

October 31, 2010

ROAR Executive Committee

Fall Annual Meeting

The Fall meeting of the ROAR Executive Committee was held Saturday, October 16th, 2010 in Ontario, California. Each attending member submitted agenda items for this year's meeting, and documents concerning those agenda items were provided.

In attendance were:

Fred Hohwart, Administrator

Ed Hill, Vice President

Andrew Mowery, Competition Director

Steve Pond, Technical Director

Ron Schuur, Sanctioning Director

Absent were Dawn Sanchez, President and Shawn Palmer, Secretary/Treasurer, both due to medical and family emergencies that arose just prior to this meeting date.

In the absence of the President and Chairperson of the Committee, Steve Pond chaired the meeting with the written and acknowledged by the committee proxy vote of the Chairperson, President Dawn Sanchez.

Meeting Summary

- **Administrator review**

Membership trends, plus the budget, income, expenses, and balance.

- **Printing of Rule Books**

ROAR sent out 164 Rule Books last year. The actual number who actually selected the option to have a printed rulebook is 50. The rulebook is no longer updated bi-annually and instead updated on an as-needed basis, it's no longer practical or cost efficient to the membership to continue printing the book. »

ACTION ITEM to Administrator – Amend registration form to eliminate the option for a printed rulebook.

• Committee Chairperson's voting

On the issue of Committee Chairpersons being converted to voting members of the ExCom, it was removed from consideration unanimously over concern that the difficulty of having a quorum increases as the number of voting member increases. This matter was passed over for later consideration.

» **ACTION ITEM to Administrator; finalize ROAR by-laws based on required bi-annual update.**

• National RMT Director

Position falls under the direction President and Competition director. Dawn Sanchez has offered to take over as RMT Director, which is unanimously approved. Compensation is offered at the rate of \$50 per reservation, per event. Dawn will also handle arrangements for the computer equipment for the current fee of \$200 per event by utilizing a contracted source to manage upkeep of the equipment.

» **ACTION ITEM to New RMT Director – Create a list of responsibilities for RMT Director. Work with President and Competition Director to arrange RMT travel and shipment of computer equipment to all ROAR level 5 events. Also, New RMT Director will obtain all material leftover from prior nationals from previous Competition Director.**

• Select ROAR Staff for WC

Referee and other staff need to be selected by ROAR for the upcoming IFMAR 1/8 Fuel On-Road World Championship. IFMAR requires the host country to provide referee.

» **ACTION ITEM to Fuel Committee Chairperson – contact host facility to arrange for referees and other required staff for the IFMAR event.**

• Enhance Regional Programs

Regional programs need to be strengthened, focusing on regional competitions, and requiring attendance in these competitions to attend a National event of the same category. The consensus reflects the need to seed those who attend and place in the upper mains at regional competitions, to automatically be seeded at the National, with remaining spots to be filled on a resume basis, at the discretion of the respective Committee Chair, Competition Director, or ROAR President.

» **ACTION ITEM to Regional Director and Promotion Director – Establish a requirement to compete in regional competition as a prerequisite to attending a level 5 National Event. Also consider promotional items to hand out to regional racers to promote ROAR.**

• ROAR Member Discount Incentive

Discussed and passed unanimously – Setting up a discount buying program for the ROAR membership through affiliated retailers. We will negotiate a modest discount off of the marked price for ROAR members. This is an incentive to sign on as an affiliated retailer, should provide a more steady flow of customers, and will give all ROAR members a return on their investment.

»ACTION ITEM to ROAR President and Promotions Director – Consult with affiliates to determine the possibility of such a program, and if so, a modest level of discount that can be extended to current ROAR Members.

• Qualification for IFMAR World Championship events

It's already a matter of record how qualified drivers are seeded for IFMAR World Championship events. The matter of how to fill any remaining slots is current indicated in the rule book as being filled only on a first-come, first serve basis. The Administrator also prequalifies alternate entries, so the rulebook should reflect that additional criteria are also used. This issue was not voted upon because additional qualifying criteria are already in use.

