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## **PVR Zoom Meeting Minutes**

### **November 7, 2023**

President Steven Perik, Jr., brought the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Present were Board members Scott Klein, Rick Bartel, Eric Schuette, Dean Bennett, Brandon Gentz, Debbie Priebe and Kris Pecha.

Absent was Todd Persha.

#### **President's Report:**

**Steven Perik, Jr.,** – Reported he, along with other members, Scott Klein, Kirk Nick, Mike Weinandt, Tasha Bushy and Kris Pecha attended this year's ISR Tech meeting in Milwaukee. A major topic of discussion was Aim tach software.

Steven reported the cost of our ISR insurance was increasing substantially and he was informed this is happening industry-wide.

Steven said he sent all Board members a copy of the updated By-Laws.

#### **Vice President's Report:**

**Scott Klein** – Spoke with Todd Achterberg regarding the rising cost of insurance and it is anticipated it will hurt all snowmobile racers.

### **Directors' Reports:**

**Brandon Gentz** – Working with Woody's with sponsorship for five events at the four different race tracks (Ironwood is not happening this year).

**Todd Persha** – Absent.

**Eric Schuette** – Trying to touch base with Bob Richardson to get the PVR Wausau contract signed.

Eric asked Steven if he could get an updated race contract; Steven will send him one.

**Dean Bennett** – Reported Ironwood wants to resume their race for the next (2025) race year. Unfortunately, there was just too much to overcome this year at the Gogebic County Fair grounds.

Manawa is a go, but there are concerns about ISR insurance for three different groups. Todd Achterberg made a phone call and believes he will be able to come up with something to make it work and Dave Sarna has also gotten expanded insurance coverage.

Another issue to be addressed by the three groups at Manawa is the need to have specific plow breaks scheduled. Dean talked about having a meeting with USSA to coordinate the timing of these breaks with each other so this will happen smoothly and be a success.

Dean asked the Board what we wanted for a track size and all Board members agreed to use the track layout ISR provided.

Steven noted ISR wanted Todd and Jerry to be at the smaller events this year, including PVR and USSA events.

Dean went on to advise the Board that Manawa wants to work on better trailer parking. One of the possible options is using the ball park for bigger trailers that don't want to be on the ice.

At this time the president interjected that Greg Bosum tried to get the Iron County Fairgrounds, but their well could not produce enough water.

Dean went on to talk about a possible race at TNT Speedway; however, Steven feels we should wait to see how ICO's January 7, 2024, event goes this year.

The question came up about the legal status of PVR and Debbie explained we are a "for profit organization." Dean thought we should consider seeking a "nonprofit organization" status. **Debbie stated she thought by going with ISR, the Board members could not get sued.**

**Rick Bartel** – Attended the Manawa's first meeting of the 2024 race season and everything went well.

Rick asked if both USSA and PVR races will be going on simultaneously and, if so, what will happen if a red flag is called. Will that apply to both groups? Discussion ensued and the Board agreed that that is an issue that remains to be worked out, with perhaps PVR going to a different channel, if possible, for this race. Steven thought it was possible to change channels but will talk to Dave Carlson who works with these receivers at his job. Mike Wienandt will also talk to the company he works with and Dean will follow up with USSA.

Rick reiterated Manawa's intention to improve parking as Dean touched on.

**Kris Pecha** – Talked with Will Stull about Battle at the Border that he had planned for the Ironwood race. With Ironwood cancelling, Will said we could do this at any race. Discussion ensued about the possibility of proceeding with this at our PVR Wausau race.

**Debbie Priebe** – Offered her Treasurer's report. PVR has received minimal membership money since the banquet.

**Jennifer Pecha** – Steven asked about Raceday and Jennifer stated she had Ironwood already setup but will cancel it out.

Kris asked if old race numbers have been opened back up and are available to the membership. Jennifer advised that project has been very time-consuming but is almost complete.

