

**Meeting of the ROAR Executive Committee  
January 11-13, 2008  
Ontario, California**

In Attendance:

Dawn Sanchez, President

David Lee, Technical Director

Ruben Benitez, Competition Director

Andrew Mowery, Sanctioning Director

Fred Hohwart, Administrator

Telephone Conferencing: Carl Giordano, Vice President

Rick Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer

The meeting opens with an introduction by ROAR President, Dawn Sanchez welcoming new members to the committee: Andrew Mowery as Sanctioning Director and Ruben Benitez as Competition Director. Also, the board took time to recognize the recent appointment of Carl Giordano as Vice President and welcomed Rick Wilson back to the Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Carl Giordano unable to attend due to conflicts in time with his job. He stated earlier in the week he would be available by telephone for tie breaking votes if necessary.

Rick Wilson was unable to attend due to illness. He did state he would be available by phone for tie breaking votes if necessary.

ROAR acknowledges and thanks Mike Queller, previous ROAR President and Vice President for eight years prior, for his dedication to ROAR for over 30 years and acknowledges the progress the organization has made under his leadership. ROAR thanks Mike Queller and wishes him success in his future endeavors. Without Mike Queller, the board acknowledges the race management team would not have been as successful as it was in 2007 and only hopes we are able to achieve close to the same level in 2008.

After a brief personal introduction of each Excom member, the meeting is turned over to Administrator with distribution of financial statistics to the board members and discusses the status of the organization as 2008 begins.

- Administrator's Report discussing ROAR organizational information which is always provided to new members of the Executive Committee and its IRS requirements as a 501c(7) corporation. Also, included in this report are general statistics regarding membership numbers and financial data.
- General statistic information of membership counts by region for last three years of ROAR history
- General statistic information of club/track affiliation by region for last three years of ROAR history

- General statistic information regarding National new and prior membership counts with total entry counts per event for last three years of ROAR history
- ROAR Income and Expense Analysis for the year 2007 and 2006. This financial data is typically published in the RevUP Online. This data will be available on the website in the next few weeks as RevUP Online will no longer be published.
- 2006 and 2007 RMT expense analysis worksheets for further discussion of the Excom regarding budgeting of RMT expenses and discussion regarding entry fees for 2008 nationals.

Topic:

**Bylaw wording is currently incorrect stating a quorum is five members. This was written prior to the Administrator being a nonvoting member and participant of the Excom.**

Motion: Change wording from five to four members present to show a quorum. Other issues regarding Bylaw wording was deferred to the Fall meeting of the Excom

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item to Administrator to reflect the changes in wording, forward the 2008 bylaws to the Secretary/Treasurer for verification and signature.

Topic:

**Items of information still needed to be gathered from the former President of ROAR.**

Action items for President:

- Contact Mike Queller for travel agent contact information
- Contact Mike Queller for 2007 rule change documentation not found on news section of website
- Contact Mike Queller for trophy/award contact information, pricing information and gather unused inventory for 2008 use, forward to Competition Director. With the first national event less than 2 months away, may have to contract with another source.

Topic:

**The Board witnesses the need for Industry Affiliation as an important process of the product approval rules. Industry Affiliates acknowledge support and agree to compliance of ROAR rules when registering as an affiliate.**

Motion: Prior to any product approval, the company must be a current Industry Affiliate stating such support and agreement with the product rules and approval process in ROAR. The ROAR Administrator will verify industry affiliation prior to any product being placed on the ROAR approval list.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to Technical Director and Administrator to update approval forms and forward the updated forms to the Webmaster for the ROAR website.

Topic:

**Rule 8.9.5.2 discussing prohibiting foam and rubber tire types in Carpet racing for 1/10 scale electric on road T2 Touring Car (IFMAR ISTC Class)**

Motion: Adjustment to read “Carpet Surfaces: foam and/or rubber”

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item to Competition Director to notify class committee and post results in class committee discussion forum.

Topic:

**Rule 2.4.2 Surface (lane) widths for each class/scale**

Motion: 5<sup>th</sup> scale lanes in the current book states 15 feet. This current rule deemed unnecessary for the lane width and subsequently makes any facility appropriate for ROAR competition illegal. It is found the lane widths can be changed to 12 feet without problem, by committee recommendation.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to Sanctioning Director to notify class committee and post results in class committee discussion forum.

