



## UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

***NEXT BAYLANDS CLUB MEETING – March 2<sup>nd</sup>***  
***Round Table Pizza – 2129 Morrill Ave., San Jose, CA 7:00pm***

***Baylands Club Race #1 Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>***  
***Baylands Club Race #2 Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>***

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Alexis Walsh 2/09  
Kyle Mentch 2/21



### NEW GRADUATES:

Congratulations!

The meeting was held at Round Table Pizza – 2129 Morrill Ave, San Jose, CA  
Meeting called to order February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:05pm by club President Doug Ambrisko.  
Motion to approve January minutes as presented in newsletter and December minutes as presented in newsletter. Both the January and December minutes were approved.

### **2011 Board Members**

Doug Ambrisko – President  
Sean Kanemoto – Vice President  
Dana Ambrisko – Secretary  
Dawn Stafford – Membership  
Famous Rhodes - Treasurer  
Mike Epp - Track Director  
Ben Fatehi - Safety Director  
Luxie Aguino Thomas - Pit Stewart  
Jerry Mostek/Dennis Rice - Tech Director  
Steve Bruno - Training Director  
Ralph Sermeno - Training Co-ordinator  
Kim Conwright - Tower Director  
Frank Walsh - Publicity  
Frank Walsh - Fundraising  
Cindy Rose - Snack Bar Director  
MaryAnn Kanemoto - Points Director  
Lora Marquez - Trophy Director  
Vic Sias/Terry McCarthy - Flagging Director  
Doug Ambrisko - Historian/Webmaster  
Tim Quinonez - Parking Official  
Terry McCarthy - County Liaison

The Board recognized the following new positions, as holding the rights to sign on the Bank of West account for Baylands Quarter Midgets Association:

President – Doug Ambrisko  
Treasurer – Famous Rhodes  
Secretary – Dana Ambrisko

Board Members Present: Doug and Dana Ambrisko, Dennis Rice, Jerry Mostek, Steve Bruno, Mike Epp, Sean Kanemoto, Famous Rhodes, Via Sias, Marcelo Marquez for Lora Marquez, Frank Walsh, Terry McCarthy, Ralph Sermeno, Dawn Stafford, Brink Rose for Cindy Rose.

Board Members Not Present: Ben Fatehi, Luxie Aquino Thomas, Kim Conwright, Tim Quinonez.

Baylands Members Present: Carolyn Mostek, Brian McShurley, Vanessa Bruno, Eric and Marisa Mentch, Marie and Kevin Kimberly, Eric Stafford, Chris Gerdes.

## **Reports:**

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### Schedule report

Promo Days will be on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Marcelo Marquez made the motion to approve these dates and Dennis Rice seconded. Club voted for Promo Days to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> and Sept 17 - 10 in favor 0 against. This passes. Baylands club banquet date suggestions either for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Club vote was 10 for November 12<sup>th</sup> and 5 for November 19<sup>th</sup>. Passed for 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Steve Bruno to accept the date for the Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> seconded by Sean Kanemoto. 9 voted in favor and 1 vote against. Promo day dates will be submitted to National.

### Regional meeting report

- 4 legs in the future might include Madera (as a 5<sup>th</sup> leg – next year)
- No banquet, do series awards at last leg.
- Regional Rookie of the year to follow Tri-Valley average
- No qualifying. Will run 2 days unless under 50 cars then will run event in 1 day.

### Monza report

- 2011 Awards have been adjusted no fast time plaques etc. cut ~\$2k in costs. They are looking at using a different jacket that might be less expensive. Monza only has about \$500 in the bank. Are requiring all clubs to put up a \$250 deposit for operating costs/trophies. We are suppose to get that deposit back at the end of the year. If there is going to be a shortfall, then it will be immediately communicated to the clubs and deposit subtracted. The Monza still brought in money for the club last year even with paying out the \$400. We are the third leg this year. Club voted in favor for putting up the \$250 deposit.
- Monza Rookie of the year to follow Tri-Valley average
- 2nd Monza Rep? The rep needs to have run the prior year in the Monza series. Doug nominates Marcelo Marquez or Frank Walsh for the 2<sup>nd</sup> rep position. We will vote next meeting on our selection.

