

QMA 2004 National Meeting Minutes
Boardwalk Casino and Hotel Las Vegas, NV
Submitted by Patty Abbott QMA National Secretary
February 5-7, 2004

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Meeting called to order at 8:46 by President Curt Biro, role call was taken all 13 regions were present and all QMA National Board members present.

Curt Biro, Tisha Bucanek, Patty Abbott, Kim Kendall, Steve Chopko, Glenn Lewis, John Mitchell, Rick Ramstrom, Bob Chick, Michelle Barzee, Wes Stillwaggon, Scott Tankersly, Dave Ames, Dave Fox, Bob Nock, Dave Bryan, J.R Van Guilder, Riley Rees, Dan Sawartzsky, Jennifer Mallo, Jim Muck, LeAnne Tanner, H.R Cook, Charlie Cagle, Mike Williams, Kevin Gerhardt, Bob Schaefer, Curt Sullivant, Bob Stoekel and Eric Bunn

Curt thanked all the Regional Directors for attending the meeting and for taking time away from their families to attend the National meeting. He also went over the rules of the meeting.

Board Reports

Presidents report by Curt Biro:

Curt informed everyone that there have been 3 Insurance claims in the last 3 years, Fritzky, Staggs and Neeves. The Fritzky and Staggs claims have been settled and the Neeves claim is still in litigation.

Curt informed all that Mr. Muck had brought a question to the QMA National board about letting a Paraplegic child race a Quarter Midget. The National board checked with K&K Insurance on this matter, K&K said that we should let the child race that ADA would be harsher than any potential injury and that K&K would fully insure the child. We don't want to encourage, but any kids with Handicaps would be approved and rules adjusted on a case by case basis.

The QMA board is currently going thru negotiations with USAC for another 3 year contract to be QMA's Management service. Curt stressed that he felt that the relationship between USAC and QMA was improving and that we are still trying to work out some issues. Michelle Barzee asked if everyone could cc Patty Abbott on emails to USAC so that Patty can monitor that things are getting done in a timely fashion, the answer was yes. The National board will be having lunch with Rollie Hemling and will invite Rick Ramstrom and Michelle Barzee to attend to help give some input. Being affiliated with USAC has many benefits; we are working on ways to keep our kids involved in QMA longer. We've asked USAC to help us with the problem of our kids leaving for Micro racing to early in their QMA

career. We've also asked USAC to help us develop a true stepping stone from us to them.

Curt would like to see the organization grow and also feels that we may have to hire a paid professional in the future to help meet the needs of this organization.

There were some RCP's that were either lost in the mail or not sent out by a few regions, it was discussed that in the future that RCP's should be sent registered mail to the QMA National office, we will address this later in the meeting.

QMA is lacking in the advertising department, our website is being taken to another level. Curt asked if the RD's have had a chance to check out the USAC website and newsletter, he encouraged the ones that hadn't to do so. In 2002 QMA spent 35% of our entire budget on the *Quarter Reporter*. We are looking into hiring a graphic artist, improving the member's only section for the web site. Financials and documents will be available to download in the member's only section, if anyone would like the Financials before that they can contact Kim Kendall. We would like to take 20-25K to spend on the website. Art Davis the QMA.org Webmaster has been putting in many hours of his time to design and maintain our website so earlier in the year the QMA board decided to pay Art a \$250.00 a month fee as an Independent contractor to continue to maintain the site. Eric Bunn from USAC pointed out that USAC currently pays approximately \$1200.00 a month for the same service. Curt also mentioned that we will be putting the *Quarter Reporter* on line; we currently spend about 8K per issue. We would like to print one more issue of the *Quarter Reporter* with the Short Sheet in it and all further issues will be on line and will be in color. If any members do not have access to the internet they may call the QMA National office and they will print a copy and mail it off to them. Jerry Mostec suggested that all QMA tech be sent a hard copy to have all technical items in print. Curt mentioned that all tech items will be available on the website to download. We would like to make our website the #1 website for Quarter Midgets. Curt would also like to give away items each month in a raffle for those members that utilize the site. Curt and John Mitchell will work on the website with Art Davis.