Topic:

**Review of online membership registration.**

Website management items discussed. Online registration for membership will be available on ROAR website within one week of this meeting. Online national’s registration will be through ROAR website and will be linked to LiveRC registration. Online voting will be a project completed by the next election as ROAR membership database security and privacy is a concern. Also, the webmaster is creating individual page sites for region directors for their own uploading of regional information.

Action item to President for continued follow up with webmaster and to secure deadline date of one week for online membership registration.

Topic:

**Current inventory of handout motors.**

Motion: Insure current inventory is used by the membership. Ship the motors to the stated product events and allow the track hobby shop to sell the motors for cost plus \$10.00. The track retains all profits from the sales of the motors. The cost of each motor is sent to ROAR for payment of the motors.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to Competition Director to reach Bob Ingersoll regarding the motors and discuss shipment dates and locations.

Topic:

**Lithium battery testing laboratory.**

Motion: ROAR purchase of test equipment. ROAR Technical Director will verify cost of power supply for the Lipo battery lab and notify Administrator of costs.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item to Technical Director to obtain costs and product warranties.

Topic:

**Battery approvals.**

Motion: Extension of battery approval cycle from 10/1/07 to 12/31/07 brought forward several cells now showing on approval list as of 1/6/08. The extension was made due to a miscommunication between a battery supplier and ROAR and to ensure fairness to the Industry Affiliates in the approval process.

Motion passed unanimously in 11/2007 and review of decision at this meeting.

Action Item to Technical Director to provide President copies of origination letter documentation from the Manufacturer of stated approved batteries for verification and retail availability.

Motion: One submittal for cells was declined approval due to lack of evidence of retail outlet support and availability of product to membership. (Rule 8.3.8) These cells, if availability is verified, will be on the approval list with 5/1/08 approval date.

Action item to President to notify distributor of declined cell of the Excom decision.

Action item to Technical Director to include in process absolute verification for each cell submitted of availability of cell to the membership and modify the approval procedure form found on the website.

Action item to Administrator to adjust the approval forms per the Technical Director's findings and forward to the Webmaster.

Topic:

**Diagram of oval body specifications presented to Excom for inclusion to the ROAR rule book in the same area as 2007 inclusion of Global Body Specs.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to Technical Director to ensure email version of diagram and specifications to President for inclusion to the 2008 rule book.

Topic:

**Ultra Light Weight Bodies**

Motion: Presentation and discussion of three bodies submitted for rule review regarding weight and thickness of lexan used for producing on road sedan shells. Each body was specifically marked and thickness specifications noted.

Motion declined. ROAR cannot, at this time, enforce thickness rules regarding body production and will ask body manufacturers to follow a gentleman's agreement regarding production. ROAR will follow membership requests of another review of the body and its use in sanctioned events.

Action item to Technical Director to contact body companies regarding this discussion and resulting decisions.

Topic:

**Nationals qualifiers seeding process.**

Motion: remove seeding process from the nationals guidelines that take results from prior year sanctioned events. ROAR has been unable to obtain these results in all classes for this to be effective.

Motion passed unanimously. ROAR will continue to seed the qualifiers in the first round, prior to resorts, randomly as stated in the rule book prior to 2007.

Action item to President to ensure RMT Guidelines reflect this change.

Topic:

**Brushless Stock and Super Stock Motor (formerly 19T class) proposal:**

Motion: Proposal submitted from manufacturer's committee with recommended guidelines and motor specifications for ROAR rule inclusion of brushless technology in sanctioned racing. Items discussed as to which wind of motor in BL technology to be accepted as an acceptable equivalent with brushed motors in racing. With the overall agreement ROAR needs to slow down stock motor racing and find another avenue for some racers to advance into the intermediate level of racing.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

**Stock:** 17.5 brushless technologies are acceptable to compete with 27T brushed motors. It is believed the 27T motor will have an advantage and most racers will continue the brushed technology therefore giving the membership another year of preparation in the gathering of BL equipment. It is also believed, the intent to slow down stock motor racing will be accomplished with the inclusion of 17.5 brushless motors combined with 27T brushed motors.

