



UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

***NEXT BAYLANDS CLUB MEETING – February 9th *Note Date Change
Round Table Pizza – 2129 Morrill Ave, San Jose, CA 7:00pm***

DECEMBER - JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Peyton Sias 12/1
Anthony Bruno 12/9
Hannah Walsh 12/11
Buddy Chappell 12/29



NEW GRADUATES:

Madison Meeks
Aaron Brink



Congratulations!



The meeting was held at Round Table Pizza – 2129 Morrill Ave, San Jose, CA Meeting called to order January 5th, 2011 at 7:00pm by club President Doug Ambrisko. Motion to approve December minutes as presented in newsletter, unable to do so as they have not been submitted. We will be contacting Ben Fatehi for the December meeting minutes.

Board Members Present: Doug and Dana Ambrisko, Jerry Mostek, Steve Bruno, Frank Walsh, Tim Quinonez, Sean Kanemoto, Ralph Sermen, Vic Sias, Terry McCarthy, Dawn Stafford, Kim Conwright, Frank Walsh.

Board Members Not Present: Famous Rhodes, Mike Epp, Ben Fatehi, Luxie Aguino Thomas, Maryann Kanemoto, Lora Marquez, Dennis Rice.

Baylands Members Present: Carolyn Mostek, Eric & Marisa Mentch, Jeff & Amy Mead, Marie Kimberly, William Peneff, Jean Quinonez, Brink Rose, Chris Gerdes, Eric Stafford.

Reports:

President - Doug Ambrisko - ambrisko@ambrisko.com ph: 650-903-0652

Hangover rained out. Thanks to everyone that came out to help. Parking went okay.

Vice President – Sean Kanemoto

Nothing to report.

Secretary – Dana Ambrisko

Remember to report your work party hours to Sean from the Hangover. Please let me know if you prefer to get the club meeting/newsletter by email and SAVE A TREE! dana@ambrisko.com or 650-903-0652.

Membership – Dawn Stafford

Have a lot of membership paperwork that is not complete. Dawn will be contacting those members to get this resolved. Need those that have not already done so to get their membership paperwork submitted.

Treasurer – Famous Rhodes

Report by Kim Conwright on behalf of Famous Rhodes. Overall membership is down. We have cut our costs. Revenue is down. We overall are in good shape.

Track Director – Mike Epp

Not present

Safety Director – Ben Fatehi

Not present

Pit Stewart – Luxie Aguino Thomas

Not present

Technical Director(s) – Jerry Mostek/Dennis Rice

You can write letters to the National Directors if you are not happy with issues.

First week of February is the next National meeting.

Training Director – Steve Bruno

Needs keys. Sean Kanemoto is working on key issue.

Training Coordinator – Ralph Sermeno

There is one potential new trainer to help and one potential new applicant for training program.

Tower Director – Kim Conwright

Thanks to everyone for their help at the Hangover.

Publicity/Fundraising – Frank Walsh

Home show at Santa Clara Convention Center is on January 21, 22, 23. We need to occupy the booth the entire time of the show. Good exposure for the club. Anyone interested in helping, contact Frank Walsh. wmauto@att.net or 408-219-1852.

Snack Bar Director – Brink Rose on Cindy's behalf.

Thanks to everyone for all the help in the snack bar. Remember you cannot buy out your snack bar hours, but can hire someone to work for you or have another family member/friend work for you.

Points Director – Maryann Kanemoto

Not present

Trophy Director – Lora Marquez

Not present

Flagging Director – Vic Sias/Terry McCarthy

Hoping to train some others to help flag to fill in where needed if either Terry or Vic cannot attend a race due to other racing conflicts. Snack bar is a lot cleaner from afternoon clean up prior to Hangover. Would like to take the gravel, that is in our area, and put some of it behind the bleacher area and clean it up. The gravel belongs to the County Motorcycle Park, so we are not able to do that. Our parking lot expansion is in the works, environmental study is to be done. Big Regional meeting is this Saturday and National meeting is in less than a month.

Historian/Webmaster – Doug Ambrisko

Nothing to report.

Parking Official – Tim Quinonez

Looking to talk to someone about how parking has been done and laid out in the past. Eric Stafford offered to help, and it was suggested to talk to Tom McCarthy, as he has also done a great job with parking in the past.

County Liason – Terry McCarthy

3 Permits need to be applied for the Monza, Regional and State Races.

Old Business

Nothing discussed.

New Business

NOTE: Next Baylands club meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, which is February 9th 7:00pm, after we know the outcome of the National meeting which will be the first week of February. Motion made by Frank Walsh, seconded by Sean Kanemoto. All in favor. Passes.