Curt filled everyone in on a Pilot program that his track is currently working on for advertising. They are working on an advertising campaign in Movie Theaters, it is approx \$1500 to start for a 3 month period. The slide show will hit 2500 pp per day, approx. 5000 on weekends and 240,000 pp in a three month period. Nationally we could hit 4.1 million pp in a month if we were to take this nationally. To print enough slides for the country it would cost approx. \$3,500.00. If this works we would like to do this Nationally and give each club one month of advertising in their area. Jim Muck asked if we will target areas outside of existing clubs to grow new clubs, the answer was yes, if it works. Curt will come back to the RD's for input but the board will make the final decision.

Curt said Hondas are growing 3 to 1 over the Deco motors; we will eventually have an issue with Decos because of the cost. Our motor platform needs to be

looked at seriously. LeAnne Tanner suggested that we promote Deco's from Novice up. Curt mentioned that it is very hard to sell a \$3500 mod motor when they can purchase a \$450 Honda motor. We need to lower prices to make the Deco program grow. Dave Preston said that the Stock program is growing. Curt talked with engine builders and they said that the issue is in the block. We need to get the decos affordable so we can get more cars and Glenn Lewis said that he is currently looking at all kinds of avenues to lower the price and to keep the program going.

Communication has always been an issue and Curt has done his best to improve on this.

We will be using a nomination committee as per the by laws for the National election. Curt suggested doing background checks and to make sure that the candidates are qualified for the position. Curt will assign the nomination committee.

Curt said the board needs to be able to make decisions and act on your behalf, sometimes you will not get a vote. All corporate matters will be decided by the NBOD. Clarifications to rules can be clarified by the NBOD.

Complaints have been raised by the Chain of Command and Curt stressed that we must all follow the chain of command, and that any calls received by the NBOD will be sent back down to the RD. The Chain of Command will be put into the *Quarter Reporter*.

Secretary's report by Patty Abbott:

Patty explained that most correspondence from her is by email and she thanked everyone for getting off on the right foot and responding in a timely manner.

One major issue that we have is Membership applications, Patty explained to the new RD's that they need to keep on their club Secretaries to get the applications into the National office promptly. There have been many calls from members that have not received their cards and 9 times out of ten the apps were not sent in by the clubs. It also becomes a problem when the National office is bombarded with many apps all at once which makes it more difficult to process on their end.

Patty has been trying for a few years to come up with a QMA directory, she has asked all of the RD's to get info from each club so that she can complete this task. The info that she needs is: Club officers and phone numbers, directions and maps to tracks, and the date that they run their weekly races on.

Patty apologized for not getting the Novice packets revamped but that she will be working on that this year with the help from Kim Kendall. Kim mentioned that

Region 2 has a Novice book completed and that if anyone would like a copy to please let her know.

There is also now another email address to the QMA National office for membership questions, this email goes right to Courtney's desk it is:

Qma_usac2@iquest.com

It was also noted that only paid members will be sent QMA correspondence.

Patty also went over the 90 day grace period. The 90 day grace period only holds your QMA member/Driver # in the data base so that it is not reassigned. If you have not submitted an application before Jan 1st of each year you are not a member and you are not insured.

The membership roster is not available, Patty is the only one to have a complete QMA roster. Each Regional Director may have a roster for their region and each Club President may have a roster for their individual club.

Vice Presidents report by Tisha Bucanek:

Tisha started off by thanking everyone that called and supported her thru her surgery. Tisha would like to work on the Code of Conduct and to set a procedure for handling punishments. Tisha is also working on insurance deal to see if there is a way to cut costs.

Publicity Director's report by John Mitchell:

John reported the following:

1. The dead line for the next Quarter Reporter is March 1 at 5 PM EST.
2. He sees the Quarter Reporter as just one function of the publicity director
3. He will be working to promote the sport more – locally, regionally and nationally.
4. That he will be making the effort necessary to supply the tools necessary to acquire sponsorship
5. Working to preserve the history of the sport
6. Announced that with additional bandwidth, QMA will host any club's website on www.quartermidgets.org for free
7. He will submit Press Releases to Major Automotive Magazines and websites and Children's magazines.
8. Have a presence at major Automotive trade shows.
9. Be in close contact with Regional and club PD's.

Curt called for a break at 10:40 AM PST.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:55 AM PST.

All regional directors and members of the board were present.

