

Minutes of WMCR Delegates Meeting

Held in Basel on Wednesday 31st. July 2013 12.00 to 14.00

Attendees :

Paul Otto Strobel
Michael Schmutz
Nicholas Tucci
Robert Buckley
Anthony Peacock

Business :

Welcome

PO Strobel welcomed delegates to Basel and to the meeting.

Financial Report

PO Strobel presented the current Financial Report, showing a balance of ???

Communications

R Buckley put forward the subject of improving communications between countries. Eg. FEMA have made rule changes which have not been known or understood by other WMCR countries. These changes, mainly for safety, should be made known to and discussed with WMCR Directors. In this way, they could be discussed with a view to adoption worldwide. Safety matters in particular need to be closely considered by all to ensure the longevity of our sport.

It was agreed with PO Strobel, that an English copy of the FEMA Regulations will be produced, and discussed within WMCR for possible adoption of relevant sections.

Further, it was agreed to simplify cable change speeds within the WMCR regulations, removing decimal places, basically as FEMA have done.

It was agreed that WMCR Directors hold half yearly discussions to improve communications. A worldwide listing of member contacts is to be formulated and distributed to all.

WMCR World Championships

N Tucci reconfirmed that the US clubs were not currently in a position to conduct a World Championship event.

In that case, it was considered that the 2016 event should revert to Europe. PO Strobel agreed to discuss this situation with the FEMA clubs. PO Strobel further agreed that it can be an expensive drain on the club, budget for Basel being 45,000 to 50,000 Swiss Francs.

Ways of reducing cost were briefly discussed, such as reducing the number of competitors.

However further discussion is required on this.

Consideration of a World Championship every two years in lieu of three years was not considered workable.

Car Classes

There was discussion re the diminishing numbers competing in 1.5cc and 2.5cc apparently due to lack of suitable engines.

It was noted by PO Strobel, that in the European Championships, if there are fewer than 10 entrants for a class, that class will not be run. After two years with this situation, the class will be removed.

There is a case for the introduction of a single electric car class within WMCR competition, to be further discussed re sizing and competition rules. N Tucci said that the US is currently looking at a number of ideas and classes.

In the 10cc class, availability of suitable motors is also of concern. It was suggested that an additional class possibly of 6.5cc capacity should be investigated with many commercial engines available. 7.5cc was considered too close to the 10cc size.

The problem of increasing the cable size to cope with the stresses in the 10cc class was discussed with the comment that 2.1mm was the absolute maximum cable size that could reasonably be considered.

Two ideas were put forward in an effort to prolong the 2.00mm cable as standard.

1. Reduce car weight by 100gms by a predetermined date within the next three years.
2. Cover the outer 1m length of cable with a shrouding to effectively reduce speed. This was preferred as the better alternative, and should be further investigated and trialed.

Radio Control

Radio control is allowed within the FEMA rules.

No radio control is allowed after the timing button has been pressed to start timing.

At this stage little experimenting has been carried out due to weight restrictions and complexity

It was stated that electric cars could be radio controlled or alternatively run on a timed basis.

PO Strobel thanked Delegates for their attendance, and closed the meeting at approximately 2.00pm