

# Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:40 AM Mountain Time on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as announced via Facebook and Email to all current Colorado Dwarf Car members, fans, and associates. The meeting was chaired by:

Tony Steffensmeier, President

Nick Brennan, Secretary

And was attended by prospective members, existing members, and members of other clubs. A quorum was present for voting purposes.

## Wrapping up 2017 Season

A discussion on the end of year banquet occurred, during which the date was set for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Peak Bowl in Colorado Springs (tentatively, pending availability of the venue). Plaques will be presented at that banquet for the top 5 finishers in each class, and one each for the Sportsman of the Year, Pitman of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved Driver. Nominations for these awards should be sent to Tony Steffensmeier at [tsteffensmeier@gmail.com](mailto:tsteffensmeier@gmail.com).

Tony then presented the received nominations for the 2018 board of directors, soliciting any further nominations. No more nominations were offered by those in attendance, and the board was selected by default as follows:

**Brad Earnst** – President

**JR Cline** – Vice President

**Steve Nester** – Tech Director

**Nick Brennan** – Communications Director

**Darcy Jackson** - Treasurer

## Leadership Handoff

Brad Earnst assumed the chair of the meeting at 10:55 AM and announced his intentions to keep the technical rules 100% aligned with Western States Dwarf Car Association's 2018 rulebook as amended with two specific CDC changes kept in place from the previous year:

1. Front Bumper Clearance – Rule 13(A) is modified to include an additional 2" clearance for the front bumper on all Dwarf Cars
2. Rear Shock Enclosure – Rule 11(H) is modified to strike the requirement that the entirety of the rear shock must not be mounted outside the body

## Schedule

El Paso County Raceway already has a schedule in place, including Dwarf Car races in place. We will be following this schedule. We have not yet had a discussion with Honors Raceway or Alan Davis regarding any dates included to our schedule, but will be doing so shortly.

Regardless of official schedule, all members are encouraged to race wherever they please without any restrictions by the CDC leadership team.

Pikes Peak Outlaws member Phelan Warren said he will speak with Alan Davis to get the CDC tech exemptions put in place for any races run at Honors as well.

No one from CDC has discussed payout structure with Joe Bellm yet, as we wanted to get a board in place first. This discussion will occur in the near future with the assumption that payout will not change. We will begin tracking the total number of pit passes bought by Dwarf Car participants during the check in and pill draw so that we can continue to receive the payout structure we have in place.

There is a race in Nebraska that many of the Rocky Mountain Dwarf Car Association's members will be traveling to that conflicts with one of the CDC races in July. We will not be removing that race to accommodate this race because of the shortened schedule this season.

### Tech Days

RMDCRA will not be honoring our tech stickers this season, and have eliminated the 2 race grace period that has been present in past seasons – this means that if you intend to race at I76 you will need to become a member of their club. Their tech date is scheduled for March 31 at Dave Massengale's shop. We will be retaining the 2 race grace period for other club members this season, and offering a discounted membership of \$35 for holders of tech stickers from other clubs.

Our tech days are scheduled as follows:

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Papa's Powder Coating from 12pm to 4pm
- April 7<sup>th</sup> at Brad's house from 12pm to 4pm (13150 Hoofprint Rd, Peyton, CO 80831)
- May 5<sup>th</sup> at EPCR from 12pm to 2pm

Steven Nester can set up one off adhoc tech inspections for anyone that cannot make any of the above dates. No full tech inspections will be done on race days – if you fail to get your tech sticker before the race a simple safety inspection will be done and you will receive no points and last place payout.

The board will communicate official tech days once they have been scheduled.

### Race Director

Brad discussed with the membership the concept of having a Race Director present at all races to handle disputes and run the administrative functions on each race day (pill draws, lineups, etc.). Because Nick Brennan is a board member that will not be competing in races this season, he proposed having him serve in this role. Nick accepted, and those present agreed.

Going forward, the membership should not raise concerns directly with the promoter at any track on the CDC schedule – all concerns should be brought to the Race Director first, who will either make a determination on the concern or escalate the concern to Joe or the rest of the CDC Board of Directors as necessary.

### Western States Membership

Brad asked the membership if they would like to remain members of WSDRA so that we maintain a voting interest in any future rule changes. Those present agreed, and Tony Steffensmeier graciously offered to put up the \$250 to cover the membership out of the profits generated from the club's tire order.

### Other Business

Tony Steffensmeier will be putting together a tire order again this year. As long as we get 100 tires ordered, there will be no shipping fee. Price per tire to be determined and communicated once known. Please get your tire orders to Tony by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative rules will be adopted for the 2018 season since the WSDCA rulebook does not cover these (for example, points payout, lineups, pill draws, etc.). Everyone present was tasked with thinking of what should be included to be discussed at the next club meeting.

Running Sportsman and Pro classes will be heavily dependent on the number of members and the number of cars present on each race day. If we have enough members to justify the class split, we will run two points systems, and if we have enough cars present each race day, we will run two main events. If we do not have enough cars present, we will continue to run two points systems with one main event as we have in past seasons. Since Joe Bellm will only be running 6 classes per race night, we should be able to run both main events provided we have the car count.

JR Cline indicated his intent to bring fan participation back to the forefront for CDC events this year. One idea was to work with the track announcer to pick a child from the audience to have their picture taken with the winner in winner's circle. JR is soliciting feedback on other ideas from each member.

Those present generally agreed that they prefer communications to occur via email. Each member will provide a valid email address as their primary point of contact on their membership forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM Mountain Time.