ASCC Annual Meeting Nov 14 2015

## Attendees:

Ary, Russ, Rich, Steve, David, Jordan, Marty, Mark

**Absent:** Shawn at a scouting event, Marty will be his proxy. Kyle has work commitment. Brett - unknown.

# Treasurer's Report - Marty

* Marty announced the current account balance.
* Accounts Payable: $144.\*\* are due to Kings
* Known Upcoming Expenses: None

# Membership Report - Mark

* Current Roster: 16 paid members; Last Years Roster: 12 paid members
* Current members who do not participate in races: Jose, Alejandro, Mitch, George
* Members who irregularly participate: Kyle (attends practice and Sat races when he’s not working); John (when he’s in town from Corpus).

# President’s Report - Russell

* **State of the Club:** Things are status quo, no major issues or challenges. Membership is at a practical level. On the average we have nine racers per race. In regards to race times, the average is about 1:20 long (Races: 45min (9heats x 5min) plus Breaks: 36min (8 x 4min). We are also close to running out of room for pits (10 max).

# Series Managers

## Incentives for Series Managers:

* The key reason for insuring that Series Managers do their job as expected is that we need to have our website and Facebook page kept updated with fresh material. Without fresh entries that contribute to our SEO (search engine optimization) score our site drops below other local and regional slot car organizations.
* After various suggestions a proposal was made to reimburse the race fees for the Series Manager, only if after the whole race series is over the officers agree that the Series Manager has met certain requirements. It was also suggested that annually we will vote on the best series manager.  
  **Decision:** We will not implement the reimbursement or award this year.
* The most critical requirements for the Series Manager is (a) posting race results, (b) writing as little as one paragraph of highlights (highs, lows). Additional information in the story (such as car profiles) will be encouraged but not required.
  + When finalizing race results, missed laps needed to be accounted for.

## How to Account for Missed Laps:

* It was discussed that the Series Manager should review the video for lost laps, however this can be overly time consuming and error prone. The conversation morphed to trying to account for missing laps during the race.
* The Button-man will have a notepad near the computer. When a missed lap is heard, whoever notices the miss will call out the miss and the Button-man will log the miss.
* Immediately after the race, a racer has another chance to add the miss to the log.
* As Steve is finalizing the race results to recover missing laps, 1.00 will be added (for every missed lap) to the fractional finish; e.g. for two missed laps and a fractional of .45, 2.45 will be added.
* **Software Settings:** To prevent false counts, Minimum time for laps will be set to 2.7sec (75% of current low et of 3.6sec)

# New Rules

## Cleaning Tires During Races

* We will not stop races to clean tires. The racer can pick up the car and clean it but a Track Call will not be used.

## Mechanicals

* We will not stop races for mechanicals, including replacing lane stickers.
* The racer must pull the car off the track - directly in front of their drivers station (unless a marshal recovers the car from another part of the track and hands it to the racer.)
* Racers must be careful to not get in the line-of-sight of the other racers.
* The Series Manager/Clerk-of-the-Course is responsible for enforcing the rules and reminding racers to not pull off the car until its in front of them.

# Club Charter Changes

* No changes were proposed.

# Officers

* Existing officers will remain for 2016.

# Member Track Builds

## Ary's Portable 6-Lane

* Continuing to have multiple problems with the CNC routing, including a varying slot depth. Cost is rising and some work has been postponed. The design still seems solid and when finished it will allow an easy reconfiguration (shape and length) each year. At this time no clear ETA can be predicted.

## Marty's Rally Track

* Still a work in progress, but no significant progress made lately. At this time no clear ETA can be predicted; however it should be ready by 3Q or 4Q CY2016 in time for a rally series.