**Super Stock (formerly 19T):** A minimum of 10.5 brushless technologies is acceptable to compete with 19T brushed motors. It is the Excom's recommendation that club level tracks continue their programs already in place with the inclusion of brushless technology. For Nationals in 2008, 19T brushed motors will compete with brushless technology motors to a minimum of 10.5 winds. (ie: 13.5 is recommended with 19t in Super Stock competition and 10.5 is allowed). 2009 will show rules of 13.5 BL only in the Super Stock class.

Action item to Technical director to email President with exact rule number specifications for insertion into 2008 rule book.

Topic:

**Proposal for Lithium Battery technology.**

Motion: ROAR acknowledges, appreciates and thanks research and advice from Ling Tong and Shawn Palmer in the Lithium battery technology rules to be included in the 2008 rule book. ROAR will supply information to the membership on the website and the rules will include specific safety tests that will be performed during the approval process with some general information for the membership to understand this new power storage technology.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

The Excom agrees to allow Lithium Battery Technology of 7.4 volts use in all six cell, 7.2v NiMH or NiCD classes of ROAR. (oval and 12<sup>th</sup> scale racing are excluded from lithium battery use).

8.3.1 Only NiCD or NiMh sub-C size rechargeable batteries rated at 1.2 volts or less may be used for the motor power in electric vehicle racing. ROAR approved Lithium battery technology may be used as an option in any 6 cell, 7.4 volt NiCD or NiMH electric vehicle racing.

The Excom agrees that no weight modifications will be allowed due to the lighter composition of these batteries. All weight rules remain the same.

Action item to the Technical Director to provide President specific rule numbers of proposed rules.

Topic:

**Rule 1.5.16 adjustment**

Motion: with Lithium battery technology inclusion in the 2008 rule book, the board has written an adjustment to the fire extinguisher rule at host tracks.

Motion passed unanimously. 1.5.16 At all ROAR events, functioning portable UL approved 2 ½ pound minimum, ABC rated dry chemical or halon fire extinguishers, equipped with capacity gauges, must be in the pits at trackside. Additionally, tracks must have two (2) five gallon buckets of sand with one (1) located at the pit entrance and one (1) at the pit exit of the track area. Also, the host must provide several five gallon buckets of sand located within the racer pit/table/chairs area.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to Sanctioning Director to inform each region director of this safety requirement.

Topic:

**Off Road Buggy wheel dimensions.**

Motion: It has been brought to the Excom's attention a measurement rule discrepancy regarding 1/8<sup>th</sup> off road fuel buggy wheels.

Motion passed unanimously. Wheel dimensions in the 2008 rule book will reflect an overall dimension for maximum, mounting bead diameter for minimum and maximum and width dimensions for maximum.

The decision was made after measuring most of the wheels on the market currently, to adjust the rules to reflect today's sizes and insurance that each wheel on the market for 8<sup>th</sup> off road buggy use would be found legal. ROAR strongly suggests to the wheel manufacturers to follow these rules in the future as the size specifications are in place for the health of the hobby and quality of off road fuel racing.

Action item to President for email/letter contact to wheel companies reflecting dimension changes in the rule book.

Topic:

**Wheel dimensions for 8<sup>th</sup> Truck (truggy).**

Motion: It was also brought forward by an industry affiliate to add a maximum wheel dimension to 8<sup>th</sup> scale truck (truggy) to 3.75". This was brought to the class committee and no decision was reached within a reasonable time line.

Motion item will be tabled for further information and should this item be passed, a website notation will be made regarding wheel dimension changes.

Action item to President to follow up with the off road fuel committee for continued discussion regarding this item.

Topic:

**LiveRc has offered a proposal for online registration for nationals entry fees and provide internet coverage of ROAR national events.**

Motion: Two options were provided and ROAR has decided to accept the proposal for 2008. LiveRc will be the exclusive online registration source for ROAR nationals and will provide internet broadcasts of all level 5 events in 2005. The membership will have a choice to use online registration for national entry fees or download the entry flyer from the ROAR website and mail to the administrator. Fees applied for online registration will be added to the entry fee should the member choose online registration.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item to Competition Director to follow up with LiveRC administrator, ROAR Website Manager and ROAR Administrator for immediate coding and placement of 2008 Nationals registration for all nine events on the ROAR website.