**Tasha Bushy** – Has re-typed the Waiver forms for both the adults and juniors to allow for digital signatures, however, some Board members questioned the validity of these documents if they haven't been reviewed by an attorney.

Nothing to add, but waiting for (legal) approval to implement.

**Equipment Manager** – Rick reported everything is in good shape.

**Treasurer's Report** – Debbie read her Treasurer's report as of November 7, 2024.

Rick made a motion to accept the report, Kris seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report** – President Steven asked for a motion to approve the October, 2023, Secretary's report as emailed. Scott made a motion to accept the report; Brandon seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business – By-Law update:**

Steven is putting updates on Slack for Board approval and would like to hear from all Board members by 9:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Bill Stull's request to add 250 Super Mod to the Battle of the Border again addressed, but tabled at this time.

It was reported the New Lisbon snowmobile show had 108 sleds present and AWSC was there.

Regarding ISR training, Steven, Scott, Kirk, Tasha and Kris officially attended on behalf of PVR.

**Unfinished Business – PVR jackets:** Castle will do 50% off jackets for the core PVR workers and the (4-5) pit coats to be kept in the trailer for corner workers to use. Todd and Colton will continue to keep in touch with Castle.  
Tabled to see what Colton comes up with.

**New Business –**

Steven is looking for a PVR Safety Manager as ISR requested every race organization have one. The person in this position would have to go to every race track prior to each event to assure all setbacks, barriers etc. are in place. Scott Klein offered to take on this responsibility. Steven asked for a motion to create this position and appoint Scott our first Safety Manager. Kris so moved. Eric seconded the motion, motion carried.

Steven brought up adding 250 SS Free-Air sleds to Class 24, Junior 1, 11 to 17 year olds. Kris suggested also adding 250 SS Liquids as we need more Junior drivers to come race. A discussion ensued. Steven made a motion to add only 250 SS Free-Air. Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried with Kris voting nay as he believes 250 SS Liquid should be added also. The question regarding the addition of the **250 SS Liquid shall be tabled until the December meeting.**

Race Directors: With no one person available to fill this position at every event, Steven is seeking to find several member/volunteer(s) to act as Race Directors for each of the various races. Scott offered his services but will not be able to make the Eagle River Worlds Series. Steven and Kris offered to jointly share the duties for that race. Mike also offered to assist at the races for a limited time.

Insurance has increased for the upcoming 2024 season to \$1200.00. That comes to \$32.00 per driver if we have 60 drivers. It was suggested insurance be increased to \$40.00 per driver at every event. This is with the exception of the Eagle River race, which is as follows:

\$2,500.00 for the Eagle River track plus 25% insurance, \$1,475.00, equaling \$3,400.00.??? Eagle River World Series, will carry \$2,000,000.00 coverage. With sixty drivers, that will come to \$56.66 per driver.

**Ironwood** – Cancelled for the 2024 race season.

**Battle of the Border - Bill Stull wants to add the 250 SM class. This is tabled until the next meeting.**

**Wausau** – Tentatively set February 3, 2024.

**OCC** – Race under contract for February 10, 2023.

**Manawa** – Under contract, Scheduled the third weekend in February, which is the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Eagle River World's Series** – Under contract, Scheduled the last weekend in February, on the 24th and 25th.

**Media Marketing** – Colton is continuing to work with Castle and has reached out to Ben Carlson from Klein seeking product/sponsorship. Brandon is working on a new design/logo for our shirts, etc.

Before adjourning, Steven remarked about Bruce Kassens funeral and how it was good to see so many racers in attendance.

**Promotion of Pro Vintage Racing – Steven**  
closed by encouraging all to get out and seek  
sponsorship, even if it's only \$50.00.

Next Board meeting will be held by Zoom on  
December 5, 2023, starting at 6:30 P.M.

Scott Klein made a motion to adjourn the meeting;  
Brandon Gentz seconded the motion. The  
meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kris Pecha  
PVR Secretary