

# Hanger 30 Pre-Season All Club Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
  - a. 21 members present
2. Introduction
3. Statement of Accounts
  - a. 208.92 in Checking
4. Statement of Club Assets
  - a. No outstanding payments on assets
  - b. Club owns outright all carpet, piping, computers, decoder and software
5. Membership
  - a. No plans to charge membership fee.
  - b. Donations are still welcome
  - c. Todd will be looking into having a season pass that provides a discount for club racing.
6. Adopt Constitution
  - a. Reviewed with discussion over several items including authority of officers to vanquish members from the club.
  - b. A list of track rules will be published
  - c. Changes made as needed.
  - d. Unanimous vote to approve by members in attendance
7. Magnuson Park
  - a. Club has very secure ties now to the park system
  - b. Todd updated us on the future possibility regarding the usage of another building that would allow for longer setup times to accommodate practice days
  - c. Stuff Todd said I can't talk about
8. Review of Hanger 30 season schedule
  - a. We have May as option dates depending on attendance.
  - b. Season schedule will be split up into 3 series with points tracked
    - i. 2010 Wednesday night club races
    - ii. 2011 Wednesday night club races
    - iii. 2010/2011 Saturday Series
  - c. Mike DuTemple will maintain the points
9. Race Director
  - a. Kody and Todd will continue as race directors
  - b. Volunteers are welcome if you are interested in learning.
10. Rules Committee Presentation
  - a. Rules to be posted on website and RcTech
  - b. Kody will have details regarding a bulk buy of the spec tire
  - c. Will also look into a bulk buy for Novak 25.5 as these are only available through Novak
11. Setup/Teardown
  - a. Setup will now include spraying down the track with Paragon Traction Action
12. Track Layout

- a. Same track layout as last season with some minor revisions
- 13. Loaner Program
  - a. Redmond Hobbies will be sponsoring a Club Loaner Program
  - b. TT-01E (2 of them) RTR
  - c. Free to use
  - d. Sign ups will be on the web site.
- 14. Victoria BC Club
  - a. A racer exchange program of sorts
  - b. Look for future news regarding road/boat trips to participate in their program
    - i. 17.5 12<sup>th</sup> scale
  - c. They will likewise be looking to make road trips to Seattle to race with us
- 15. NORA
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> season of their on road program
  - b. Class structure similar to ours
  - c. Possible road trips as well
- 16. NWIC
  - a. Discussion regarding hosting the NWIC for 2010/2011
  - b. Discussion regarding the financial impact on the club
    - i. Reduced entry fee with a 3 day event @ \$1000 per day
  - c. Discussion regarding the class structure and overall organization of the series
  - d. Vote taken on whether to host an event given last years costs and this years anticipated entry fees
  - e. Unanimous “no” vote.
- 17. Laptop & Software Purchase
  - a. Club will be making plans and saving funds for the future purchase of a new race central laptop in anticipation of the current computer reaching the end of it’s life.
- 18. ROAR Carpet Nats
  - a. Discussion was had regarding hosting.
  - b. Determined it’s too soon
  - c. We will be looking into hosting ROAR Regionals
- 19. SRCR Website
  - a. Look for some improvements
- 20. New Business
  - a. Heaters in the pits
    - i. Be discrete with propane heaters
    - ii. These are a violation of the fire code and if the Parks personnel sees them we will be asked to remove them
    - iii. Electric heaters are still a bad idea because of the current draw.
  - b. Sandwich boards will be built to put out front while we are racing in hopes of drawing in some spectators/future racers.
- 21. Adjourn

## Post meeting attachment sent via email to all club members

Hello Seattle RC Racers:

This email is being sent to ask all club members whether we should host a round of the Northwest Indoor Championship in March, 2011. The vote will be a straightforward yes or no. Please reply by Friday noon, August 27.

