

## Official Minutes- MANDRA General Membership Meeting Jan. 24, 2010

The first general membership meeting of 2010 was held on Sunday, Jan. 10 at Carl Bucks' garage. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by President Bobby Crouse. In the absence of Secretary Stacy Lee, the minutes of the December 2009 meeting were read by Vice President Allen George. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Merrit Snyder, seconded by Steve Moyer and was carried. The Treasurer's report was then read by Treasurer Marilyn Chieffe. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Matt Walker, seconded by Brian Freels, and was carried.

A discussion of general business followed. The first order of business was a finalization of the new race format, as was previously discussed at the December meeting. The various methods of organization such as a pairing selection using numbered washers or pills, such as NETO has used were suggested along with a question and answer session to clarify how the ladder system would work, pairings and lane choice in later rounds. A 3-part vote was then taken to determine the method most widely supported by those members in attendance. The first vote was to eliminate the 2 class format used since the club's inception in favor of a new system to be determined. The measure was passed by a 12 to 11 vote margin. The next vote was for the Numbered Washer/Ladder system as discussed. This measure was approved by a 14 to 3 vote margin. The final vote was for a single, all-run, random pairing class. This measure was defeated with 10 votes for with the remaining members present (approximately 26) against. As such, the ladder system was officially adopted for this season. Tom and Denise Pohorilla have offered their services as Race Directors for the season, and a full explanation of the new system will appear in the first newsletter in about 2-3 weeks.

In other business, the membership approved the schedule change of the May 8 race at Cecil County to June 12 by a unanimous vote. Bobby Crouse asked for anyone who wants to have a room set aside at Bowling Green to please let him know. The race at Virginia in May has been added to NETO's 2011 schedule, and the members present suggested MANDRA consider doing the same. Following the track's repeated invitations, the Nostalgia Race at Capitol Raceway in Maryland on Oct. 24 will be added as a non-points race as decided by the members. A call for race sponsors was also made by Bobby Crouse.

The election of new officers followed. Bobby Crouse mentioned that, due to his commitments to the NHRA schedule for 2010, he would like a nomination for another candidate for President to be considered. Brian Freels was nominated by Brad Wallace. Gary Conte respectfully declined his

nomination for the office of Vice President, and Tom Pohorilla volunteered to be nominated for Secretary. The nominations were officially closed for voting with a motion made by Merrit Snyder. Following a tally of the votes as cast by the members in attendance, the new slate of officers is:

Brian Freels	President
Allen George	Vice President
Marilyn Chieffe	Treasurer
Stacy Lee	Secretary

David Grubb	Board of Directors
Charlie Innerst	Board of Directors
Ron Chieffe	Board of Directors

A motion to approve the election results was made by Merrit Snyder, seconded by Chris Righetti and was carried. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Pohorilla  
Acting Secretary