Olson; Region 9 Little Wheels. Concerned with Langley's insurance. Wants QMA to help. Not insured through K&K USA, they pay three times more than a club in the US. NBOD has addressed this, Langley's insurance will be paid by QMA in 2020
- Sunny Philips; wants consistent, strong communication being a new club in QMA. Needs strong website to communicate with the nation.
 - o New website being created to be user friendly (Kris)
 - o 100% control of the new website. Password & IP address shared easily.
- (Region 10-Tri Valley) Wants better recruitment process to grow our organization. Wants our organization to be known on a bigger stage.
 - o Work with past drivers to recruit/promote new drivers
 - o Community events calendars
- More transparent communication with members
- Smaller clubs need more support from QMA
- QMA needs help with publicity, more information out for communities. Creating publicity team.
- Dino – "positive intent"
- (American); wants to see progress then will reevaluate their position in QMA. Make members & clubs want to stay QMA, be competitive with other organizations.
 - o Wanted QMA to fight for them to stay rather than leave the organization
- Denise - training, NBOD members reach out to each club leader position.
- Transparent, consistent communication is needed
- NBOD wants positive changes, both clubs and NBOD reach out to each other.
- More communication in general.
- Form a disciplinary committee to handle COC

- Utilize the membership talent
- Communicate by chain of command (both ways)
- Need help with "Promo Day", wants more than only 10 laps to introduce kids to QM racing
- Develop a secret FB group for communication
- New updated computer

MyLaps

NBOD is Working with TJ @ MyLaps to replace Moscore. QMA will be transitioning to MyLaps.

- Deals on transponders, to help our clubs financially.
- Lifetime subscription or year to year. Will work at any track with MyLaps and other racing series with MyLaps
- 2020 Grand National events members will need their own transponders
- Tracks are having issues with the tech side of MyLaps
- Willing to work with packages to help clubs financially
- Rule book will change from Moscore to MyLaps as recommended software system
- No yearly fee to subscribe
- Will be discussed further in MyLaps Presentation

15 min Break @ 3:00pm

Roll Call – All present

Publicity Report by Kris Foster

- Wants to work on increasing club's car count,
- Working with 6 clubs on East Coast to come to QMA
- Inform clubs what we have to offer (free QMA membership for one year, sign on bonus - computers, walls, fencing etc.)
- Help with anything that they need, kids come first
- Increase Car count by having resources available
- Wants to educate non sanctioned clubs

Proposing Jr 160 class option at clubs and Grands Events

- Car weights 250, 120 carb. Not as fast as animal but faster than Honda
- No restrictor Plate
- 5-8yrs old can race
- Want to keep kids from retiring early, give them more racing options
- Heavy Honda, Heavy Animal and Heavy 160; 120lbs, 340 combined weight
- Senior Classes- 285 combined weight
- May change junior weights

Publicity Team

- Put it out to the membership to help, need 5-6 people
- Daily communication, update website constantly
- Ride Days – “Arrive and Drive”
 - o 10-15% of kids to sign up after leaving a Ride Day
 - o Wants to help clubs focus on Ride Day participation to gain membership
 - o Wants to know club goals regarding gaining car count
 - o Building a private FB member only page
 - o Offer 3-day training for kids after ride day without the membership commitment
 - o Promo car to use as introduction
- Give back to the community
- Scholarship funds for drivers going to college

QMA Retired Driver Race Presentation

- QMA Specifications need to be met in order to drive
- Combined Weight 375
- UT1 Honda 160
- QMA Tech specs need to be met
- Sanctioned club event
- Propose to Change the current Retired Driver Rule
- Will test at the 2019 Winter National Race
- Must be affiliated with QMA, have race experience.
- Idea is that drivers that have aged out of the sport to return
- Motion to Vote by, second by Rick Foster
- Unanimously PASS

10-minute break

Roll Call – Everyone Present

Tire Contract Presented

- Everyone within the meeting reviewed three tire vendor proposal’s from Hoosier, Burris and Vega.
- Multiple inquiries for Vendor Vega- 8.0 tire, Canada tire costs.
- Inquiry Burris – will you have a dirt tire or dirt grands.
- Multiple parties inquired on any tire testing info for all three tire vendors.

Denise will inquire with Burris and Vega on the above tire questions. We will revisit this section in tomorrow's meeting and move forward with an agreement/vote for the QMA 2020 tire vendor.