# Track and Room Repairs & Upgrades

## General Repairs/Mods

* An additional camera would be great for the long curve (before the esses); we could switch between views every few minutes. Steve suggested an IP camera - there are models available for as low as $150.
* If people put figures on the track - like the boat, archer, lion etc., please remove them. They are too much temptation for kids to play with; which may result in kids crawling over the track and damaging the grass, etc.
* We will not have an Annual Track Cleaning this year.
* We need to repair tears in the grass/ground. Mary has offered to research what can be done to fix the scenery.
* We agreed to move the Tire cleaning tape a few feet to the left of its current location. Russ can do this - Not on the same day as Annual Track Cleaning.
* Russ volunteered to add hinges to the pegboard skirt to make it easier to store large items (like the sawhorses) under the track. Russ and Marty will work together on various repairs to the track and shelves.
* We need to clear the area around the far left/north table that Kings used to use for packing; this can be a pit area for 2 racers.
* There is a concern about the braid and slot condition of the green lane at the hairpin turn. Decision to Not attempt any repairs to this area - the risk of stretching the braid and other problems outweighs the marginal benefits (the turn is obviously worn but not causing significant problems).  
  NOTE: If people are experiencing power-loss at this turn, they need to tune their braid length or fluff, or guide depth.

## Shelves

* Move liquor to lower right cabs (where paint is) and add doors to prevent access by non club-members.
* Need to re-organize the cabinets moving the pit box, power supply, soldering station, etc.. Needs to be a Saturday work day. Ary and Marty had several ideas on where things could be moved.
* The pit box needs to be moved off the counter to give more space for Tire Truing. An additional pit box may be needed to accommodate the controller recently donated to the club by an ex-member and other tools and supplied.
* The area around the post (to the right of Russell's pit) will be cleared and dedicated for Tire Truing.
* A 2nd HUDY truer will be bought (used) to reduce the backup when multiple people need to true.
* Ary suggested buying a 2-3 output MASTEK power supply (appx $270) to allow running two truing machines in tandem. The existing MASTEK can be used for drag races and other uses, freeing Marty's spare for the rally track. An alternative is buy an additional 5amp 30volt MASTEK (appx $60) which allows the 2nd truer to be used in other parts of the room (and if one power supply goes down the other remains available.)  
  NOTE: Ary's small power supply is still available over by the master computer.

# 2016 Races

## Dallas Slot Car Visits

* Per Marty's proposal on Nov 14, once a quarter we will go to Dallas Slot Cars in Garland for 1/24 races (BRM, ScaleAuto). First event is Dec 5. These races are voluntary and will not count towards annual points.
  + The shop opens at 9am and races start at 11am. See our website for details.
* After the next F1 race (Nov 21) we will start practicing for Dallas - using sponge tires with ScaleAuto tire cleaner.
* We may experiment with alternative tires such as NSR Supergips, Slot.It N22 and others to see which combinations are compatible with our 1/32 cars and the ScaleAuto tire cleaner.

## 2016 Series

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| **Date** | **Series** | **Manager** | **Notes** |
| 1st-Half | Touring Cars | Rich, Jordan | OPEN Need to identify cars. |
| Q1 | Slot.It Group-C | Russ, Marty | SPEC Same rules as past. |
| Q2 | All Slot Formula GP | Mark, Steve | SPEC Metal Slotting-Plus chassis.  (addl rules changes to be determined) |
| 2nd-Half | Modern GT | Steve, Ary | OPEN Need to identify cars. |
| Q3 | Carrera DTM | Marty, Dave | SPEC Carrera body, Slot.It 3D Chassis, Slot.It motor etc. |
| Q4 | Rally | Marty, Dave | SPEC to be determined |

# References

* **Sloting Plus SP400002 ALUMINUM F-1 chassis for AllSlot ($32usd)**<http://www.electricdreams.com/Shop/sloting-plus-sp400002-aluminum-f1-chassis-for-any-brand-bodypreorder-now-p-17122.html>
* **DTM Bodies (appx $60)**  
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* **Shapeways 3D Chassis for DTMs**  
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