

General Meeting Minutes



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| Date and time | November 13, 2024 |
| Location | Microsoft Teams |
| Attendees | Steve Gunner, Nick Gunner, Doug Floer, Caleb Loewen, Wayne Terai, Phil Davidsen, Matt Schmidt, Wade Schmidt, Grace Vasko, Amanda Loewen, Paul Wende, Owen Wright, Peter Royea, Terry Dunn, Will Pao, Remi Ouellet |
| Regrets | Matt Phillips |

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – 7:04 PM
2. Approval of agenda – **Paul Wende/ Caleb Loewen. Carried.**
3. Approval of minutes of November 2023 Annual General Meeting – **Doug Floer/ Paul Wende. Carried.**
4. Reports of the executive
 - a. President – Greetings. 2024 was a good season. The club saw participation increase by 25% with 125 members, averaging 37 attendees across Kelowna events, and 34 attendees across Vernon events including driver training and The Eliminator. Many improvements were made such as introducing live timing being displayed online and on a new larger TV and upgrades to timing equipment by adding redundancies. Two sponsorships were secured: Kal Tire (arranged by new vice-president Phil Davidsen) and CSN Mark V Collision. With the possible loss of one or both venues, a \$500 bounty was offered to any member able to present a new option that secures and hosts an event. This brought 28 new suggestions with 3 or 4 being reasonable possibilities to explore further. The joint venture Merritt Airport event with VCMC was an incredible success spurring the planning of 3 events there next year. Club revenues this year will allow for a significant contribution to future savings. OPDA was nominated Club of the Year by the CACC in recognition of increased participation, and professionalism, and the organization of the joint event with VCMC. The future board was encouraged to support the Southern Interior Karting Association in their endeavor to make available the Stock Car Speedway in Lumby for possible future events. In stepping down, Steve wishes to thank Doug Floer as the glue that holds the organization together in many ways including documentation, troubleshooting, setup, and teardown, and much more; Matt Phillips for his incredible efforts as chief of timing and scoring; Mike Vasko for taking on so many new roles and running events efficiently; Wayne Terai and Will Pao for their help with timing; Stephanie Boyle; Caleb Loewen; Ethan Delicthe and Kurt Breton for technical inspector duties; and everyone who volunteered in various positions. It has been an honor to serve as president.
 - b. Vice-President – Expressed similar sentiments as in the president’s report. This year was organized, efficient, and tidy. This is a testament to the hard work put in by so many volunteers. The Merritt Airport event was a huge success and should be continued. A casual and flexible year end wrap up party will be arranged at Kelowna Karting. Thank you to all members who got thrown into various new operational positions. Life is taking more time requiring Mike to step down.
 - c. Chief of Timing and Scoring – Huge thanks to last season’s board for all those extra hours they put in, we couldn’t have done it without you. To those on the board that will be leaving us, thank you for your service. Thanks to Doug, Will, and Wayne for their help in keeping Timing running. Having the extra hands certainly makes the work easier. Matt’s intention is to move into the Chief of Competition role with more focus on Course Design in the coming season. He will help the incoming Chief of Timing and Scoring transition into the role with the hopes to gradually step away to focus on some fresh and exciting courses for next year. Layers of redundancy were added that contributed to a more seamless operation. He suggested further investigation of potentially less labor-intensive timing software such as Clokr. He suggested that an audit

system should be investigated to allow people to know where they faulted and ensure results are as accurate as possible.

- d. Treasurer – Started using a new accounting software starting January 1, 2024, so some of the numbers may be skewed. Fiscal year October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. Revenues: Kelowna events brought in \$11,575, Vernon events \$12,545, membership \$5,210, training events \$1,435, sponsorship \$3,250. Total revenue \$34,015. Notable expenses: event insurance \$4,337.50, Kal Tire Place lot rental \$2,972.34, Okanagan College lot rental \$2,362.50. Total expenses \$21,616.44. CACC reimbursed some safety equipment purchases around \$1,300. Current holdings: chequing \$20,597.70, term deposit \$10,000. No liabilities. The board should move \$10k-\$15k from chequing to term deposit in preparation for potential future venue rental difficulties. Overall financial situation is looking good. **Motion to accept financials Mike Vasko/Wende. Carried.**
5. Old business
 - a. Street tire PAX classification was reinstated. No change going forward.
 6. New business
 - a. Venue status for 2025 – covered in president’s report.
 - b. Board elections
 - i. President – Nominations: Remi Ouellet accepted nomination. **Remi Ouellet president elected by acclamation.**
 - ii. Vice-president – Nominations: Phil Davidsen accepted nomination; 9 votes received. Owen Wright accepted nomination; 6 votes received. **Phil Davidsen elected.**
 - iii. Secretary – Nominations: Owen Wright accepted nomination, Peter Royea declined nomination, Will Pao declined nomination. **Owen Wright elected by acclamation.**
 - iv. Director – nominations: Terry Dunn accepted nomination. **Terry Dunn elected by acclamation.**
 - c. Volunteers for positions
 - i. Timing and scoring – Matt Phillips stepping down but offered great assistance to whoever takes over. Paul Wende volunteered to learn the ropes and take on some of the workload.
 - ii. Trailer pullers needed.
 - iii. Course designers – Mike Vasko, Matt Schmidt, Wade Pollock suggested. A course design training event is proposed for next season.
 - iv. Membership registration moving forward will allow registrants to view available volunteer positions and put their name forward to fill open positions.
 7. Comments and announcements
 - a. Amanda Shuffels was named Autoslalom competitor of the year by CACC.
 - b. New President Remi – Happy to participate and get to know everyone. Thank you to Steve G and Nick G for helping get him started in autocross. Pleasure to be a part of the club. Look forward to serving the group and contributing as much as possible.
 - c. New Vice-President Phil – New addict to autocross. All members so welcoming. Happy and proud to be a part of the board and support the club.
 - d. New Secretary Owen – Happy to be here.
 - e. Doug thanks all who have stepped down Steve Wensley, Caleb Loewen, Mike Vasko.
 8. Adjournment – **Floer 8:01 PM**