

Northern Alberta Sports Car Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes: November 23rd, 2016

Secretary: Mark Burrough

Meeting called to order by Vice President - Rudy van Woerkom at 7:30pm

Attendance 20 NASCC members and 4 Executive.

Rudy read President Jed Harrison's Presidents Report. See below.

In 2016 we were gifted with another year of racing. And each year it is indeed a gift.

On ice it was a year when the weather was crazy warm one week, and normal Alberta cold the next. The ice racing was as hard as we usually see, with intense battles for the top positions within each class. Lucky for us, the cold weeks were all the ones we scheduled to race, and each weekend went off as planned, until the ice fractured and heaved and sunk under the weight of the snow at Lac la Biche, and we tried one last time at Roys. Lucky for all of us too, that the famous, or perhaps infamous, Ken Staples, did not take out the timing trailer. The photos on the President's Trophy, that went to our volunteer timing crew, taken by another member of the volunteer timing crew this year, John Kershaw, show clearly that I am not exaggerating like a racer often does. And that does not even count the windy day that saw Graham and I off in the bull rushes trying to find the pre grid numbers after the wind ripped them out of their Tupperware buckets with weight on the lids, AND TIPPED THE TIMING TRAILER UP ONTO TWO WHEELS!

This year also saw Sean Finn acquire a dyno for the club, that we can use to promote and develop the new racing classes of the WCMA in the summer road racing events. The dyno has been a work in progress, and in Sean's own words

"Kevin Kolasa spent countless hours trying to make the old hardware work but every time he repaired the board something else failed. He has installed the new hardware and software and we now appear to have a functional machine with the latest software. At some point we will have to explore our options for the future of our Dyno but I think the money has been well spent to preserve the asset value and we are now able to generate revenue either form the operation or sale of the machine."

Summer road racing went off very well over all. Sean will report that we just did better than break even over the season. We had a good race school with great weather, despite the very early date of April 30. And then racing started with all the usual suspects coming out to enjoy another season, and a continued expansion of the Miata class to as many as 20 entrants on one weekend. Even our Treasurer, Sean Finn joined the Miata class, and I was happy to play a small part by working with him at the last minute to build his engine. (I know nothing about Miata engine rules so I saw no crimes committed!) It was devastating both to see his car destroyed in corner 1 of his first race, and to learn how badly he was injured, but outstanding to see him back again for the next race weekend. But to the point, that spirit of making things happen, is what is so striking about racing in the Alberta community, and I want to applaud all of us who participate in racing in any way for being a big part of this positive can-do approach (in face of endless evidence that we will meet with another broken engine or worse).

Finally, in resigning as Club President and stepping down while I am away on sabbatical leave for my job, I wish to reflect a bit on 8 years on the club executive. We have a large community of volunteers who make our sport run. The level of capability and professionalism is outstanding. When our club runs an event it is professional event, it is something we can all be very proud of. This happens because so many people contribute so much. In my role as Race Director and then President, it has been my job to set the ball in motion and then watch everything happen. So many of you know what steps to do and what steps to take that it is clear my role is only as a catalyst to start things. There are too many people to name, and in naming some I know I risk offending others. Nonetheless, I have to mention the endless and tireless contributions of Mark and Rick Andrichiw, Graham Corkerton, Sean Finn, Mike Elhard, Andy de Boon, Rudy van Woerkem, Linda Sakaluk and her two sons, Janet Norman, Ben Cline, Clem Salcedo, Wil Gluck, Brian Sinfield, Garnet Robinson, Ken Staples, Uwe and Gail Terner, Dave Welsh, Sue Wilson, Bob Stokowski, Barry Munson and many, many others. It has been an honor and pleasure to play the role of leader to those who already know where they are going, thank you to all I have named and those I have not named. I look forward to many years of racing with all of our club members and fellow Alberta racers in the years to come.

The NASCC reluctantly accepted Jed Harrison's resignation and again want to thank him for his years of dedication to the Club.

Membership report was given by Mark Burrough:

The NASCC has in 2016 has 116 paid memberships: 11 family at \$78.55, 105 single at \$73.50 and 0 Non-competitor at \$30

The NASCC awarded 41 Worker Complimentary Memberships to our volunteers who were registered on MotorsportReg.

The NASCC had a total of 55 Summer volunteers and 30 Winter volunteers with quite a lot doing both summer and winter.

Detailed Financial statements and reports were presented by our Treasurer Sean Finn. Questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction. The NASCC had a net gain on the year of approximately \$7,000.

Motion by John Kershaw and seconded by Uwe Terner to accept and approve the Financial statements as presented. Vote taken and was unanimously passed.

Mark Burrough explained how the NASCC Board of Directors is made up and elected as detailed in the NASCC Bylaws. Sean Finn, Matt Beaubien and Rudy van Woerkom are still in their current terms. Mark Burrough has completed his three year term. The Floor was opened for nominations for the 3 available positions on the Board of Directors.

Nominations were:

- Linda Sakaluk by Mike Elhard
- Kevin Kolassa by Mike Thorn
- Mark Burrough by Sean Finn
- Ryan Smith by Sean Finn

There were 4 nominations for the 3 available positions. A vote was held and the new Board Directors were determined to be: Mark Burrough, Linda Salaluk and Kevin Kolasa.

Motion by Dave welsh and seconded by Graham Corkerton to destroy all ballots. Vote taken and was unanimously passed.

It was decided that Kevin Kolasa's term would be a 2 year term and Mark Burrough and Linda Sakaluk's would be 3 year terms as Sean Finn has 2 years left on his term and Rudy van Woerkom and Matt Beaubien have one year left in their terms.

A break in the meeting was taken so that the new Board of Directors could discuss the positions that will be assumed by the new Board of Directors.

The Meeting resumed after a 10 minute break as Rudy van Woerkom announced the new Board of Directors:

President: Rudy van Woerkom
Vice President: Matt Beaubien
Treasurer: Sean Finn
Secretary: Mark Burrough
Director at Large: Linda Sakaluk
Director at Large: Kevin Kolasa

Specific roles and responsibilities for Linda Sakaluk and Kevin Kolasa will be discussed in the coming weeks.

To ensure a smooth transition the new Board of Directors appoint Jed Harrison (with his permission) as Executive Director as outlined in the club's bylaws. The Executive Director is appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio of the Board of Directors without voting power. The Executive Director shall at all reasonable times give to the Board of Directors all information it may require regarding the affairs of the Society. The Board of Directors at this time has not delegated to the Executive Director any authority to manage and direct the business and affairs of the Society.

Mark Burrough discussed new studded tire spec that is in its final draft and will be published before the next NASCC meeting which is December 7th and specifically will be an Ice Race meeting

Dave Fowler talked about Santa Anonymous

The NASCC has a long history of assisting Santas Anonymous in Edmonton, please lend any assistance you can. CHED Santas Anonymous is devoted to bettering the lives of children in Edmonton by delivering the "spirit of Christmas" to less fortunate families.

For more information see <http://santasanonymous.ca/>

Volunteering at Santas Depot

Santas Depot is open for individuals and groups of 2 or 3 to drop in and volunteer on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. You may stay for any amount of time you wish, there are no set shifts on drop-in days.

Delivery date has been set for Saturday, December 17 and Sunday December 18th.

Depot Address is:

Jerry Forbes Centre for Community Spirit

12122 68 Street NW

Mike Thorn reported that the Edmonton Rally Club's last Rallycross of the year will be held December 10th at BlackJacks