Safety Director's report by Steve Chopko:

1. Steve gave an insurance claim report noting that K & K Insurance had paid out 26 claims on QMA's behalf in the amount of \$10,528.33. 13 claims were from 2002 and 13 claims from 2003.
2. He also reported that the SFI 24.1 youth helmet is now approved for use in all 50 states including New Jersey
3. He reported on his trip to the Performance Racing Industry Show in Indianapolis and urged all the RD's to consider attending. He also noted while he was in Indianapolis he attended the USAC Banquet and told the group that the QMA Champions were treated very professionally by USAC
4. He also explained the procedure for QMA incident reports. They are to be filled out whenever a driver or handler may be hurt, any injuries in the pit and parking area and to be sent to him. All claim forms are to be sent to him ASAP. If this procedure is followed, K & K will have the proper documentation on hand and the claims will be paid very quickly.
5. Steve stated that he has updated some of the safety forms and is working on updating the ones that he hasn't gotten to yet.
6. Steve told everyone that he went to all 3 grands and safety checked a lot of cars.

Tech Director's Report by Glenn Lewis:

Glenn thanked the BOD for their confidence in him by appointing him to fill Bucky Brown's unexpired term. Reported that the tech advisory committee had worked very hard over the winter to update the rulebook and tech manuals and thanked his committee. Glenn wants to eliminate the gray areas in the Tech Manuals. He also stated that they have been working on the Stock carburetor. Glenn would like the motor programs to go through Tech, they should not be presented as an RCP. He deferred the remainder of his report to new business.

Curt introduced Rollie Helmling, President and CEO of the United States Auto Club.

Rollie thanked QMA for allowing USAC to serve as the National Office and described the common issues QMA and USAC face, such as engine costs, growth and so on. Rollie noted that USAC is committed to helping QMA grow and retain members. One of the projects QMA and USAC will be working on is a class of car to run under joint QMA/USAC sanction for 14 and 15 year old drivers. Rollie spoke about his long history in Motorsports including Quarter Midgets when he was a kid. Rollie would like to help QMA out in any way possible with Tech and Safety issues etc. Rollie stated how he would like to help us to grow our business which in turn helps USAC's business to grow.

The meeting broke for lunch at Noon, PST.

The meeting was called to order at 1:24 PM PST, with all RD's and Board members present.

Old Business:

Judging Video – it needs to be completed. Charlie Cagle noted that Mark Lloyd would work on it if the materials that exist would be sent to him. Region 2 suggested that a committee be formed to get this project back under way. Jim Muck volunteered to head up the committee and to look at the video and evaluate it and then get back with the NBOD and RD's to fill us in.

Electronic Scoring – Kim will take responsibility to make sure batch scoring works, make sure it works on the dirt and Patty noted that it can also be used for sign in, qualifying order and line ups saving a huge amount of time in the towers. Curt reminded the group the Moscore system is available for sale QMA. Rick Ramtsrom and Michelle Barzee told the group they would like to use batch timing at their states races although the rulebook does not allow for it. This was tabled until Saturday for further discussion.

Dave Fox asked that a procedure to apply for a variance in the rules be set up. This was tabled until Saturday.

Assistant RD travel expense for the National meeting. It was decided in 2002 that there be a maximum allowance of \$600.00 for each region to send an assistant, this was to include hotel and flight. This is suppose to be for the assistant but it was decided that each regional board could decide who they would like to send as a second person, it was recommended that the replacement should be another regional board member to be chosen by the regional board.

Jim Muck asked about the distribution of the QMA Decals. It was decided that we will get the stickers out to the RD's and they will distribute to the clubs.

New business, Curt Biro:

Curt described his concept for a QMA Strategic Plan. He asked each of the board members to study the plan, make suggestions for additions and volunteer to work on a specific portion of the plan. He will be presenting the plan to the RD's and making the same request. He asked the RD's to review, comment and volunteer. He also asked that each RD return their completed copy on Saturday.

Curt Biro suggested that the NBOD be able to submit 5 RCP's each year so as to not take up RCP's submitted through their own club.

Curt Biro moved that each QMA region be allowed to submit as many RCP's as there are clubs in the region (which means that if you have 8 clubs in your region you will be allowed to submit 8 RCP's to National but clubs may submit as many RCP's as they wish to the region). David Ames seconded the motion. A discussion was held Curt amended his motion to allow five RCP's for the National Board of Directors to be submitted through the established channels. Jennifer Mallo seconded the motion. No further discussion.