»ACTION ITEM to Competition Director – Update rules to reflect that the qualification criteria for attending a World Championship as an alternate must pass a resume requirement.

• Change to National Guidelines re: registration/transponder

To facilitate enhanced media coverage and to modernize procedures that makes information available to instant media such as websites and blogs, all participants will be required to register and have a functional transponder operating at all times, before entering the track surface. Any drivers found to be operating without a registered transponder will be required to remove their vehicle from the track until appropriately registered. Measure is agreed to unanimously.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – Write addendum to National Guidelines and submit to President for approval.

• 1/8 Buggy and Truck bodies for 2011

Given the length of time and the degree to which bodies for 1/8 GP Buggy and Truck bodies have deviated from a "scale representation" of an original racing vehicle, the ExCom agrees to take no further action related to the use of "cab forward" style bodies. As a practical matter, there are too many such products on the market, and to enforce appropriate action at this time would exclude the use of too many products from ROAR competition.

For the purpose of safety, and in the interest of maintaining even loose standards of appearance, ROAR still reserves the right to establish basic dimensional requirements, such as minimum roof height, the amount of engine exposure, clearance for air filters, minimum bed and cab heights (for trucks) a limit to how "forward" a cab may be extended, proportions that would be practical as a vehicle driven by a human being, and other dimensions for the 2012 racing season and beyond.

ROAR will publish body approval requirements six months prior to enforcement, and resolves to more strictly enforce proper appearance, proportions and mounting requirements for any and all classes starting with the Short Course Category and future classes that have scale appearance as a primary component of its popularity, as determined by ROAR.

»ACTION ITEM to President and Technical Director – Establish what, if any approval and dimensional requirements will be needed for 1/8 buggy and truck classes by the end of April, 2011 for

implementation during the 2012 racing season. Also, require strict enforcement of current body rules at future ROAR events.

»ACTION ITEM RMT Nationals Director will insure all Technical RMT Staff are fully aware of all rules pertaining to technical inspection of not only bodies but all technical aspects of the rules.

• Body Rules, Short Course

Short Course body rules have included a Global Body Specification since the inception of the class, but a deviation was allowed at this year's Electric Off-Road Nationals based on too many racers having mounted their bodies too low. This deviation was made in error, and future ROAR events will require strict compliance with the rules as indicated in section 8.10.12.5 of the ROAR Rulebook, Rev. 3.23.2010.

»ACTION ITEM to President and Technical Director – Post an announcement on the ROAR website indicating that the body rules for the Short Course category will be enforced, and caution racers that use of a body that is deemed illegal in its dimensions OR one that's improperly mounted will not be allowed for competition at ROAR Sanctioned events.

• Make Motorrules more consistent with IFMAR

Our current motor rules are not in sync with IFMAR's motor rules with regard to motor construction. We need to clarify those 05 brushless motors for use in stock; spec and modified competition are to include 2-pole rotors and a 3-segment slotted stator with appropriate minimum and maximum lengths for each of the components. The proposal is passed by quorum, but tabled for the moment pending further exploration of slot less technology and if there's any benefit to continue to allow its use, in spite of the fact that it's not being used by any of the national level racers.

»ACTION ITEM to Interim Electric Section Chairman Ron Schuur and will include appointed Chairman once announced – determine if there is any overwhelming reason to continue to allow slot less motor design. Absent compelling evidence in support of its continued use, the aforementioned changes will stand.

• Change of on-road classes (Touring)

Proposal to reduce the number of classes at level 5 events and to simplify the motor and ESC choices in stock/spec classes. Measure is agreed upon, pending detailed proposals for final consideration.

»ACTION ITEM to Interim Electric Section Chairman Ron Schuur and will include appointed Chairman once announced – Put forth detailed specifications for the classes where changes are proposed for final consideration.

