

## ADRA MONTHLY MEETING

March 2, 2021

### MEETING AGENDA:

- Open the meeting
- Review Meeting minutes from last meeting of February 2, 2021.
- Old business was reviewed in the meeting minutes. Does anyone have any comments or questions regarding the old business?
- Treasury Report (as of 3-2-21) has not been completed. Scott will have it done by next week.

### RACES

- Past races
  - The races for February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> went on as scheduled.
    - Matt DeYoung had negotiated a 500-person limit (is as current, can change without notice).
    - We posted the schedule with a well written disclaimer in case the county decides to cancel the races.  
Must use website: FOAT, to register for the upcoming races.  
Using the FOAT went pretty well. I helped out a few people that had issues with the website.
    - FOAT is a two-step process: set up your account (a one-time affair that includes filling out a tech card and adding pictures of your vehicle. Once done you do not have to repeat), then you register for the races. It will be the norm for the rest of the races for the year.
    - Make a paper copy of your FOAT tickets in case your phone has problems accessing the website and tickets.
    - FOAT is counting the number of racers and crew. Once the 500 limit has been reached, THE RACE IS CLOSED! (The 500-person limit includes 12 track employees, so really it's 488).
    - You MUST WEAR A MASK anytime you're outside of your tow vehicle or race car, NO EXCEPTIONS!

- We incorrectly reported that you wouldn't have to go through tech. You do have to go through tech. (You filled out a tech card on the FOAT). As long as the inspection on your vehicle has no problems you sign the waiver, get your wrist band and are free to go. If you fail the tech inspection, then you have to fill out a new tech card and fix the concern before your allowed to race.
- There are no pairings for first and second rounds, (second rounds will include buybacks), drive up to your selected lane and have at it. This worked pretty well, however, we had several racers that failed to register and pay the ADRA fee that caused issues down the line. We need a full time Race Director to police the lanes! Also, in the second round two racers ran the second round twice. This completely screwed up the 3<sup>rd</sup> round pairings ladder. If it happens again, there will be an IMMEDIATE disqualification for that racer! NO EXCEPTIONS!
- The Race Director reserves the right to change your position if they think your duck hunting! It's going to take a couple of races to determine if this is a concern. So far this has not been a concern.
- Starting in third round there will be a ladder. Come to the table to get your pairing.
- DO NOT COME TO THE LANES WITHOUT YOUR OPPONENT! The Race Director will not let you in the lanes without said opponent.
- We will be running with multiple clubs. It is your responsibility to be on time in the staging lane with your opponent.

## New Races

- Next ADRA races are scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - These are weekend races with the Tucson Summit Team, (they race on Saturday, we race on Sunday).
  - You are welcome and encouraged to race with the Team on Saturday, (yes you can stay overnight Saturday)
  - As previously stated, please use the FOAT to register for the races
  - Same situation if you want to stay the night on Friday, use the FOAT to pay the \$10 fee.
  - You may stay overnight on Sunday, be out by 9am Monday morning.
  - First half of our season ends May!
- Tucson Team Races March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - This is the start of their 2021 season
  - You can use the FOAT to register or pay at the gate.
  - They are having Friday night drags, (March 12<sup>th</sup>), pay your entry fee or \$10 parking fee and spend the night.
  - See website for full information.

- West Coast Bracket Races March 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> at Tucson Dragway
  - Schedule
    - Today for parking
    - Wednesday for parking, and tech
    - Thursday for parking, tech, test and tune, and an afternoon gambler
    - Friday, Saturday, Sunday for racing
    - See flyer on our Facebook page for more info.
  
- Wild Horse Pass and Summit Team racing
  - WHP has hired new personnel.
    - Track Manager is: Casey Buckman
    - Race Director is: Chuck Sundstrom
  - Their first Summit Team race will be the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Check their website for full information.
  - They're working on a full 2021 schedule to be posted in a couple of weeks. (they have to integrate COVID vaccinations for the Gila County tribe before they can complete their schedule).
  - I'm working with them to possibly get 2 to 3 races in October-November at their track for the 2021 season.
  
- Spring Fling in Las Vegas
  - The Spring Fling will be the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. (same weekend as the WHP Team Race)

## Business

- Courtesy staging
  - Courtesy staging has been eliminated and was discontinued for the February races.
  
- First round Buy-backs
  - The first round buy-back passed by a 2 to 1 margin. It was instituted during the first races of Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Buy-backs run in the second round with the first round winners. Third round is laddered.
  - Financial benefit to the race purse and to the tracks. The proposal is to split the buyback money in half and provide 50% back to the track and the other 50% would roll into the race purse for that event.
  - The cost of the buy-backs for:
    - Super Pro is \$20

- Pro is \$10
  - We initially had buy backs collected in the lanes during the second round. It was confusing and a concern. We are changing the buy-back rules to have the racers come to the ADRA trailer after their first round loss. Initial idea is to give another colored dot to stick on windshield.
  - Jeremy is working to amend the buy-back rules.
- Qualifying points
  - Racers are not all coming to the ADRA trailer and posting their reaction times for qualifying points.
  - The top ten REPORTED reaction times get qualifying points.
  - It could be the difference between winning and losing the championship season! (Jack Dyer lost by one point for the 2007 season!)
- Changing racing season to run from September 2021 through May of 2022.
  - Changing the racing season from September through May did not pass by the majority. Therefore, we are keeping the old schedule through November.
  - Last races were points races, as will be all the races through the end of the season, (Memorial excluded).
- ADRA trailer
  - The trailer was a huge help for the first two races. It is fully self-contained. With a prepped interior and flip up doors on the side.
  - Special thanks to Julie Moses for the donated generator.
  - We still asking for donations of \$20 per racer, (or whatever you can afford, plus or minus) so that we can finish the trailer
  - So far we've received \$1,200+ in donations for the trailer.
  - Our goal is to put the names of the donors on the trailer.
- Race director
  - Currently I will be the race director for the qualifying and first elimination rounds. The first person to go out will be the race director for the rest of the race.
  - Jeremy Jacobs is going to be the director for Super Pro qualifying and first round of eliminations for Super Pro. After that, first one out takes on the duties for both classes.
  - Bill Kingsland unfortunately will not be able to assist us as Race Director.
  - Sarah Kidd will be a part time race director, (when she's there. She has a schedule for Junior races that conflict with some of our races, like our February races).
  - We need a full time Race Director for the 2022 season. No race director, NO 2022 SEASON.

- Race table assistant
  - Currently Alyssa Claflin is the assistant table director. Alyssa and Colby are expecting a boy-child the end of July, first of August. (Those of you that stuck around at the end of the last race witnessed the reveal burn-out!) She's going to be staying home with the baby after the birth, through the end of the year. She will be back for 2022.
  - We need a replacement for Alyssa ASAP. If no one steps up to assist, we'll have no choice but to cancel the second half of the 2021 season. Cindy cannot work the trailer alone!
  
- Sponsors
  - We have commitments from:
    - Cindy Claflin-Debrocke
    - Dale and Sandi Schroeder (money received)
    - Dave Pitera
    - Dave and Henry Leyba (AZ Differential Specialists) money received
    - Shawn Harris (Denny's Transmission)
    - Paul Polito (Tucson Asphalt) money received
    - Richard and Mindy Church (RE Financial Services)
    - Chris Gabbard (Phoenix Health and Life Insurance) (money received)
    - Hughes Performance (money received)
    - Ron Davis Racing (bounty) money received
  - Still working on:
    - Various contingency sponsors

As always, thanks to all of our sponsors. We couldn't do it without you!

Open floor for any comments or discussions.

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