Let me explain why you are being asked to vote, or in some cases, revote. At our annual meeting this past Wednesday, we discussed at length our participation in the NWIC and whether we should host a round this season. The vote was a unanimous "no." Upon reporting to the other NWIC hosts the outcome of our vote, there was disappointment, extending to real, severe, consternation. The Seattle RC Racers' Competition Committee members and I have since explored an alternative plan which has been accepted by the organizers of the NWIC. Rather than proceed with this new plan and commit the club, the Competition Committee and I believe that the verdict in the annual meeting commands our respect and that the membership should ultimately decide whether to proceed with hosting a round.

By way of background, the NWIC is an eight-year tradition in northwest carpet racing. Over the years, most of the onroad programs in the northwest have hosted a round. Our own Emerald City Classic last March was the 2009/10 series finale. Our turnout in March was solid; it turned out to be the region's second biggest carpet race of the season. We had 87 paying entries, and just over 90 on the track. The Timezone Grand Prix had, I believe, nearly or just clear of 100 entries. The RCPlus and Tri-Cities rounds were also solid at roughly 50 in each. Of course, forecasting entries year to year is an imprecise business. A race that runs huge one year can experience a punishing dip the next.

At Hangar 30, a one day Event rental is \$1000. Our total rent, including registration fees last year for our round of the NWIC was \$3075. In addition, we purchased our own trophies, half of Sunday's lunch for our guests, and paid our share of the NWIC season trophies (a series trophy sponsor fell through, creating the unexpected cost.) There were also incidental costs. Our take from entries did not cover the event's costs. Fortunately, we enjoyed a generous donation of a high-end racing chassis from a friend of the club. After securing electronics and body to finish it out, we were able to raffle off a ready-to-run World GT car. Also, RC Hobbies in Woodinville donated a racing ESC, and Troy McKune donated one of his conversion kits, which served as 2nd and 3rd place raffle prizes. The raffle was a big success and it put us over the top. Without it, we would have had to find money to cover our expenses elsewhere. In other words, we squeaked by and left our club account all but empty.

On the other hand, our club racing easily pays for itself. We are on an hourly fee schedule with the parks department for our normal Wednesday and Saturday races, and even the small turnouts late in the season paid for themselves. However, it is not appropriate to host a round of the NWIC on the hourly fee schedule because we can be bumped off the schedule by a full-payer. This is not hypothetical; recall that we lost last

January's Saturday date for that very reason. And, we were not bumped until the Thursday just before the race. Since the NWIC is a travel series, participants deserve security around the announced dates. Our friends in Salem and Canada make plans to attend the various rounds, and they often rearrange work schedules to do so. It's not fair to say "too bad," at the last minute. Any round of the NWIC we host must therefore be on the date-secured, Event fee schedule of \$1000.00 per day.

Here is the specific plan you are being asked to vote on: The Seattle RC Racers at Hangar 30 may host a round on March 12-13, with Friday evening, the 11th, for setup. The Saturday and Sunday will cost \$1000 each, and the Friday night approximately \$100. There will be no Friday practice for anyone. The NWIC organizers have a t-shirt and trophy program for all hosts that should be much more affordable than years past. I don't have hard figures at this time, but I believe \$500 for each host is a high estimate. Excluding the Timezone Grand Prix, a \$30 per class, uniform entry fee is expected.

The NWIC itself has been revamped. At present, assuming ours and Skagit's participation, there will be six rounds. Mark Day has put the Timezone Grand Prix back on the NWIC points list. The months are

October: Timezone GP & Skagit

Dec: RCPlus

Jan: Tri-Cities

Feb: Timezone 2

Mar: H30

Only 3 of the 6 rounds will count toward series points.

Again, please submit your "yes" or "no" vote by noon this Friday. A simple majority will carry the day. At this time, this is the only proposal on the table and the only one we will be voting on -- there will be no further "revotes." I hope I have given you sufficient information to cast your vote; please contact me with questions about the proposal if you have any.

Irrespective of our participation in the NWIC, the Seattle RC Racers remain committed to affordable, accessible club racing. We have many opportunities ahead of us, and the next few years will be exciting for everyone.

Thank you for your time.

Todd M.