

# Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 4:25 PM Mountain Time on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as announced via email, calendar invite, and Facebook to all current club members. The meeting was chaired by:

Tony Steffensmeier, Vice President

## Schedule Discussion

As presented at the January Meeting, the 2016 schedule is finalized, pending last minute changes as deemed necessary, and will be posted to the website immediately following the meeting. It is important to note that while there are several CMSP races on the schedule, if the outstanding safety items are not addressed, the races will be called off and CDC will not participate.

There are two state points races at I-76, scheduled on 7/29 and 7/30, We have designated that the State Points races at EPCR will be the June 11 and July 4 races.

Tony explained that Jim Slauch is contemplating a shoot out race at Casper and is looking for good dates that the Colorado Dwarfs can participate. Tony let him know that depending on the date selected, potentially 5 or 6 drivers may make the trek. More to be discussed at the next club meeting, but schedules are very tight and we may not be able to participate as a group if the dates conflict with our existing points schedule.

## Tires

Tony will be handling the club's tire orders. Pricing has been set at \$115 per tire. Once an order form has been created, he will send it out to the membership so that they can officially place their orders. In order to get the tires in time for the beginning of the season, the orders will need to be placed before 3/10.

## Votes on Rule Changes from January's Meeting:

WSDCA Rule Auto-Adoption, as worded:

*As changes to the Western States Dwarf Car Association's rule book are ratified, they will also become ratified into the Colorado Dwarf Car rulebook, unless otherwise voted upon.*

Vote Count: 13 in favor, 1 against. The rule passes and shall be reflected in the 2016 Rule Book

Emergency Change Rule, as worded:

*To allow emergency changes to the rulebook where necessary, provided at least 33.3% of the membership is present to establish a quorum, a vote may be taken at any time to allow instantaneous ratification upon a simple majority of those present (that is, 51% or more in favor). For clarification purposes, if a rule change can be done as a non-emergency (for example, there is sufficient time to*

*have the vote at the next scheduled meeting), this rule shall not apply.*

Vote Count: Unanimous, with 14 in favor. The rule passes and shall be reflected in the 2016 Rule Book

## **CDC Board and PPO Poobah Meeting**

The CDC Board met with the PPO Poobahs in early February to discuss plans for allowing both clubs to compete at EPCR with as minimal impact as possible. While PPO will be running their own points system covering both Asphalt and Dirt Tracks, we will be running a combined points system covering the El Paso County Raceway Local Series. There was no final determination on how Sportsman and Pro Classes would work, however Joe Bellm has confirmed that if car counts exceed 30, we will split classes. There will be a number of rule changes proposed that will need to be voted on at the next meeting based on the conversation. These rule changes are necessary to meet the negotiation outcomes and ensure a smooth season.

## **New Business**

The following rule changes have been proposed:

From Tony Steffensmeier - change the inversion process. The rulebook currently states:

*With the exception of I25 Speedway, an inversion pill will be pulled between the heat and main event to determine if any rows will be inverted for the main. The inversion pills will be pulled by a Board of Directors or 1st place winner in the 1st heat race or any CDC member. Prior to the pill selection the main event will be lined up straight up from the heat race finishes. Winner of heat 1 will have inside pole. Winner of heat 2 will have outside pole. 2nd thru last in heat 1 will line up directly behind heat 1 winner on the inside. 2nd thru last in heat 2 will line up directly behind heat 2 winner on the outside. If there is a B main, the transferring cars will be placed straight up behind the heat race transfers prior to the inversion pill draw. The inversion pills will be 3 thru 11.*

The rule, as proposed, would be changed to read:

*With the exception of I25 Speedway, an inversion pill will be pulled between the heat and main event to determine which rows will be inverted for the main. The inversion pills will be pulled by a member of the Board of Directors or 1st place winner in the 1st heat race or any CDC member as delegated by the President or Vice President. Prior to the pill selection the main event will be lined up straight up from the heat race finishes. Winner of heat 1 will have inside pole. Winner of heat 2 will have outside pole. 2nd thru last in heat 1 will line up directly behind heat 1 winner on the inside. 2nd thru last in heat 2 will line up directly behind heat 2 winner on the outside. If there is a B main, the transferring cars will be placed straight up behind the heat race transfers prior to the inversion pill draw. The inversion pills will be 1 through 11.*

From Tony Steffensmeier – Eliminate the addition of “show up” or “attendance” points

from the official points calculation. The rulebook currently states:

*Points are awarded (as determined in the past) for the heat races and main events only show up points will be awarded for showing up. The number of points will be 20. In the event that you show up to the track and there is no racing, you will be awarded 20 points. You must complete a full competition green flag lap during a heat or main event to receive the 20 show up points.*

The rule, as proposed, would be changed to read:

*Points are awarded for heat races and main events only. There will be no points awarded for attendance at an event, even if the race is canceled and there is no racing that evening.*

From Tony Steffensmeier – Modification of the allowed fuel type rule. The rulebook currently states:

*6. FUEL*

- a. Approved Fuels: Pump gas, aviation fuel, racing gas.*
- b. Illegal Fuels: No nitrous oxide, no alcohol.*

The rule, as proposed, would be changed to read:

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- a. Approved Fuels: Pump gas, aviation fuel, racing gas.*
- b. Illegal Fuels: No nitrous oxide, no alcohol.*
- c. Fuel shall be limited to a total of 95 octane, as mixed from any authorized fuels*

From Tony Steffensmeier – Modification to the prohibition on bead lock tires. The rulebook currently states:

- a. Steel wheels only, 13" WHEEL ONLY, 7" maximum width*

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- e. No bead locks or wheel weights are allowed.*

The rule, as proposed, would be changed to read (as found in the WSDCA rulebook):

- a. Steel wheels only, 13" WHEEL ONLY, 7" maximum width. Bead locks are allowed on the rear only, with a steel ring.*

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- e. No wheel weights are allowed*

From Nick Brennan– Modification to the prohibition on trackside gear changes with a Quick Change Rear End. The rulebook currently states:

*c. Quick Change Gearing: Quick changes are allowed. Gears must be the same or very close to the Toyota gear numbers. You can not change gears once the car is in the pits on race day.*

The rule, as proposed, would be changed to read (as found in the WSDCA rulebook):

*c. Quick change rear ends are allowed. Steel tubes with individual axles with bearing type hubs allowed. Gears are not allowed to be changed once your main event starts.*

*ONLY Allowable gears:*

<b>4.11 Ring/Pinion Ratio</b>	<b>3.78 Ring/Pinion Ratio</b>	<b>Original Toyota Rear</b>
4.29	4.31	4.30
4.11	4.08	4.10
3.89	3.97	3.90
3.78	3.78	3.73
3.62	3.63	3.58
3.43	3.40	3.41
3.32	3.33	3.30

## **Next Meeting**

The next Club meeting will occur on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 4pm, at Peak Bowl, following the first Tech Day. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will be the second Tech Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm Mountain Time.