Monza was short \$400 per club in 2010. This was because races were projected at 100 cars per leg, but the car count was less than that.

We will be cancelling the July Baylands club meeting due to some members traveling for the Western Grands. Motion made by Terry McCarthy and seconded by Marisa Mentch. All were in favor. Passes.

Grands locations for 2012:

Dirt

Capitol QMA, Rio Linda, CA

West

Good Times QMA, Madera, CA

Portland QMA, Portland, OR

Tri-Valley QMA, Livermore, CA

East

Custom QMA

Huntsville QMA

MMRA

New Smyrna QMA

Ballots handed out and location for the west voted on. Ballots being taken to Ken Loveless our RD.

Racing Rules for 2011:

The draft rules as posted on the club website were reviewed at the meeting. Following are rules that have been voted on for change(s) or clarification added:

2.1 The series standings will be determined by the points earned in eight (8) of ten (10) races. If an event is cancelled and cannot be made up at a rain date, the series will still have two throw out races. (Best 7 of 9).

Motion made by Terry McCarthy to run 8 club races with one throw out. Seconded by William Peneff. Passed.

3.4.6 Sign in Fees

\$30.00 per car

Clarification - Racing fees include both Novice and Competitive classes at the \$30.00 rate.

4.4.1 Champion: At the end of the racing season the overall point leader in each division will receive a Baylands racing jacket suitably embroidered, and a plaque acknowledging their finish position. The remainder of the division (except for the Novice division) will receive awards based on their point totals, provided they have raced the minimum number of races required and completed Track and Snack Bar Work Requirements to be eligible for awards.

MISTAKE MADE BY SECRETARY: Will receive only one jacket per driver with embroidered listing of all driver's winning classes on the jacket. Additional jackets will have to be paid for by club member and not the club itself.

CORRECTION (Should Read): Clarify that drivers winning multiple championships will receive one jacket per class, with any excess cost due to jacket size (i.e. for an adult) or additional embroidery to be paid by the champion and not borne by the club. In other words, the club will pay for one jacket per driver, per class. Motion by Kim Conwright. Seconded by Frank Walsh. All in favor.

4.4.3 Rookie of the Year: The Novice Advancement Committee, based on improved driving/racing ability only, will determine Rookies of the Year. Point standings will not be considered for the Rookies of the Year Award. Novice Advancement Committee for the Baylands Club Series consists of: Club President, Track Director, Tech Director, Safety Director, and Training Director. To be eligible the rookie driver must end the previous year as a novice or moved-up during the year. It will be the responsibility of the handlers to notify the Club Tower Director of eligibility for Series Rookie.

Felt that this should be based on points and not level of achievement. Motion made by Steve Bruno that the Novice committee will not decide the award it is determined by points. Terry McCarthy seconded. 7 voted for and 6 against. Points would be what the driver accumulates in that class. Suggested we should make our own points system, or are we using points as defined in our rules. Suggested we do it by average. Terry McCarthy made a motion that it

would be based on the highest number of points in the Honda class. Second by Ralph Sermeno. 9 voted for, 5 voted against. This passes. Terry McCarthy moved we give out a second award (one) for most improved Driver award in any class as voted on by the Novice committee (all drivers are eligible). Seconded by Vic Sias. 13 voted for and 1 voted against. This passes.

6.3 Line Up: Whenever a Light/Heavy group is combined for the race day, the heat race lineup will be determined by the qualifying times for each sub-division, with the Heavy subdivision being lined up in front of the Light sub-divisions. The main event line up will be inverted from the heat race finish, again with the Heavy sub-division being lined up in the front. Lineups are further detailed in Section 9.4 - Racing Format.

Clarification - Heavy group lines up in front of the Light group and Juniors line up behind the Seniors. Motion made by Kim Conwright. Seconded by Marisa Mentch. All in favor. This passes.

9.1.2 Hot Laps/Warm Up: There will be one round of hot lap practice.

Novice Division - 5 cars for 5 minutes

All Others – 7 cars for 5 minutes

Divisions with more than seven (7) cars (five for Novices) will be split into two (or more) practice sessions. Practice length may be changed based on car count. Practice time will start once all cars in the set are on the track and the flagger signals that time should start. Practice will be grouped by pill number.

Reduce warm up times from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Jerry Mostek made a motion do all the practice/warm ups straight through each class then go to qualifying. Frank Walsh seconded. All in favor. This passes.