### Jay Gradia Memorial Race/Monza leg

This is a very emotional issue for Mr. Gradia and we could lose the sponsorship. Mr. Gradia was disappointed in the recognition given and there are no hard copies of flyers given out anymore. Doug forwarded to Mr. Gradia the electronic flyers from the last few years. Mr. Gradia does not want a plaque. Doug is suggesting we have a thank you letter/sheet at our leg of the Monza/Jay Gradia Memorial, and have all the kids sign the thank you. The bonds from last year have been submitted to the bank and people should be receiving them in the next 4 – 6 weeks. Delay with getting social security numbers and with getting payment from our sponsors, the club had to float a loan for \$1000 to cover the bonds until we get payment from the sponsors. Doug will be contacting the other sponsors to get commitment from the them on payment so we can proceed with bonds this year. Mr. Gradia would like to see us require the Social Security numbers up front and give the family's until the following Monday to submit the SS# otherwise they will not receive any bond. The invoices were sent out the weekend of Thanksgiving, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to the sponsors and we still do not have payment. Terry McCarthy recommends that we still continue on with the Jay Gradia Memorial Race even without the bonds. Why are we not inviting Mr. Gradia to be a more active participant in our club and Doug said that Mr. Gradia can't come to the track. For future we need to mail hard copies of the flyers to the sponsors and after the race send

them all a thank you. Doug sent them photos of the podium with the Jay Gradia Memorial. Also should include the sponsors in the newsletters and maybe make them a video of the race. Frank maybe can help with this.

### Super Series

Madera and Portland – West Coast cup series. Will be in conjunction with the Portland race and Madera races.

### Vice President – Sean Kanemoto

Re-keying the locks is about \$350. Cheaper to buy all new locks? Has been a poor turn over of keys from old board members to new board members. Vic Sias made a motion for \$400 to go towards re-keying the locks and Ralph Sermeno seconded, club felt this was too much money. Steve Bruno requested a sign for advertising space (Maximum of \$500 advertising credit) in return for Steve's friend to re-key the locks. The sponsor/advertiser supplies the sign. Steve Bruno made the motion, Sean Kanemoto seconded. All were in favor. We would like to get this done fairly quickly and request that the re-keying be done on a day of a race or a club meeting so that keys can be given out right then and there. Clarification are we doing all padlocks and doors too. This is up to Sean. Want a special Promo Day for Boys Scouts. Need to look into that. We will also need volunteers for this to take place. Track needs some repair and get back into shape. Brian McShurely offered to deal with light, which might not be working properly. Kill switches are now available and will be installed. Doug will arrange for them to be installed before the first Promo Day. Paint needs to be purchased. Terry McCarthy made motion for \$400 towards paint purchase and Famous Rhodes seconded. All voted in favor.

### Secretary – Dana Ambrisko

Please let me know if you prefer to get the club meeting/newsletter by email and SAVE A TREE and the club money! [dana@ambrisko.com](mailto:dana@ambrisko.com) or 650-903-0652. I will be updating the club email list this month so if you want to remain on the email list be sure to get your membership in. Need volunteers for the end of the year banquet committee. Already have the date of Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and are suggesting we have the banquet again at the Hyatt. Lora Marquez arranged a deal in price for the club in the past, food was good and nice location. We will vote at the next meeting if the club wants this venue or suggestions for other locations.

### Membership – Dawn Stafford

Nothing to report.

### Treasurer – Famous Rhodes

Gained \$10,583 for the year by raising our sign in fees and lowering our operating costs. Revenue dropped by -\$7,435 in 2010 with the following key contributors being down:

- Membership (-\$2,120)
- Club Races (-\$1,721)
- Banquet (-\$1,012)
- Snack Bar (-\$533)
- Sponsorships (-\$475)
- Other Races (-\$400)

+\$1390 in Promo Day income to off set some losses in revenue.