Guest Forum

- Older Retired Drivers coming back to help with the young drivers is very welcomed and appreciated
- Tire rule cleared up for consistency
 - o Prepping tires, no specifications about whether or not altering tires
 - o Motion by Chris Wood to change verbiage of rule – change to 7A - prohibited to mechanically alter new tires or chemically treat to any tires except for cleaning with water. Second by Ryan Medynski.
 - o Includes grinding new tires
 - o Vote; 7 yes 2 no
 - o Penalty = tabled until Tuesday November 12, 2019

Motion to adjourn by Dino Bianchi, Second by R. Medynski

Meeting adjourn @ 5:55pm

2019 QMA NATIONAL MEETING THE ORLEANS, LAS VEGAS Tuesday November 12, 2019

Meeting call to order @ 8:01am

Roll Call:

David Kapp, Melanie Deaver, Tammy Padilla, Dan Leonetti, Sunny Phillips, Ryan Medynski, Nicol Venard, Denise Smutny, Kris Foster, Craig Dellarocco, Chris Wood, Andy Honka, Crystie Manson, Rob Smith, Barbara Schankerman, Dino Bianchi, Alan Hawkins

Guests Present: Tim Lydon, Chuck Dubie, Phillip Dubie, Shawn Ball, Cody Jessup, Jim Jessup, Dave Olson, Flannery Olson

Not in attendance: Melanie Wicker

**Chris Wood motion to accept Vega as QMA spec tire for 2020/2021. Second by Sunny Phillips.

Motion passes unanimously

Continued discussion from 11/11:

Flagging Procedure RFC's (1,3,4,5,6,7) all combined

- Chris Wood flagging presentation
- Tammy Padilla asks about drivers driving down on the start, how to prevent that from happening.
- Include judges in the starts, watching for cars jumping the start.
- Proposing that when the green flag is thrown, racing begins.
- Flagger, RD & judges responsible for watching for cars jumping start. Green Flag comes out between the apex of 3 & 4 & before the commit line of turn 4.
- Melanie motions to accept, Dan second.
- Unanimously pass

Driver Weights RFC's (12,13,14)

- Dan Leonetti proposing combined weight only not driver weight
- Chris Wood wants to keep kids in the sport longer, combining Half & A. Creating a class to accommodate the heavier kids to be/stay competitive and in alignment with other organizations.
- Denise Smutny – raise combined weights only?
- Shawn Ball wants driver weights increased, not only combined weight
- Dave Olson – raise combined weight of lights as well as heavy
- Kris Foster – 120lb driver weight, 340lb combined
- Cody Jessup – 115lb minimum driver weight for heavy classes.
- Following are the minimum combine weights for each class.
 - o Senior Honda 290
 - o Heavy Honda 340
 - o Senior Animal 290
 - o Heavy Animal
 - o Light 160 290
 - o Heavy 160 340
 - o Light WF 310
 - o Heavy WF 350
 - o Senior Novice, Junior Novice, Junior Honda, Junior Animal, B, Junior Stock, MOD and “A” stay the same.
- Motion by Tammy Padilla to raise drivers by 15lbs, Second by Alan.
 - o Vote Unanimously passes
- Chris Wood motion to remove Sr stock class, Melanie Deaver second.
 - o Vote unanimously passes to remove Sr Stock class
- Chris Wood Motion to remove AA MOD WF, Alan second.
 - o Vote Passes Y-8 N-1
- Tammy Padilla- Motion to Move B class combine weight to 275, Second by Rob Smith.

- Tammy Padilla Modified motion to 295 from 315 for more participation in the class.
- Unanimously Pass

Denise to form a rule book/procedure manual committee to combine into one manual for the 2021 season.

Kris Foster – Revisit Junior 160 class option

- 250 combined weight.
- 5-8yr old class
- Slower than junior animal. Faster than junior Honda
- Melanie Deaver concerned with a 5yr old moving up too quick
- Chris Wood suggests a year experience required before driving in junior 160 and signed off by novice committee at club level.
- Will be added before the light 160 class in the QMA running order.
- Kris Foster Motion to accept Jr. 160 class, 5-8yrs. Combined minimum weight 250.
- Nicol Venard Second. Vote unanimous Yes.
 - Discussion following the vote
 - Chris Wood concerns with no restrictor plate being used, big jump from junior Honda to junior 160 w/o restrictor as a steppingstone to light 160
 - Craig DellaRocco suggest running it as an exhibition class at club level
 - Tested with Red restrictor identical to Sr Honda
 - Reference Day 1 meeting minutes under Jr. 160 class.

Denise Smutny – Driver move up concerns with the 12-month rule vs. following season.

- Concerns with the 12-month period
- Article 5 Section 1 Rule 1G
- RD can sign off if driver wants to move up prior to 12-month period.
- Want to make sure that drivers are moved up at the appropriate time.

