

NODAK General Membership Meeting

April 24, 2010 2pm Sleep Inn.

Sign In sheets available for viewing.

Ole Olson called the meeting to order at 2:09pm. Thank you to everyone for coming to the meeting.

Lindsay spoke of the committee sign-up sheets and to please sign up to volunteer. Besides those committees we're going to need a big push from general membership to come out and help to put the track back together when we can get on the track.

Ole had conversation with Brett Root, IMCA, on sanctioning and our short race season. The consensus of the poll that was taken at the last general meeting was to be sanctioned. Good news is Brett is going to let us be IMCA sanctioned without the sanction fees and weekly fees being paid. All points will be accumulated for IMCA. There will not be a check going to the drivers at the end of the year from the points fund. We are still going to run for some sort of a championship/series winner; however it is unknown what it will consist of at this time. We are unsure what it will be called at this point. There will be winners and runners up in each class. IMCA is only going to allow us the state, regional and national points. No track jackets to the drivers for winning a track championship. They will not be recognized as a track champion for the Race of Champions. The cost, if we pay, would be about \$2500 and you need 8 races to crown a track champion. Ole said it's your club and we want to know what the members want to do. Lindsay spoke about the fact that if we only get in 3 races due to weather we would be throwing our money away. The board could look at the points from Motor Magic weekend for the 'series' championships.

In a short season like this under IMCA you can have your first night and one other night as a draw. If we try to do the invert for Motor Magic that may deter drivers from coming to NODAK. The board will have to clear up this issue with IMCA. There is no right or wrong answer, just the lesser of two evils. A question was asked that if we do the draw how the claim will work. Questions brought up will be addressed with IMCA. Mort brought up that the redraw gives everyone has the same chance every night. The tough thing is that this is going to be a short and rare season. It brings up things that we haven't had to address before such as if we make it a tour championship would they then be allowed in the Race of Champions.

Lindsay asked that the ballots from the drivers be turned in so that we can take pictures of the best appearing winners on the website.

Copies of the Amended By Laws were handed out. There is maybe 10% in changes. Mission statement was added. Discussion on the changes and additions made.

Allen Fetzer made a motion to accept the Amended By Laws. Tom Henderson seconded the motion. Ole asked for any other discussion. No other discussion rose. Ole said they will be

registered with the Secretary of State once approved. All approved. None opposed. Amended By Laws were approved.

Ole would like to have an ongoing By Laws committee so that if changes are needed they can be made.

Lindsay asked how many go online to look at the meeting notes. Most raised their hands. Lindsay said we have gotten good feedback on these minutes being there. Discussion was held on the issue that the website minutes are a summary of what happened at the meeting. And if any member wished to see the full minutes they can contact a board member.

Scott Joern asked if a member wanted to see the checkbook/ accounts if he/she asked. Ole discussed how we have a P&L which we have never had before. Ron said we have a balance sheet if anyone wants to look at it. Ron said that anytime anyone wants to see it to let him know.

Lindsay said we don't know what it will take to put the track back together, what burden is ours and what belongs to the state fair. Even if you don't have time to volunteer we do want your input. If we have extra people on a committee then everyone is not committed to the full season attendance. Bonnie Joern had a question about 1099s. Ron said we tried to do it last fall. But there were problems with reading the information provided. Ron said that in the future drivers will not get a check until the 1099 form is filled out. A suggestion was made to have a laptop and printer set up so that it can be printed right at the check in window. If winnings are under the threshold, you will not get a 1099. Ron talked about checks we couldn't get sent to people as we did not have good addresses. Bonnie asked if we are still going to be giving out checks at the window. Ron said we haven't decided but he thinks it can be the same. Discussion was held on paying that night for the special race nights. Our goal is that we can get the technology for paying purse.

Lindsay said we looking for a sponsor for a transponder system. The cost would be in the \$5000 to \$6000 range. We could tie that sponsorship in with the naming of the start/finish line. There would be the possibility of a 2 to 3 year commitment on that dollar amount. If anyone has connections for a possible sponsor that would be interested in paying this amount to please let the board know.

NODAK memberships will be acknowledged at other tracks. Williston's first race is a double header. They will allow a driver in night one without membership, but 2nd night they will need a membership card. If you want to be a voting member of NODAK, you should purchase it before you head out for summer's racing. The membership application is on the website.

Ole said we want you to be members of our club. He asked that the members purchase their World of Outlaw tickets thru NODAK as we get a commission on those sales. We do have a credit card machine for sales of the tickets. Last year we sold 900+ tickets. So far this year we have sold about 400. So we hope to beat last year's sales. We are already half way there.

Deb asked about the Facebook page. And the members like it.

Ron thought the State Fair board, contractors, etc. were all on the same page about using jersey barriers on the edge of the track, catch fence on the back of the barriers, etc. We thought they were going to use the same catch fence as before. K&K Insurance wants the catch fence on the crash barrier. They want them together, as close to the edge of the track, as possible. There is a tentative meeting at 1pm on Tuesday to discuss these issues. Since we are not paying for the barrier, we're not sure if we get full input on this issue. Discussion to be held on where it will be and how close to the track it is going to be. Discussion was held on how the new flag stand will be configured. It will be moveable on skids so it can be taken out during the state fair, and it will be on the outside of the track. Discussion was held on the new stage that is in the pit area. It was determined that the switches to control the track lights are in the tin box in the pits. Discussion was held on the concrete on the front straightaway that will be under the dirt. Discussion was held on the view of the track from the new grandstands. Perspective for the fans is going to be phenomenal. This is going to be a good thing for the fans.

We'll get something worked out with the engineers, contractors and State Fair. Discussion was held about looking into another insurance company. But will all of the chaos this year we do not need any more variables added at this time. Ole believes Jerry Iverson has been looking out for our best interest. The State Fair knows they have to have something we can get insured. The track is our problem. Rock picking is our problems. Ron said we won't be able to do much out there until the construction is done. Ole said they won't let us out there now to work on the track. The question on if we are going to pit in the infield was raised. We are probably not going to be able to pit all classes in the infield due to the stage in the area and the big manholes that were added. If we pit outside we have to have amenities/accommodations for the drivers/pitmen and for them to watch the races. The more mess that is made in that pit area, the more cost to the club for cleanup. Additional electrical hookups for RVs have been added also to the outside pit area.

Ole asked for any other input from the members. Discussion was held on how we could leave and enter the infield pits. The NODAK building is still there. Discussion was held about possibly moving the building to a different area.

Tom Henderson made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mort. Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.