**2023 Spring Ice Race Meeting**

**March 4, 2023 @ 4pm**

1. **Opening Remarks**

* Ice Race Director Brad Elkins has resigned on Tuesday.
* Thank you to the Kin for preparing/maintaining the track.

1. **Reminders – Final Weekend & Banquet April 8**

* Final race is next weekend – decision will be made Sunday March 5th
* Banquet Tickets are $50 – will be available for purchase on Motorsport Reg this coming week (March 6th-13th).

1. **Quick summary of 2023**

* Average entry 70 for 2023
* Clubs are now charged a flat fee for track rental by the Kin Club.
* Most clubs have lost money hosting ice racing events for 2023.
* Expect a price increase next year due to increasing costs.

1. **Studded tires for 2024**

General Discussion.

* Request made by the Kin to switch to a single spec. DOT tire – Must meet Ontario spec.
* Zak Wenzel brought a sample Nokian 10 – many sizes are available.
  + Offered to provide at wholesale price to be passed on the competitors.
* Bryan Rashleigh – Why can’t competitors choose their own brand vs a single spec tire?
* Feb 26th test result – First session at 26lbs no stud loss – Second session at 36lbs lost several studs.
* Doug Forbes – Feels the decision is being made too quickly.
* Gary Vernon – Max number of studs and protrusion to be followed as set by MTO.
  + DOT regulations are as follows:
  + 14 – 90 studs
  + 15 – 110 studs
  + 16 – 130 studs
  + Ice wear is too high. Tire selections are ever changing. Going with a narrow choice of tire is setting us up for failure.
  + Move away from competitor-built tire to a manufactured pre-studded tire – driver should be allowed choice any MTO legal tire – period!
  + No stability in Street Stud class rules using a single spec tire.
* Jim Carrell – Has concerns he will end up having several sets of tires for each weather condition and supports a single spec tire.
* Ashley Last – Suggested a rolling rule change to add specific tire(s) to a list of accepted pre-studded tires.

General - Go back the rule of NO Black Rocket tires.

Points to Investigate:

* spec tire
* specific list
* open selection

Additional Comments:

David Galos – Hard to scrutinize/Technical Inspection

Nicholas Pegg – Supports a single spec tire.

Ted - Leave to Organizers or Vote on a motion now?

Larry – Clarify with Tom that they recommend 1 spec tire.

Nick put forth a motion – 1 spec tire

* 1 tire- Yes (majority rules)

Homework:

* Tire options will be sent to everyone for review.
* Dustin Brown and Bryan Rashleigh will check with tire manufactures for additional information.

1. **Temp Licensing 2024**

Steve Manol – Temp license should be $75 for previous racers. Goal to make it too expensive to repeat 2 weeks in a row.

You must be a member of 1 of the 6 clubs? Answer – NO. (Ex CARS)

Doug Forbes– Temp license drivers must have an instructor with them to keep the in line – the challenge - not enough instructors. How many of those turned into regular entries? A commitment must be made.

Steve Manol – Suggested temp drivers must belong to a club.

Larry – How many were issued to date? – Anne estimates 5 for 2023.

Anne – Asking competitors what is considered a fair amount to charge?

Ted – First year with a ‘C” license you are not allowed to instruct.

1. **The role of CASC-OR in Ice Racing**
   * Governing body of 29 clubs– elected by the Clubs.
   * CASC will confirm the Director.
   * Provide framework and structure and do not write the rules.
   * Rule changes are from ground up.
   * The director organizes the clubs to work together.
   * CASC does not get involved.
2. **Topics from the floor – Q & A**

* Kin would like to see a guideline that anytime the temps exceeds 0C – reduce the number of laps,
* Richard Walker - Organizers are good/bad about announcing breaks. Communication throughout the paddock could be improved.
* Based on Class entries less than ?? entries will be combined with another class. Mixed responses.

1. **Election of the Ice Race Director for 2023-24**

Zak Wenzel– Opening comments.

Grew up at the track. Feels he has shown his passion for the sport. Vows he will make the time and do what is best for the series. DAC Member.

John Trimble – Opening comments.

33yrs in racing, BEMC member and familiar with officiating, assisted Larry Laycock with pretech inspections. Professionally – spent many years in the automotive industry including time as a Honda DSM. Has experience working to bring people together for a common goal. Is a Kin club member.

Passion / Community / Competition

Ted – Question to both Zak and John “If not selected will you support the other” – YES from both.

Ashley Last – Question – “Do either have a conflict of interest” – none.

22 for John

21 for Zak

*Congratulations John!*

Bryan Rashleigh motion to adjourn at 5:10pm