

Minutes of the NARRC Committee Meeting
Held Nov. 5, 2011 at Saratoga Springs, NY

Present: D. Anthony, R. Burkhart, C. Campbell, D. Fisher, J. Hanifan, W. Huber, D. Lapham, C. Morales, C. Mosley, D. Panas, D. Patten, D. Patullo, D. Perlman, J. Rigoli, P. Smith, D. Stewart, P. Villaume,

C. Mosley called the meeting to order.

After the meeting – Treasurer’s Report:

The Secretary received an outline Treasurer’s Report indicating the following:

The beginning balance after the 2010 season - \$18,323.84

A net reduction occurred (planned) of \$6941.94 in 2011.

The current balance is \$11,381.90

Mosley – In 2010, of all the 2000+ entrants in NARRC, there were 19 people who ran “5 plus one event” of the races to make the 50% rule and everyone else did two or three races. Several people ran three races and got more points than some people who ran six races, but didn’t attend enough races to meet the requirements to be called a Champion.

If NARRC is going to continue and we want to build up the Series, it has to be a Championship Series. It can not have drops and it has to be a Series where you build up your point total by attending as many races as you can in order to win a Championship.

This year was the first year I didn’t get any complaints about there being no drops. I think that was because we made the requirement to attend 50% plus one race in order to be called a Champion.

Patullo – Is our Series too big? Are there too many races?

Mosley – Last year we only had seven weekends and that doesn’t seem like a big requirement.

Patullo – Should it be cut back to the four Regions that run Lime Rock? There won’t be any Pocono in 2012. Lime Rock had two events.

Rigoli – Did the Glen have any effect on the entries?

Patullo – We’re not going to have any races at Pocono and one less at Lime Rock so we’ve already dropped three races, Pocono being a double.

Stewart – I like going to the Glen. It's worth the tow because it's such a wonderful track to race on.

Patullo – But does it make it harder on our guys because they have that western swing?

A discussion followed about racing at WGI, its being a destination track, and the fact that many people want to go there whether there is a Series race or not.

??? – What about just having to run half of the races instead of “half plus one”.

Mosley – That wouldn't have changed any of the results for 2010.

A discussion followed regarding single vs. double races, and whether qualifying races should count for points.

A suggestion was made to have a check off list on entry forms to indicate whether or not you were running for Series points. This was expanded to include all Series (NARRC, NYSRRC, NERRC, etc.) The thought was that if the race is a XXX Series race, do people come to race that Series, or don't they care. Stated another way, does having a race as a particular Series race bring in just a few extra competitors, or many?

Hanifan – NARRC used to be the premiere Series in the North East. That was the outstanding Regional Series. Five years ago NYSRRC had the best Series by far.

Mosley – On the East coast you had NARRC, MARRS, and SARRC. Those were **the** Regional Championships. These have been watered down by the inclusion of all the other Series that have popped up in the meantime. The question now is what do we have to do to build up the NARRC Series to make it again the most prestigious Series?

Rigoli – Many people go to races because it's a “good weekend” for them, or it's convenient and they don't really care about a Series.

Mosley – On the table now is the question of putting a check off on the registration form that says I want to run the NARRC Series.

Discussion followed regarding the form of the check off and the “right” question to be asked. Also, if all Series should be included in the check-off on the form.

It was suggested and agreed **to table this discussion until March.**

A proposed schedule was adopted:

May 26-27	NER	NHMS	Double race (Memorial Day weekend)
June 8-9	NER	LRP	Double race
July 21-22	Glen	WGI	Double race
August 18-19	JRB	NJMP	Double race (course TBD)
Sept. 28-29	NYR	LRP	NARRCoffs (single race - double points)

Discussion followed regarding potential conflicts with other Regions and Series if the Sept 28-29 date was not available.

Later – Nov 15 – LRP announced that Grand Am has the Sept 28-29 date

Motion – D. Stewart moved that the above schedule be approved.

2nd – D. Fisher

Approved – D. Anthony opposed

This will require participants to be considered as starters in 5 races in order to be eligible for the Championship. Any driver who puts a wheel on the track (same as in 2011) is considered a starter. As in 2011 there are no drops.

Motion – J. Hanifan - That in 2012 for classes SM, SM2, SSM drivers may use Toyo RA-1, Toyo 888, Hoosier SM or Hoosier H2O tires. This provision is good through December 31, 2012. In 2013 the National spec tire will be the only tire approved.

Mosley – There is a proposal to modify the NARRC Club Ford rules to make them parallel with the Washington DC Region rules to bring clarity to the Division. It's a change in the rules to say that all current NFC cars will be legal under the revised rules without change. The WDC rules incorporate newer cars with inboard suspension, but they have to run with a weight penalty.

Questions arose as to why we should consider this. Also the question of the Honda engine and the size of restrictor plate was brought up. The consensus was that Club Ford was about Ford engines – not Hondas – and that Club Ford provided a place to race older cars with the existing Ford engines.

Mosley – Lets table this until March, but lets have everybody go back to their Regions and question the Club Ford drivers

Anthony – I'll send an email out to everybody who ran Club Ford this year and the year before and say "these are the current rules and this is what we're proposing. What do you think?"

Mosley – We have little time left. What are we going to do to promote the Series? We have little time left. What are we going to do to promote the Series?

Anthony – Do we want winners' stickers again? It was agreed to get them again.

Mosley – Should we require that they have to have the NARRC stickers on the car? I believe they should be required to be on the car. Discussion followed with the result that having the stickers on the car is mandatory for NARRC points to be awarded.

Many people talking at once – unintelligible.

Patullo – Get the checkered flags again?

??? – Yes, everybody seemed to like those.

Rigoli – We've wasted a lot of money on 2nds and 3rds. I think we should just give the Champion a trophy and be done with it.

Lapham – The NARRC banquet date. We're looking at somewhere in the Fishkill, NY area. That's all the information I have now.

Perlman – The Henryk Szamota trophy hasn't been awarded in several years. Does anybody know where it is?

Morales – There were two trophies here. There was an original Henryk Szamota cup. It was given out and then something got out of sync or we didn't give it out. Then you guys recreated it just recently. I know there are two of them floating around. [Much garbled talk but it seems that C. Morales may have the original.]

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Panas
NARRC Secretary