Expenses dropped -\$6,213 in 2010

- Porto Lets (-\$795)
- Postage (-\$295)
- Repairs (-\$1,821) Made less repairs, but will probably have to do more this year.
- Garbage & Disposal (-\$2,956)

There were no emergency garbage & disposal pick ups and not billed for 5 pick ups. Will not be billed in retro for this and saved about \$2200 in garbage.

Other key expenses increased in 2010

- Trophies (+\$759)
- Permits (+\$770)
- Remotes (+\$383)

Did not save money on trophies. Permits were not required in the past and we had to pay these this year. Increased fee 2 years ago has helped save the club. Loss ~\$400 per leg on Monza, but our club still made \$330.90 in race fees and \$683 in snack bar. Regional actually brings in less money. States Race should expect about 90 cars and get \$4000 in fees about \$1000 in profit (we need to verify this amount). Based on \$40 per car. Repairs will need to be made to the track – track walls, parking lot, judges stand. Judges stand needs to be repaired/replaced. Sean needs to check with Mark Korfhage on overall cost and what needs to be done with the judges stand or area.

- Gradia, due to processing delays we are waiting for remaining sponsors money, but have started the process to send out bonds. We have had to float a \$1000 loan to get the bonds out until we receive payment. May need to end this.

### Track Director – Mike Epp

Nothing to report

### Safety Director – Ben Fatehi

Not present

## **Pit Stewart – Luxie Aguino Thomas**

Not present

## **Technical Director(s) – Jerry Mostek/Dennis Rice**

From National: If you go to the Grands you can choose any 3 classes you want to run, as long as you run 3 classes in any States Race. QMA has elected to phase out the Honda class. Have voted in this year as of April 1<sup>st</sup> the Jr. Animal Class. Anyone wants to run Junior Honda class a second year (next year at the Grands) send a letter into the National Board. Tires specs are in the National summary. Spec tires should run twice as long. See the National summary for new rules. Club can choose not to run the National spec tires. The tires are not available yet and probably not until April 1<sup>st</sup> or later. We need to vote as club on a spec tire if we want to run it for our club races. The cost of the spec tires should be a fair market value. It was decided to wait until we get more information and facts about the tires. Jet change as of April 1<sup>st</sup> allowed up to a 70.

## **Training Director – Steve Bruno**

New training car that was donated by Mark Martinek. Needs a tax deduction form from Famous. Talked to Frank Walsh about taking one of the 6 training cars and making it into a show car for publicity and fundraising events only. Table this until next meeting.

## **Training Coordinator – Ralph Sermeno**

Have two new applicants for training. No new graduates. Training days are Mon – Thurs.

## **Tower Director – Kim Conwright**

Not present

## **Publicity/Fundraising – Frank Walsh**

Get approval on sponsorship for the track. Would like to get \$500 for banners for the track fence and \$200 for around the staging area. Frank would work with club members that have advertising banners, so that they would receive a reduced rate. Frank has a friend that is a painter and he would like to get the paint for the track from his friend in exchange for advertising banner for friend's company. Club decided to give Frank more freedom for publicity and fundraising. Frank is trying to get artwork done for new t-shirts. Club needs to be able to recoup our money paid out for artwork in the sales of the t-shirts. Frank to go ahead and get the cost estimates and submit to Famous. Need to get line art of any artwork we have done.

## **Snack Bar Director – Cindy Rose**

Cannot get out of your snack bar hours this year. Need to work your hours or hire someone do work for you.

## **Points Director – Maryann Kanemoto**

Nothing to report per Sean Kanemoto.

## **Trophy Director – Lora Marquez**

Marcelo for Lora. Lora is going to be traveling for work and will not be able to be present for her trophy commitments at some of the races. Looking for someone to step up and help with trophies when she is not available. Vanessa Bruno has volunteered to help Lora with the trophies when she is unable to be at race events. Marquez family donating a freezer to the track that will be kept/stored at the Rose's house to keep freezer items for the track. Marcelo will need help getting it to the Rose's house. He will let members know the scheduling for this.

