

November 10, 2008

Fall Meeting of the ROAR Executive Committee

November 7-9, 2008

Ontario, California

- ❖ Introductions of new members to the Executive Committee: JD Crow as Technical Director, Shawn Palmer as Promotions Director and Ed Hill as Vice President. Shawn has been a member of the team for most of the year and this was the first face to face opportunity most had to meet him.
- ❖ Resignation of Rick Wilson in the Secretary/Treasurer position was received. We thank Rick for his efforts with the ROAR Excom and hope for better times ahead.

Brief outlines presented by each team member present:

Dawn Sanchez	National Guidelines, Region Director expenses, website management, IFMAR meetings, general rule changes, Worlds hosts for 2010 and 2011 in the ROAR bloc, IFMAR elections upcoming
Fred Hohwart	financial statement, RMT Expenses, budgeting for 2009, membership building discussion
Shawn Palmer	presentation of Ice Road Truckers promotion, 8 th electric and modified brushless rules presentation
Ed Hill	track affiliation discussion
JD Crow	lithium battery rules, brushless rules, body approval list discussions
Ruben Benitez	new classes to be included in rule book, website programs for online registration to nationals
Andrew Mowery	stimulus packages for track incentives

Some items were not completed in two day meeting and agreement of continued discussion via email was agreed upon.

General topics:

- DRO at Nationals was discussed as an item to alleviate budget in 2009 nationals. ROAR has assembled very able teams to manage the events. Wording in the rule book and guidelines will allow the Race Director to also be the ROAR Official where necessary. Concerns of check-ins during the event arose and with the new online system of registration for events, current ROAR membership will be required prior to the event for better organization.
- Membership building programs included the website management of a calendar program. We feel the information is good but needs to have more information. New entry's for events listed must have contact information, link to an entry flyer and other pertinent information for the user to find. Simply the track and dates of the event are not sufficient.
- Region Director compensation plan is an incentive to promote activity of the region director. The current fees are \$1.00 per member in the region bimonthly or \$100.00 minimum. This fee has not been producing activity from the region director as intended. As of January 2009, the region director compensation will be deleted until further notice. The annual membership given to each region director and two of his/her assistants will remain in force.

Lithium battery:

- Overcharge rules will have wording changes to reflect an option of the race director to disqualify a round or remove the racer from the event.
- Battery wraps were discussed and no wording will be included in the rule book although racers should ensure the battery does not conceal the original label and markings for technical inspection.
- ***Special reminder about approved lipo labeling.*** As stated in February 2008 news on the website and as an addendum to the 2008 Rule book on the website, approved batteries must have "ROAR APPROVED" labels across the seam no later than January 1, 2009. ROAR has offered a 'grandfather' clause for approved cells prior to January 1, 2009.
- Weights and MAH of lipo batteries will be checked during the approval process at the lab for information gathering purposes only.
- 4S and higher testing equipment approved for purchase for the lithium technology approval lab.

- Dimensional specs for 4S batteries will be as follows: (for use ONLY in 1:8 off road electric class)
160mm length x 52mm height x 52mm width
- Lipo 7.4v 2S saddle pack dimensions will be as follows:
71mm length x 32mm height x 48mm width
- **Open submission for 2S lipo batteries will expire on December 31, 2008.** Any 2S pack (stick or saddle) requiring approval after this date will be tested and/or added to the approved product list based on the biannual schedule as per rule 8.3.2.6.1
- **Submission for 4S lipo packs will be permitted through March 1, 2009** for newly created class utilizing this battery.

Brushless Motors:

- Stator and nodal rings: color ring or indelible mark on stator assembly of motor denoting wind will be required in 2009.
- Resistance will be the method of technical inspection in the field upon receipt of proof from laboratory. Purchase of necessary equipment was approved.
- Rule specifications for 10.5 brushless motors and 21.5 brushless motors were adopted.
- Rule specifications for changes to the modified brushless motors were adopted.

National Events:

- Track hosts for nationals will be in charge of creation of nationals entry flyers and advertising. ROAR will utilize advertising space among RC Magazines to advertise all events fairly and equally. ROAR encourages track hosts to contact Promotions Director to utilize contacts for discounted space given by the magazines
- Rule 5.2.8 will now reflect a two classes/two vehicles ruling.
- ROAR will allow the track host to open the track for practice time no more than three days prior to the first day of racing. In most cases this means the track may not open prior to Wednesday of the event which should be considered an open day as ROAR will not be present.
- ROAR online nationals registration program approved along with proposal from Corey Cochran for fees and monthly maintenance.
- Radio Impound: update in nationals guidelines. The area of impound will be at the discretion of the host although impound rules will apply. All radios must remain in the off position in the working pits area or the racer will be removed from the event.
- Race Lengths were approved in electric racing to move to six minutes for qualifying and main events. AAA mains will stay in place as listed in rule book and guidelines. *Reminder of policy of less than two full heats of a class, the Race Director may choose to have single A mains at level 5 events.*

New Classes implemented: (no national program for 2009)

- 8th Electric off road
- Vintage Trans Am
- World GT