• Rules regarding ingress and egress of pit lane

Addendum to competition rules that specifies that ingress and egress of pit lane may not be impeded by the actions of other drivers or pit crew, applying to all classes where pit stops are necessary, i.e. fuel racing. Penalties will vary ranging from one-lap penalty to disqualification, at the discretion of the race director, ROAR referee, or highest ranking ROAR official.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – create text for rule that specifies proper pit lane procedures and submit to President for publication.

• Revised weight limit for TC classes

Current ROAR weight limits require the addition of excessive ballast weight for cars to meet the minimum weight specification. It's proposed that the weight limit in touring classes be reduced to 1380 grams. It's the opinion of the committee chair that the IFMAR minimum weight limit is too low, which would encourage ever greater use of exotic and expensive materials, increase costs, and further reduce durability. Hence, the slightly higher weight limit as compared to IFMAR specification. Measure is agreed upon by unanimous vote.

»ACTION ITEM to Interim Electric Section Chairman Ron Schuur and will include appointed Chairman once announced – Revise existing specification and submit to President for publication on website and rulebook.

• 4X4 Short Course Motors

Revision of Short Course Motor Rules for the 4x4 category. Measure is agreed upon unanimously to allow the use of 550-size motor, limited to a 2-pole rotor and a 3-slot stator, either sensored or sensorless. Measure is agreed upon unanimously.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – Create specification for 550-size motors and submit to President for publication on website for the purpose of amending the rulebook.

• Spirit of the Rules Clause

Add to the rulebook, text that indicates that rules cannot anticipate every possible current and future scenario, and therefore, ***the spirit of the rules shall always be the guiding principle***. As an organization that is charged with the task of creating rules for fair and equal competition, the spirit of the rules will prevail in all matters where the rules don't specifically address unanticipated developments. Measure is agreed to unanimously.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – Create "Spirit of the Rules" clause and submit it to the President for publication on the website and in the rulebook.

• Media Coverage Rules

ROAR will establish a comprehensive program of media guidelines, which will include credentials, clarified areas of access, and availability of information as it relates to coverage of ROAR events. The objective is to streamline access to data and areas of the facility to enable appropriate media coverage by approved media. Measure is agreed to unanimously.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – Create detailed media rules and submit to President for publication.

• Media time added to schedule

Add time to schedule prior to running of A Final events that will enable the media to shoot pictures, conduct interviews and perform various other activities necessary to properly promote the events. Measure is agreed to unanimously.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – Create addendum and submit to President for publication.

• Live RC Broadcasting events

ROAR agrees that exclusive live broadcast rights will be granted to LiveRC.com for coverage of all ROAR level 5 events. LiveRC will attend a select number of events with a production crew for enhanced coverage of the more popular National events, and agrees to provide necessary equipment for set-up and operation by facilities of other National events. Measure is agreed to unanimously. No further action required.

• ROAR Website

Access to the website has been limited to just a couple of ExCom members. Access to the current website should be expanded to other members of the ExCom for the purpose of posting of ROAR business and regional reports as in interim solution. Ultimately, we will reconfigure the home page to use the vBulletin interface as a resource to populate various sections of the website.

Forums – The vBulletin forum, which has been used for ExCom and committee use, will be finalized and made active for use of registered ROAR members. A tentative system of verification has been outlined with the ROAR Administrator to ensure registered members are active.

Enable placement of banner advertisements from affiliated manufacturers.

»ACTION ITEM to President and webmaster – Fix the website to enable easier access to ROAR ExCom, Committee persons and Regional Directors. Launch the ROAR member section of forum by Dec. 1, 2010.

• Intellectual Property Rights

ROAR will assert its intellectual property rights with respect to the use of its logo and the content of its rulebook. Any use of the logo will require the expressed, written consent of ROAR. Use of ROAR rules, whole or in part, is a violation of copyright law and is also not permitted without the expressed, written consent of ROAR.

»ACTION ITEM to Technical Director – Formulate language regarding ROAR IP rights and submit to President for publication.