9.5.2.1 Main Events: (except for divisions requiring a Semi – see below) will lineup up in inverse order from the finish of the Heat Race. Cars that DNF, DNS, NS, or are Disqualified in the Heat will line up at the back, in this order. If more than one car DNS, or NS for the Heat, then those two (or more) cars will lineup in order of qualifying, with the advantage given to the car that was the fastest qualifier, DNS before NS. If more than one car was disqualified in the Heat, then the two (or more) cars will lineup in order that they went out of the Heat Race, with the most laps completed getting the advantage.

In the case of more than one Heat Race (i.e. more than one 1st place, 2nd place, etc. Heat Winners), ties will be broken by qualifying time with the fastest qualifying time lining up in front of the driver with the slowest qualifying time. Motion made by Kim Conwright. Seconded by Marisa Mentch. All in favor. This passes.

Review tentative Baylands Racing Schedule for 2011:

Do we want to double up club race days or race single day club races. Do we want to race on Saturday or Sunday for single days. Club members voted on doing one doubled up weeked - 8 people voted for this option. Two doubled up weekends - 7 people for this option. Three doubled up weekends - 0 people voted for this option.

Saturdays for our single day club races – 8 people voted for this option.

Sundays for our single day club races - 8 people voted for this option. It is decided that we will race the single club races half being held on Saturdays and half on Sundays. There will be one doubled up club race(s) weekend. Dates will be determined at the Regional Board meeting which is Saturday, January 8th. We have to work around big race events and possibly Tri-Valley's club races. For the Regional races, our club is interested in doing 4 races.

Our club is requesting to host the Regional race at the beginning of the Regional events and host the leg of the Monza after the Grands. Members mentioned doing a pre-club race before the first club race in March. This is tabled to see how the schedule works out after the Regional meeting.

Baylands Club Bylaws:

Review bylaws – this being deferred until later this year.

Open Forum:

Nothing discussed.

Good of the Club:

Free Race won by Jerry Mostek. Congratulations!

If we do not hear from you otherwise, you will be receiving the Newsletter/Meeting Minutes by postal delivery (mail). Please contact Dana Ambrisko – Baylands Secretary at secretary@racing4kids.net or call 650-903-0652 if you prefer to receive this by email and SAVE A TREE!

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

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 be 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.

Classifieds:

Please contact Dana Ambrisko – Baylands Secretary to list items in the classifieds. secretary@racing4kids.net or 650-903-0652.

Prez'es Corner

Welcome Baylands members, handlers and drivers. Let me first welcome everyone to a new year. We have a lot of work to get ready for club races and I'm looking forward to a great year. We just had our first club meeting. I definitely felt like I was in the eye of the storm. Maybe the seas will calm as I get more used to it. I hope to be able to swim and not sink! What I'd like to do is to communicate to the members what Doug is thinking. Sometimes, I don't know what I'm thinking, but I try to. We had some lively debate about Rookie of the Year. I think what people were trying to achieve was fairness. I'm not totally convinced we achieved that goal. These are my opinions, but I researched some of what other clubs and series are doing for Rookie of the Year. Looking on the web I found rules for the Regional, Monza and American. Reading these sections they all do it by committee. So now we are the exception not using a committee. I was impressed with the Monza and American rules giving guidelines for what the committee is supposed to do and I saw a lacking of that with our existing Baylands and the Regional rules. To me this looks like an oversight.

Why do I bring up Rookie of the Year now since we just made motions and voted on a specific change? The answer is that we need to table the changes for a month, then vote on them at the next meeting to make them official. This is important since we need to make our members aware of the changes so that not only a select few are making changes unknowingly to the members. What I'd like to suggest is that people really look over the minutes and see if you agree with them. I think we might have made a mistake with the Rookie of the Year. I'm not trying to sway people's decision, but what if we leave the Rookie of the Year as is and add guidelines of how the committee is to operate. Right now I wouldn't know how to act in the committee and now I'm part of it. I think we will fail to make the most perfect fair rule. What we can give is guidelines and entrust people make the right decision based on the guidelines. If they don't, then they must be held accountable for not following those guidelines. What do you think? Please let me know. This is your club.

Again, welcome and I look forward to getting to know new members. Please anyone send me an email if you want to know how I think on things, or if you see something wrong or good. If we aren't aware we are doing a good thing, then we might accidentally change that! You can give me a call and I'll get back to you, it might just take longer. Catch me at a race, I'll try to be available. We might not agree but I will listen. I may offer my opinion on things or just listen, but not talking is a bad thing.

Thanks for your time,

Doug A.

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