Topic:

**ROAR promotional banners**

Motion: Banners were purchased from contracted printing outlet. Two banners will be sent to each nationals host 30 days prior to their scheduled event and one banner will be sent to each region director. Region directors will be expected to hang this banner at tracks they visit, represent or races they attend. Banners will be kept by recipients for future use.

Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to Competition Director to follow up with each nationals host 30 days prior to event to instruct on proper placement of banners at our events.

Action item to Sanctioning Director to follow up with each region director for proper use of the banner donated to them.

Race Management Team:

**RMT Nationals Director expected duties were reviewed**

**RMT teams tentatively placed per national event. This list of tentative team members will be sent to RMT Director for placement and decisions on staffing of events.**

Topic:

**DRO (designated ROAR Official) assignments for 2008 events.**

The 2008 Nationals were individually assigned an Excom member to perform the DRO duties for each event.

Tentatively scheduled – these assignments could change based on conflicts:

Carpet On Road	Andrew Mowery
Off Road Fuel Truck	Dawn Sanchez
Carpet Oval	David Lee
Off Road fuel Buggy	Andrew Mowery
On Road Asphalt	Andrew Mowery
Paved oval	David Lee
Off Road Electric	Dawn Sanchez
On Road 1/8 Fuel	Ruben Benitez
On Road Fuel Sedan	Rick Wilson

Topic:

**Several deviation requests were discussed received from the 2008 Nationals hosts.**

Motion: For 2009 and beyond, deviations for nationals will only be accepted through the original bidding process and not after award of the event. For 2008, several deviations were reviewed and either accepted or declined.

Action item to Competition Director to contact each host track with results of deviation requests.

Action item to President to add to the RMT guidelines and template for nationals bidding process regarding deviation requests.



## **RMT Guidelines: Revisions for 2008**

1. Adjustment to the host fees received from \$30.00 per entry over 150 at the event to \$50.00 per entry over 150 at the event.
2. T-Shirt or other event souvenirs will be required from the host to be provided to participants either in sales or gifts.
3. The host will provide four knowledgeable technical personnel to support the RMT Tech Director. This is an increase from 2 knowledgeable people.
4. Race entry information within the guidelines will reflect online registration information. i.e.: location of site to register for event
5. Entry fees will change to \$80.00 per class for every style of racing at each national in 2008. This fee could be slightly different for those who opt to do online registration.
6. Online registration will be cut off per event 14 days prior to event to allow for scoring computer shipment. Members registering 14 days or less for a national can either mail to the Administrator with payment in check or cashier check format or sign up at the event. Late fees do apply.
7. Initial seeding for qualifying heat setup was excluded in the 2008 guidelines due to lack of information from the 2007 season for proper seeding. ROAR will seed the qualifiers randomly from entry form receipt. Resorts will be performed as per the rules.
8. AAA mains will not be run at any class if less than two full heats of participants attend the event.
9. Rules regarding limiting mains for fuel events will be deleted from the 2008 guidelines.
10. Stated product rules/guidelines will be added the RMT guidelines in 2008. Handout products, purchased products by ROAR, will not occur in 2008. ROAR will ask the host to offer information regarding tires and motors (stock and super stock classes only) and ROAR will state product on entry flyers that will be allowed at the event (motors and tires only).
11. ROAR will contact distributors of these products and organize a consignment program for the host track. The host will sell all stated products through their onsite hobby shop at a significant discount and retain all profits from these sales.
12. The host will not be paid the up to \$2,000 fee for handout tires as stated in 2007 RMT Guidelines. The participant may choose to purchase the stated product for racing from the hobby shop/track or bring their own.
13. All stated product items MUST be inspected by the Tech Director prior to the start of racing. All stated product items will be marked and registered to the driver in the same manner as described in handout rules.
14. Stock participation rules will change in 2008. Any stock class champion may not compete in a stock class national for up to five years. Also, any participant finishing in the top 20% of any modified national event in the year prior may not participate in any stock national class for the current year.
15. Masters and Juniors classes have been excluded from the RMT Guidelines in 2008 for all classes excluding On Road Fuel events. Should a host wish to offer one or both of these classes, a deviation request must be submitted to the Excom.