



UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hayer Memorial Race – Capitol– Saturday, Aug 13th & Sunday, Aug 14th
Monza #4 – Tri-Valley – Saturday, Aug 20th & Sunday, Aug 21st
BAYLANDS CLUB RACE #5 – Sunday, August 28th
Regional #3 at BAYLANDS – Saturday, Sept. 3rd & Sunday, Sept. 4th
NEXT BAYLANDS CLUB MEETING – Wednesday, September 7th
PROMO DAY– Saturday, September 17th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Dylan Epp 8/4
Bree Rhodes 8/6
Bryce Napier 8/12
Charlie Snipp 8/19
Famous Rhodes 8/26



NEW GRADUATES:



4 kids in training.
No recent graduates.



The meeting was held at Round Table Pizza – 2129 Morrill Ave, San Jose, CA.
4 Board members and 3 club members present. No quorum, so no monthly meeting or meeting minutes.
Below are topics covered in general discussion.

Board Members Present: Doug and Dana Ambrisko, Dennis Rice, Vic Sias.

Baylands Members Present: Brink Rose, Marisa Mentch and Rob Paterson.

Date conflict with Motorcycle Park race and Baylands Club race #7 on October 8th. Not really critical, however in the past they have used some of our dirt parking. We don't need the pavement so it should be okay and work together with them. They normally use the dirt for overnight camping, they would list that there would be no overnight camping. Told them once we are done on Saturday, it is only a one day club race, they could use the dirt Saturday evening and Sunday. We need to keep the gates closed on Saturday during our race so that motorcycles do not ride through our area. Ranger has requested that if they run out of parking for cars, if they could use some of our area if available.

Status of repairs required for Snack Bar. If these items are not completed and approved by the county before our next club race on Saturday, August 28th, then there is a good possibility that the snack bar will not be able to be open. Contact Sean Kanemoto to help with repairs, vicepresident@racing4kids.net or 510-468-3980 .

Thank you to Annette Lewis and her family who took on running the Snack Shack for the last club race. Also thanks to everyone else that stepped up to help out.

General Status, the health of the financials of the club remain strong with \$15,213.44 in checking to cover operating expenses. This is a net increase of \$1,594.12.

Revenue, the income of the club is down 23% YOY in racing fees and 45% in snack bar income, as the removal of the Hangover race, low turn out for the States race and timing of the regional race in 2010 caused a gap of \$3,599 and \$3,082.94 respectively compared to prior year. Strong car count in 2011 at the club races and the regional in August will help bring us closer to the forecast.

Expenses, they are in-line with budget as disposal fees are higher now that we are actually being billed. The monza has still not sent the \$250 refund check, as Doug and I have both requested at this time.

Account Receivables, we have still not received the check from University Electric for their sponsorship of \$500.00.

Need to get the Promo Day and Regional race flyers done as soon as possible. Please spread the word and hand out Promo Day flyers (when they become available) to family, friends, neighbors, classmates, other clubs you belong to, your favorite hang outs etc.

We will talk about the line-up procedure used at the Western Grands. That is that all cars will be placed into a single line-up, then when all cars are lined-up in order, they'll go to double line. Terry and Vic and will review at the next pit meeting.

Review Club By-Laws. Will be sending out more information on this. Please review them and bring your ideas, concerns, questions to the next club meeting on September 7th. This is your club!! Come and voice your opinions and make the club the best it can be. Make sure the By-Law committee is not omitting anything or making any errors, or just give some input to update the By-Laws.

Need club members help for the following:

Region 10 Race at Baylands – September 3rd and 4th

Promo Day – Saturday, September 17th

Weeds and lawn area are in very bad condition. The track needs to get into shape before the Regional Race. Future Work Party date/time TBA. Remember we all have to complete 8 for work party and snack bar hours for this half of the race season.

Reminders:

If you go up to the track to practice, you MUST HAVE 2 ADULTS present. The Rangers will not unlock the gates without 2 adults. You should also have your Baylands membership card with you. If you don't have a Baylands card, please contact the membership director to get one, or have your yellow membership copy available. The Rangers have a roster, but it may not be current. You must ALSO sign the release form that is posted on the display board. If there are none there, please let a Board Member know so that they may be replenished.

Please remember that no dumping of gray or black tanks from motor homes or trailers is allowed on the Baylands Facility (this includes the Park's paved area). Be careful not to spill gas during the rainy season. This is a request from the County of Santa Clara – Hazardous Materials Division. If you have any questions or witness this occurring, please contact the Baylands President or a Santa Clara County Park Ranger on duty. ALSO, make sure to clean up your tire shavings after the race and dispose of any trash in your area. The club will charged for cleanup, and it is not environmentally friendly! No disposal of tires in any trash cans, bins, dumpster or at the track period! Roman Tires will accept the quarter midget tires you need to dispose of for the cost of only \$1.00 per tire. Roman Tires address is 800 Laurelwood Road (right off 101), Santa Clara, CA. Need to mention that you are a Bayland's club member.

Prez'es Corner

I'd like to bring the membership up to speed on proposed changes to the by-laws. There are a lot of little changes like spelling errors, removing duplication and consolidation of defining items. There was a fair amount of items scattered around so we tried to bring them into one section with the goal of being able to look at one section and know how that item is defined and not have to look for other occurrences. This part shouldn't have any significant impact.

First major change is our monthly "club" meeting. According to our old by-laws we needed to have a monthly membership meeting and that was to conduct club business. It required a membership quorum which is 1/2 of our paid and active members. We never have that except for the election and then we just deal with the election there! We have been running our club meeting more as a board meeting with requiring a board quorum. However, when taking votes we'd do it based on any paid and active membership (so one per family). Although probably the right thing to do in spirit it is not what the by-laws say. We decided for now to make the month club meeting a board meeting with member input to bridge the gap. We expect this will be the only real area that members will have concern since they will be losing their voice in a vote. However, technically we can't do business now at our club meetings since we don't have a membership quorum! There have been some suggestions of doing it at a race, but that doesn't help with the off season work we need to do to get things going and planning. We recently had a suggestion borrowing from SCCA of a "steering committee". SCCA can't really have a membership quorum due to the practical matters with a club of that size. Once certain criteria are met then a member can join the steering committee. We might be able to do some membership meetings at a club race but that could slow things down a lot. Our club meetings can take 2 hours!

Second, is changing all of our elected members to be board members. I was wondering what the legal difference between a board member and an officer was. Doing some research I came across some guidance for Home Owners Associate (HOA) by-laws. In there it was clear that board members are elected in by a membership vote and if needed removed by a membership vote. Board members have voting rights on the board. Officers are appointed by the Board or pre-defined from the Board position so whomever is the elected President for example would be an officer of the club. An officer, that is not also a Board member, does not have any voting rights. Since we elected officers and then made some officers into board positions, we felt it made more sense to change everyone to Board members and then define the President, Secretary and Treasurer as officers of the club. Since they have signing authority and are the key people National looks for. We also updated the responsibilities to reflect what we do today. We don't supply fuel any more for example.

The final bit was including National's changes of no voting rights for 1 year and good standing. We actually had stronger wording for "good standing" than what National required. We used the National wording then better defined what good standing was for us.

Those are really the only change beside renumbering, spelling error etc. So really not what I would call radical changes compared to what we really already do except for the change of club meeting to board meeting with member input.

Thanks to all on the by-laws committee for the time spent working on this.

Doug Ambrisko
Baylands President