

Road Race Competition Committee Meeting Minutes

Conference Call – May 21, 2009

The National Road Racing competition committee met via teleconference on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Committee members present were Gene Davis (Chairman), Jim Fry, Pete Michel and Wilshire Walkup. WKA RR Representative Sissy Mendenhall, WKA Executive Director Van Gilder and WKA Technical Director & Trustee Dan Stowell were also present on the call.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 8:05pm with a welcome and thank you to all in attendance. He then gave an overview of the meeting agenda noting a desired one-hour time limit for the call.

Trustee Stowell opened a discussion on Quick Release Steering Hubs. These are currently not legal per the WKA Tech Manual, however they are approved for use in many crossover series. Several were presented for inspection by WKA officials at Daytona. No action however Stowell will follow up on this discussion with additional info at the next meeting.

Stowell then lead a discussion regarding Catch Cans for water cooled engines. We currently require these in Stock Honda but not any other water cooled class. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jim, second by Gene, to approve the use of overflow containment systems for radiators in all water cooled classes, effective immediately and mandatory in 2010. Unanimous.

Next the committee discussed the possible need to review the current TAG engines allowed in Spec 125 TAG. No action however the committee will be aware of this and review the local option TAG classes at Mid Ohio and Road America.

The committee then discussed what each person feels to be the best number of races in the national series. It has been several years since the NRRC polled the participants. Some noted that the economy is dictating participation while others felt the number of drops had an affect on total entry counts so far this year. All did agree that Mid Ohio will be a good indicator of the series for the year. Gene suggested polling the racers at the upcoming Town Hall meetings at Mid Ohio for their input.

WKA Executive Director and WKA RR Rep Sissy Mendenhall with the assistance of RR Committee Chairman Gene Davis will conduct a series of Town Hall Meetings at the Mid Ohio RR Grand National. WKA is planning on offering several meetings for each type of road race group; i.e. laydowns & sprints. WKA will compile the info discussed at these meeting and develop surveys to help better the series in 2010. The surveys will be distributed at the next few nationals with results to be reported by late August.

It was noted that Trustee Bobby Moore requested a moratorium on rule changes to the Trustees at their April meeting. The committee supports this request within reason and suggested that we emphasize what we have held constant rule-wise for the last few years.

Sissy Mendenhall addressed the committee on a revision to the current Regional Bonus Points format. Currently, you must compete in your national points class at a regional event in order to earn your credits for bonus points. Mendenhall suggested that WKA modify this and allow competitors to earn participation credits at the regional events but not be restricted to their points class. This declaration system will allow the competitor to compete in the class of their choice at the event and earn bonus points in the national points class while still supporting the club for it's event. The only criteria would be that the driver be licensed for the class they're competing in and local option classes do apply. Motion by Pete, second by Gene to approve,

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unanimous.

Sissy Mendenhall presented two discussion topics submitted by a competitor. One regarded the large amount of money clubs spend on trophies and most competitors lack of interest as well as WKA considering cutting the shifter race length to 25 minutes due to smaller fuel tanks. Both items were discussed and agreed that these should go to the Town Hall meeting topics.

Trustee Stowell opened a discussion on the Briggs Jr Sprint classes and the road racing series use of a throttle stop as opposed to restrictor plates. It was agreed that this discussion would also be a good one for the survey.

Last discussion topic was on 2010 classes. Sissy Mendenhall created and distributed a rough draft of proposed 2010 classes for the RR series prior to the meeting. The committee members provided their thoughts and several suggestions came from the discussion. All did agree that some modifications to the classes was needed for 2010. The various categories will be polled at the Town Hall meetings for input.

Gene & Sissy will draft the Town Hall meeting schedule and agenda for review in the coming weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sissy Mendenhall