Break @ 9:47am – 10:30

NBOD to Executive session as requested by specific RD's and Presidents in attendance. All others went on break.

Call to order @ 10:34am

Discussion about Grands

- More participation
- More promotion
- Sponsorship
- QMA to help with awards
- Budgets

- Bidding process
- Contract

Agreement that contract needed to be rewritten and would be done in conjunction with the clubs holding Grands this year.

Race Receivers

- Denise Smutny - Concerned with drivers not watching the flaggers if they have race receivers in their helmet
- Not enough time to react to prevent accidents
- Brief discussion with an agreement to leave as is:
- Clubs can use them at their own discretion, not being used at the Grands

Vice President Craig DellaRocco

- Discussed the founding of QMA, history of the sport.

Break for Lunch 12:00-1:20pm

Call to order @ 1:24pm

Roll Call – All present and accounted for

Review and accept Day 1 Meeting Minutes

Discussion about the retire driver exhibition class

Cody Jessop- proposal discussion for QMA Retire Drivers Rules and Procedures (Proposed)

- All cars Must meet QMA Specifications and have current safety equipment,
- The Cars must pass Safety! Cars and driver's safety equipment (helmet, gloves, jacket, Neck and wrist restraints) will be checked before practice.
- Drivers must fit in the car per QMA rules!
- Car + Driver must equal 375 lbs. minimum.
- Engine used will be the UT1 Honda 160 with the GX200 Carburetor.
- Engine must comply with the QMA tech sheet.
- All participants in the Retired Drivers race must be current QMA members or be registered for an event membership.

All discussion by all present and agreed to adopt the format proposed by Cody to update Handler to "driver" and use the UT1 160 with a 200 carb.

Tech Presentation by Alan Hawkins

- Alan wants to simplify tech, remove tech items that are not important.
- Will be revising tech manuals by December 15th, 2019.
- At the time, we want to stay in compliance with other racing entities such as USAC or Powri, to allow crossover, but they are not cooperating in talking with all engine builders and we are moving forward with the best options for our members to improve the racing and reduce the areas they can be DQ that are not performance enhancing.

More information will be provided via the QMA website.

Treasurer Presentation by Nicol Venard

- Explained her extensive background in Quarter Midget Racing & QMA.
- Financial reports are very detailed, wants to assure every member that there is nothing that the NBOD or herself are hiding
- Very honest, black and white reports
- New accountant and bookkeeper have been hired by QMA, they are unaffiliated with any QMA members and have extensive experience with non-profits.
- Quarterly reports will be provided to the membership
- NBOD will receive monthly P&L
- Dino Bianchi suggests adjusting the forecast according to the membership activities/growth/etc.
- Walk through P & L Report
- Presented 2020 Budget
- NBOD has set aside 15K as reserve for our 2020 clubs to assist them in their improvement projects. Clubs wishing to partake in this grant should contact NBOD.

More financial information will be provided via the QMA website

Break 3:08-3:30

Call to order @ 3:32PM

Special Needs - Sunny Phillips

- Provided ideas to help market and promote clubs.
- Ideas on how to make the race day more interesting and fun.

Safety – Dino Bianchi

- Drivers safety belts should be under the SFI 16.1. Those drivers weighing under 100 lbs. have the option of using the SFI 16.2
- Safety equipment needs to be specific to the sport.

- Testing standards defer for different sports, so what might suffice for one might not for another.
- We will not be accepting other standards outside what our rulebook outlines.

QMA standard to be safety inspections before each race event.

- Fill out the safety sheet for each car entirely
- Have all your safety gear ready to go
- Cars should be ready with no loose components

Seat Belt Mounting Points

- All seat belt mounting locations must ensure the seat belts are NOT exposed to physical damage.
- Rule book requires they cannot pass through the firewall so if the seat belt mounting locations they MUST be fully contained in body panels so not to expose them to damage.
- These exceptions must be approved by National Safety via and email complete with pictures.

Engine Compartment Clarification

Protective Intent

- Engine compartment side panels are intended to limit inadvertent access to moving components; specifically, engine flywheel and engine gear.

Proposed Change

- Car constructors will understand that a side panel in the engine compartment must not allow for an average adult fist (size of a softball) to be inserted into the moving engine gear or flywheel.
- Safety sheet will be updated to reflect clarification.

Safety Training

- Would like to provide a video on how to perform safety inspections.
- Quarterly meeting for feedback for possible improvements.

More safety information will be provided via the QMA website

Denise thanked everyone who attended the 2019 National Meeting and looks forward to a successful 2020 season.

Chris Wood motioned to adjourn meeting.

Rob Smith second the motion

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm