

M.A.A.S.M.C.



M.A.A.S.M.C. Officers Meeting
November 7, 2009
Ali Ghan Motor Corp
Cumberland, MD

The Meeting was open in due form, by President, Jesse Stoltz at 11:00 am.
The invocation was given by Chaplain, Dave Karl.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Sergeant-at-Arms, Marc Suit.

ROLL CALL:

Officers in attendance:

Jesse Stoltz	Syria	President
Mac McAfee	Kena	1 st Vice President
Paul Baker	Almas	2 nd Vice President
Ralph Holt	Syria	3 rd Vice President
Tom Kennerly	Zembo	4 th Vice President
Tom Szympruch	Zem Zem	Organizer
Marc Suit	Almas	Sgt. at Arms
Dave Karl	Zem Zem	Chaplain
Dale Zimmerman	Zembo	Secretary/Treasurer

TEMPLES in attendance: - 7

Ali Ghan
Almas
Kena
Khedive
Syria
Zembo
Zem Zem

Past Presidents in attendance: - 4

1988	Gomer Morgan	Ali Ghan	2002	Gib Rice	Ali Ghan
2001	Dale Zimmerman	Zembo	2007	Charlie Curtis	Khedive

GUEST in attendance: None

MINUTES:

Minutes from General meeting held September 10, 2009 were approved as read with the following correction. ** Ken Hall, Past Potentate Kena Shriners was in attendance

TREASURERS REPORT:

A summary of the income and expenses was read and approved.
Balance in checking account as of September 1, 2009, was \$9,262.38

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS:

PAID BILLS:

#2154	G&L Trophies	Trophy Balance	\$1,480.00
2155	Jesse Stoltz	Oil Dry & Security	106.29
2156	Eddie Dixon	Balance Gifts	15.97
Debit	Lebanon Post Office	Postage – PP	13.85
Debit	Mail Dock	Postage – Scramblers	32.86
2157	Fishbones	Banquet – 300	2400.00

PRESENTED BILLS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

It was discussed and agreed to put an ad in the Cakras for 2010 – 1/8 page \$35.00

OFFICERS REPORTS:

All Officers in attendance reported, with the majority of comments reflecting their pleasure in being in the Oasis of Ali Ghan Shrine once again for an Officers meeting. Many also thanked Gib & Brenda, and the Ali Ghan Motor Corp for their hospitality and hard work.

Several officers commented on the Motor Corp facilities and asked for a tour after lunch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Convention Committee:

Mac McAfee reported as chairman on the banquet and stated that the only problem he saw was the confusion with the computer print outs for competition.

Pres. Jesse appointed a committee consisting of Paul Baker, Dale Zimmerman, and Charlie Curtis, to “clean-up” the program, mainly the problem of disqualified teams not showing on print-out.

A discussion was had on the presentation of trophies and it was decided that we will present the proper number of trophies per event by how many units “compete”, not how many are “registered”.

As stated in the rules we will present 1 trophy for 1 competitor, 2 trophies for 2 or 3 competitors, and a max of 3 trophies for any one competing class. This includes show cars, (except trailers which only get 1 trophy), except in the case of a tie.

Mac McAfee handed out a flyer for Spring Convention 2010. Deadline April 1, 2010.

Competition Committee:

Paul Baker reported as chairman on the success of dealing with the weather related challenges. It was reported that we would need a different judge for Show Cars next year as Howie Helwig would like a break from this duty. Paul will check with Khedive and Kena about possibly getting someone other than MAASMC personnel.

The question of needing to replace the timing equipment also was discussed when Paul stated that he had previously looked at prices for new timing lights and they were around \$1000. At this time we will continue to time with hand held stopwatches until more reasonable alternatives can be found. New stopwatches will be purchased if deemed necessary.

Ralph Holt reported that a few teams that were either new or did not compete last year were weighed and that the results were recorded on the score sheets. He also recommended that we buy one or two more scales so we have some for back-ups in the future. The officers agreed and asked Ralph to do so.

It was reported that the judges in the inspection area were at times still giving gigs to units that had declared certain things prior to the inspection. The officers agreed that we need to have a checklist or guideline to give to the judges each year since we tend not to have the same ones every year. This was also requested of Ralph Holt to take care of since he will be Competition Chairman next year.

Uniforms: Ralph Holt

Ralph reported that he had secured a new company to get our golf and dress uniform shirts from including the embroidery.

As a reminder to the current and any future officers, the association supplies 1 dress shirt, 2 golf shirts and a hat to each incoming officer. Also they will receive a dress shirt and hat with the year they are president when they advance to that position. At that time their dress officer's shirt is to be returned to whoever is in charge of uniforms at that time so that we can reissue them if they are still suitable to do so.

Any other shirts, hats or any ladies shirts are the responsibility of the officers themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

The committee consisting of Ralph Holt, Tom Szympruch, Eddie Dixon and Charlie Curtis had conferred by phone prior to this meeting and agreed, (3 to 1), to leave the penalty of 10 seconds per cone knocked over or moved out of position in the obstacle courses. This was discussed at length at MASA and many of the General Membership in attendance at that time were heard from.

Charlie Curtis was asked to purchase a gift card for the member who donates his RV for the officers to use during the competition. It was also decided to have Charlie do so every succeeding year that the RV is made available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Mazzone of the Boumi Motor Corp sent a letter to the Secretary, Competition Chairman, and several Boumi Motor Corp members, requesting the following possible rule changes.

- 1) SCORING: Assign someone to double check/verify the scoring
**The Secretary does check the printouts prior to the trophy presentation. I will admit to some errors still being present, however these are being looked into for the future.
- 2) DRILL FIELD: Use reflective tape for the "X" on the Drill field.
**Tape cannot be used because it will not stick to a wet field as we had this year, and it would also be a slip hazard if it got wet after it was put down. We will continue to use chalk.
- 3) SLOW RACE: Reflective tape be used to outline the Slow Race.
**The green tape used this year may not have been the best choice, but I am also colorblind and the tape is not invisible to those who might be. Any color tape will be visible as a line around the course; some people just can't tell you what color it is.
- 4) OBSTACLE COURSES: The arrows on the obstacle courses should be reflective tape or water based paint, as they faded during the competition.
**Again tape cannot be used because of the moisture concerns, and the water based paints may not fade completely, which the Convention Center would charge us to clean-up if it did not. Any riding member may request changes to the arrows if necessary when they walk the course.
- 5) AGE CATEGORIES FOR OBSTACLE AND SLOW RACE: Present trophies for 3 age categories (instead?) for each class.
**Unclear as to whether this was in addition to or in place of the current trophies. However 2 "older" riders who were present at the meeting were opposed to this change as they felt they should compete on an equal plane with all regardless of age. Age does not concur that the rider is any more or less capable of handling their vehicle. Maybe those over 65 on a full sized dresser, but I might even challenge that statement.

Other questions brought up during MASA this past Year.

Slow Race: Change wording that riders may not move backward. (Stopping with feet ON the bike OK)

Are mandatory maneuvers needed: Yes

Helmet Use: Will be expanded to the staging area. This means all parking lots used for staging, judging, competition, or trailer parking will require the helmet usage as described in our rules and regulations.

Insurance: Competition is not considered a race for insurance purposes.

Change scoring to not include inspection against drill score: No

Nominating Committee: Gib Rice, Mel Harrison, Doug Windsor.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Ali Ghan may have a new unit, Sayara Unit.

Officers concerned that we may have to delay start of Awards party with the change to allow more riders in the obstacle courses. This past year we were still setting-up trophies when the party was to begin. The trophies should be adjusted to those who compete, not enter each event. Less time also means less time to review/verify results. Next year we will keep the times the same and adjust them if necessary.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

April 30, May 1-2, 2010
Spring Convention
Kena, Woodbridge, VA
Mac McAfee (info in Scrambler) - Deadline April 1, 2010

July 9-11, 2010
Zem Zem, Cranberry, PA
Dave Karl – Deadline June 8, 2010

November, 2010
Almas
Marc Suit

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm with the Prayer by Chaplin, David Karl.

Dale E. Zimmerman
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