



SARDA
South African Radio Drivers Association

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

OFF ROAD GAS

MINUTES OF THE 2008 AGM HELD AT AVION PARK

1. Welcome and Opening

- Jonathan welcomed all those in attendance and opened the AGM.

2. Previous Minutes

- The previous minutes, sent out 5 weeks prior to the AGM, were read out and accepted.

3. Chairmans Report

- The emphasis on discipline was again reiterated for the coming season, as well as that at the end of the day, it was still a hobby and should be remembered that the fun should not be forgotten.
- 5 Drivers also attended the Off Road Gas Worlds at Charlotte with mixed results, the weather playing a major factor in the overall achievements.
- 2009 was also a qualifier year for the Worlds in Thailand 2010.

4. Treasurers Report

- Henk reported that the finances were sound, with ±R90k in the bank.

5. 2009 Season

- The aim of the 2009 season was to make it more affordable to all drivers, and to only have 2 National events (One Coastal (APN), and One Inland (SCCCC)), and to be supported by a newly formed Regional Program as a test for 2009 with the view that points from the Regionals will in future be incorporated in the overall points system.
- The Competitions Manager title was changed to Race Director.
- It was decided that with the 2 National Events, 2 were to count.

6. Committee Election

- The newly elected Committee consisted of the following :

Chairman :	Louis Trichardt
Vice Chairman :	Fred Houston-McMillan
Secretary :	Jonathan Ment
Treasurer :	Ish Hurrienarain
Race Director :	Dale Preston

7. Rule Proposals

- Note that all proposals were entered via the SARDA Website for discussion with the new committee as well as one club rep from each of the registered clubs.

2009 Rule Proposals as agreed at the AGM of 2008 at Avion

7.1. - 10 minute qualifiers (all), 60 minutes (A) mains (all other mains 30 minutes). New points system to be devised on a sliding scale, based on the mains that you participate in i.e., by qualifying in the 'A' main, you receive 41 points, the maximum being 50. Rankings to be determined on combined Sprints and Mains. **Voted 10/13 - accepted.**

7.2. – Single National to be held either the Inland or coastal Region – to be rotated between them. Qualification to the National to be via a regional mechanism – still to be determined. This will grow the local clubs with a round robin type tournament to take place. Points from the regional events to be submitted through the current SARDA mechanisms – these points are combined to determine the ranking for participation in the National. **Voted 0/13 - rejected.**

7.3. – Two Nationals – both to count – one inland, the other coastal as per point above. Regional mechanism to be trialed through the year, but not made mandatory as the qualification mechanism for the National. Points from the regional events to be submitted through the current SARDA mechanisms – these points are combined to determine the ranking for participation in the National. **Voted 9/13 - accepted.**

7.4. – Regional SARDA representatives to be made up of club representatives from the region. **Voted 13/13 - accepted.**

7.5. – Monster Trucks to return to Nationals. **Voted 13/13 - accepted.**

7.6. – Wet weather running – rain or shine we race – only in the event of lightening will the event be put on hold as per IFMAR rules and run at World Championship events. Clubs to make provision for this type of event. **Voted 13/13 - accepted.**

7.7. – Practice session to be held on the Saturday morning before the running of the event for those unable to attend either the Thursday or Friday practice. Must be prearranged with SARDA Committee. (decided open practice at ½ hour maximum) **Voted 13/13 - accepted.**

7.8. – Practice to be reduced to only Friday, but full day. As this will cut down costs for the event for racers. Less accommodation, less facilities costs etc. (times decided – 09:00 ~ 17:00). **Voted 13/13 - accepted.**

7.9. – Personal Transponder to be mandatory at Nationals and Regionals. **Voted 2/13 – rejected.**

Other items :-

7.10 – Entry fees to be determined to assist clubs etc. (Decided on R250 entry fee for Nationals)

7.11 – Committee to set guidelines for the running of regional events.

- **Track proposals** :- Durban (coastal track), Secunda (inland track)
- Club affiliation to be paid by end January 2009 (R500).