1y,2,y,3y,4y,5y,6n,7y,8y,9y,10a,11n,12y,13y,VPy,Safety-y,Sec-y,PDn,Treas-y,Tech-y

The motion passed 15 yes, 3 no, 1 abstainsion.

Curt Biro moved the minimum age limit for AA to be raised to 9 effective 1/1/05. Mike Williams seconded the motion.

1y,2y,3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9y,10y,11y,12y,13y,VPy,Tech-y,Sec-y,PDy,Treas-y,Safety absent

The motion passed 17 yes, 1 no, 1 absent.

Curt Biro moved to increase the minimum age limit for Light Mod to 7. Jennifer Mallo seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Curt Biro amended his motion to "increase the minimum age limit for Light and Heavy Mod to 7 effective 1/1/05. Steve Chopko seconded the amendment.

3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9y,10y,11y,12y,13y,1y,2y,Tech-y,VPy,Sec-y,PDy,Treas-y,Saf-y

The motion passed unanimously

QMA Hall of Fame – We would like to induct 4 people into the Hall of Fame. We will table this until Saturday morning. Scott Tankersly volunteered to work on the Hall of Fame and to bring it up to Date.

Curt noted that there is now an election being held every year and that any unfilled Regional Board position can be filled during the normal election cycle rather than incurring the expense of special elections. A discussion was held. Curt moved to change the last sentence in section 5 of the Regional Directors Authorities and Responsibilities to read "vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the regional board of directors to be effective February 5, 2004. Bob Schaefer seconded the motion. A discussion was held.

4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9y,10y,11y,12y,13y,1y,2y,3y,Tech-absent,VPy,Sec-y,PDy,Treas-y,Saf-y.The motion passed. 18 yes, 1 absent.

Riley Rees moved to institute a trial internet voting policy for emergency RCP's in lieu of the registered mail process for 2004. Charlie Cagle seconded the motion. A discussion was held.

The motion passed 19yes.

Curt Biro presented a Grands Bidding Selection Process.

Prioritized list

1. If a club has held a Grand National race within the last three years, clubs that have not will take priority.
2. A club that has bid on the Grands previously and not been awarded the bid, will take priority over those that have not. Assuming it's been at least three years since the last time the club has held a Grands event.
3. First tie breaker: If two clubs have come to bid and either both have previously bid before or neither have bid, the club that has never held a Grands before will take priority.

Second tie breaker: If none of the clubs have ever held a Grands, then a vote by the BOD's and RD's will be held.

4. If a club does not receive an award and does not come back the next year to rebid, they lose their priority the next time they come back to bid and will be considered a first time bidder.

Disclaimer

All clubs that come forward to bid must have an appropriate facility to host a National event. Just because your club would take priority to be the Host on a particular year, does not indicate you will receive the award unless the facility can host such an event. QMA reserves the right to remove bidders from the list if the club cannot meet the requirements as set forth in our Grands Contract and National rule book.

A discussion followed. Dave Fox moved to accept the grands bidding process as written. Jennifer Mallo seconded. Further discussion was held.

6y,7y,8y,9n,10y,11n,12y,13n,1n,2n,3y,4y,5n,Tech-n,VPy,Saf-y,Sec-a,Dy,Tre-n
The motion passed 10 yes, 8 no, 1 abstain.

Curt Biro moved to change the submittal date for grands bids from December 15th to October 15th. Michelle Barzee seconded the motion.

7y,8y,9y,10y,11n,12y,13y,1y,2y,3y,4y,5y,6n,Tech-y,Saf-y,Sec-y,PDy,Tre-y,VPy
The motion passed 17 yes, 2 no.

A discussion was held as to whether all the RD's and BOD would vote on all the grands. John Mitchell had the minutes from the 2002 meeting and it was passed.

Curt proposed a change in the way the East and West Grands are rotated based on Geography, this was discussed and tabled.

A discussion was held regarding how to be fair to all the participants for grands with more than 675 cars. One suggestion being to limit each driver to 2 cars when the car count goes over 675 at the Grands. Dave Fox volunteered to form a committee to investigate solutions. Mike Williams, Rick Ramtsrom, Tisha

Bucanek, Maggie Brown, Patty Abbott, Michelle Barzee, Kim Kendall and Ed Spencer will join Dave's committee.

