**IRDC Membership Meeting (on Zoom)**

**MARCH 2, 2022**

**Present:** Karl Seeger, Coley Tipton, Dick Boggs, Marie and Lee F, Gary Hallberg, David Lemon, Mary Zeitner, Linda Blackburn, Phil, Dave Weller, Steve Barnes, Fil Alleva, David, Brad, Guy Gordan, David B. Tim Julian, Shannon, Stewart, Ethan Kolbo, Greg, Mike Olsen, Jay, Roldan, Bob, Jim Butterworth, Greg Lyman, Kristen R., Adam. apologize if I missed someone, difficult to get all the names from Zoom, the minutes will also be posted to the IRDC website.

**President:** Coley Tipton called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Need to discuss Drivers schools and the Board has had 2 meetings with difficult discussions with regard to race entry increases and Covid has created a difficult financial challenge for the club. We will put up a scren shot of what it costs to put on a race at Pacific and The Ridge. Roughly 60 k at Pacific and 70 k at the Ridge. We have lost money 2 years in a row. The closure of the Canadian borders has not helped. **( A screen shot was put up with regard to the revenue and expenses to race at Pacific and The Ridge and the losses that were incurred with present revenue and projected revenue from the increases.)** The increases for Pacific are: +$40 base, $15 for second race, $50 for non-members, $30 for TNT NM, $20 members, $10 for transponser rentals. For the Ridge $75, 35, 25, 40, 20,10. Much greater expense for the Ridge. A long, long discussion of tow trucks followed and added emails from the Ridge with not providing and providing and the cost, what is needed and the rates. Everyone was asked to reach out to friends that are in the business and call Karl or Coley. We need all the help we can get on this issue to avoid what happened last year. Long discussion of the needs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9-5, one hook and one haul back and talking with the track mangers. Brad suggest setting up a committee to address the issue.

**Vice President:** Thank the Board for working through the race rate increases. We have a RATS meeting scheduled for March 19th and will shoot out an email with the agenda to all parties involved. Long discusssion followed with regard to what is covered at the RATS meeting, new rule changes, corner worker procedures, registration changes, karl asked to have a link sent to him so he can send out a bulk email to all the people on his email list include the agenda. There will be an agenda link on the meeting notice link.

**Secretary:**  The General Membership meeting minutes of Feb. 2, 2022 were posted on the IRDC website and were emailed to everyone who I have email addresses. Thanks to Fil for the technical help to get it posed on the IRDC website. **Approved**

**Treasure:** We are solvent, We have 71 new members and are ahead of last year. Usually get an influx just before the first race. Received a refund from Conference on Driver levies due to no Banquet and reduced number of races. Was much apprciated. **Approved**

**Race Chair:** I think everything has been cover , but if you have any relationship with a tow truck company please let Coley or I know.

**Drivers School/Steve Barnes:** Working with Fil and it is coming together well. Discussion of open top roadsters and rulngs to participants, (Miata’s) Steve was asked to contact Dave Bennitt our insurance advisor to get a definitive ruling. All who have signed up want to get a Novice racing license. Schedule for May and maybe July if we have enough interest. Have 14 signed up. If you have car club memberships please let them know what we offer.

**New/Old business**: Again a long discussion of factory hardtops and suitability to be on the track. Some new people introductions. Shannon has been approched by the new owner of GASS wanting track time with us. Everyone shared there views of GASS when they ran at Portland and our refusal to allow them on the track when it was proposed by Kitch. If more information is needed contact Rick Bostorm of Dan Heinrich who were Stewards at the Portland race with GASS. Discussion of moving Driver services to turn eight and the need for electricity and wi-fi communications. Need to explore the services that are available at that location before we move. Linda B brought up the issue that we will be using Speed waiver on MSG but will still continue to have signups at the gate for everyone. Portland used it last year and it should improve the signature recognition problem we had in the past.

**Good of the Order:** Russel S. And Jim Brassfield passed. Discusssion of how to honor those people. Discussion of paid spectators and the past history of cost to collect versus our admission structure, and added insurance costs for spectators. Long discussion of our non-profit status. A need for more people to work tech for Friday and Saturday and it would help the Novices fill their obligation. Discussion of a paddock manager and how it was handle in the past and the present.

**Motion made and Approved to adjourn: 9:10 PM**