## **Flagging Director – Vic Sias/Terry McCarthy**

Nothing to report other than the flags are in poor condition. Carolyn Mostek said she would make the club a new set of flags 22" x 24" and will submit the bill to Famous Rhodes for the materials. New flags should only be used for race events and be kept in the tower otherwise.

## **Historian/Webmaster – Doug Ambrisko**

Nothing to report.

## **Parking Official – Tim Quinonez**

Not present

## **County Liason – Terry McCarthy**

Need to get the permits for the Monza and States Races, and maybe consider adjusting our parking fees for these events, as the permit costs have increased. County can charge us the permit fee of \$450 plus a per car fee. Request made for Terry to see if we can get only one permit to cover both the Monza and States Races. Need to get the parking fee cost figured out so we can get the flyers done.

## **Old Business**

Rookie Rule – Do we want to adopt Tri-Valley's Rooke Rule and follow the Monza and Regional series which will both be adopting Tri-Valley's rookie rule? Doug read the Tri-Valley (TVQMA) Rookie Rule to the club. Terry made a motion to adopt the TVQMA Rookie Rule and Famous Rhodes seconded. 11 voted in favor - 0 against. Most improved driver award will remain. Doug wants to make the rookie rule change and get the club rules off to Ken Loveless the RD, so he can submit them to National and we will be able to get our charter. Club approved this and then we will vote on the final draft of club racing rules at the March club meeting. Club excepted the other rules changes as made at the January meeting.

## **New Business**

National rules new QMA procedure manuals need to be requested by the club. QMA procedure manual will be on a CD and we need to print the manual from the CD. Famous Rhodes has offered to print the manuals up. Doug will request the CD with the manual on it from National. Mounted cameras will now be allowed in the cars. Need to follow the same rule as the microns mounting etc. No judges. This can be determined by the club, but must be done 2 weeks in advance of the event. New officer positions of President-Doug Ambrisko and Secretary-Dana Ambrisko, need to be approved for the rights to sign on the Bank of West account for Baylands Quarter Midgets Association. Old officers, President-Ken Beck and Secretary-Ben Fatehi, need to be removed. Jerry Mostek made the motion for the new officer positions of President-Doug Ambrisko and Secretary- Dana Ambrisko, be approved for the rights to sign on the Bank of the West account for Baylands and Terry McCarthy seconded. All were in favor. Watch out for coyotes at the track. There have been several sitings and up close encounters.

## **Grands locations for 2012:**

Dirt – Capitol QMA  
Eastern "C Michigan QMA  
Western "C Portland QMA

## **Good of the club:**

Request made to discuss tire rule and track records next club meeting.  
Free Race won by, Dennis Rice. Congratulations!  
Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

## **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. Thanks.

## **Prez'es Corner**

Another month, another glimpse into getting this year going. Lot's of work happened last month and it also seems like a different world now. If you got this far through the newsletter you know a lot of ground has been covered. All of these meetings and information is critical to get the club operational so we have a smooth season. We need to make sure our rules are in order and submitted to National so we get our club charter. We are really close to having our rules in order. The big change is that we decided to follow suit with TVQMA rookie rules of which the Regional series and Monza series have adopted. So it makes sense we follow suit.

Lots of news from National this year, a spec. tire rule and phasing out of Honda motors. Honda, has served us well as a great low cost platform but newer Honda motors are becoming a challenge. Briggs has an option that should have more legs on it to keep 1/4 midgets going a lot longer. We have some options on tires, we can follow National or make our own tire rule. Our club has had an open tire rule so we need figure out what to do. Let's hope we can get more information before our next club meeting and put a plan together. Note we have some challenges since a different spec. tire requires a majority vote of all club members.

Next we need to think about our facilities. We are probably in fairly good shape, but we do need to do something about the judging stand. From what I've heard everyone is in favor of tearing down the judging stand and put in a window, wall off the area and install a door. This should be the cheapest and most comfortable option. This is a great time to contact Sean to find a project and get your work party hours in.

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