Curt made a motion to reduce the qualifying laps to 5 warm up laps and 3 on the clock at all QMA national events (grands and states races). Rick Ramtsrom seconded the motion. A discussion was held.

8y,9y,10y,11y,13y,1y,2y,3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,Tech-y,VPy,Saf-y,Sec-y,PDy,Trea-y,
The motion passed 18 yes 1 absent.

A discussion was held regarding the class structure of QMA – what is the appropriate number of classes and the maximum number of classes in QMA. Curt Biro moved to structure the organization at 14 classes and if a new class comes in another class must be removed. No second. Further discussion was held.

New Business:

Safety Steve Chopko:

The process for submitting an insurance claim is in the procedure manuals; please make sure the clubs and regions follow it.

Don't leave cars running on carts or stands unattended.

Helmet hooks- need to bring back to rulebook this was tables until Saturday.

Steve presented the following rulebook clarifications:

1. Page 16, section 2, line 16a to read "all fuel lines must have metal automotive fittings or a metal positive clamp.
2. Page 32, section 3, line 4q3 change to "after all cars have been refueled the lap counting will start when the green flag falls.
3. Page 20, section 3 5c2 and 5c5, and remove "2 layers must be sewn glued or otherwise fastened together.

John Mitchell moved to accept Steve Chopko's changes and clarifications. Jennifer Mallo seconded the motion. Motion passes on a voice vote.

Steve Chopko moved to enter into an agreement with SFI, Inc. at the cost of \$100 per month for the purposes of technical safety advise and consultation. Mike Williams seconded the motion.

10y,11y,12absent,13n,1n,2y,3y,4y,5n,6y,7y,8absent,9n,Tech-y,VPy,Saf-y,Sec-y,PDy,Trea-abstain

The motion passed 12 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention, 2 absent.

Curt asked everyone to be in at 8am Friday morning. The meeting adjourned for the day at 6:40 PM PST.

February 6, 2004

Curt Biro called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM PST.

The National Board of Directors and the Regional Directors went into executive session.

The meeting reconvened with the whole group at 8:54 AM PST. The roll was taken and all members of the national board and the RD's were present.

It was suggested that a paragraph be added to the Code of Conduct under the Appeals Process

(Add the following paragraph)

Effective February 6, 2004

In the case where a Code of Conduct is filed by the National Board of Directors, any appeal to the Code of Conduct shall be referred to all Regional Directors of QMA that are uninvolved in the incident. All Regional Directors of QMA that are uninvolved in the incident will then hear the member's case and those uninvolved Director's will have the final authority to either; uphold, overturn, or modify the decision made by the National Board. The Regional Board of Directors hearing the appeal to the incident must agree by simple majority on their decision.

This was voted on and it was a unanimous decision to add this to the Code of Conduct Appeals process pending review from the QMA legal counsel.

Curt did inform the group that the QMA attorney saw no problems with adding this.

Curt discussed the schedule for the day regarding the tech seminar and the rules clarification portion of the meeting.

Riley Rees opened a discussion of the authorities and responsibilities of the President. He noted that "the president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation" Curt replied that the Wednesday RD's meeting is not an official meeting so it wasn't necessary and that he thought that section 16 of the authorities and responsibilities might need to be changed.

Riley Rees moved to remove section 16 from the Regional Directors authorities and responsibilities. John Mitchell seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Riley Rees amended his motion to read to remove section 16 from the Regional Directors authorities and responsibilities. And to add the Regional directors of QMA designated appointee will be the designated chair of the annual meeting of the Regional Directors. John Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Lewis Tech

Glenn told the group that he and his committee have been all through the rulebook and tech manuals trying to eliminate the gray areas. He said he expected the rulebook and manuals to be done and on the Internet by March. He will be getting the e-mail and address for all the local and regional tech people to keep them informed. He also said to the RD's that the national tech committee will try and meet all requests for a National Tech presence at any race. Glenn talked about the new forms and forms that he has redone. Glenn stated that the Tech seminar will be taped and copies will be made available. Rick Ramstrom asked if there is a big Regional race can they contact the Tech committee and Glenn answered yes.

Rule clarification – in mod, stock and AA, the head bolts must not be moved from the current location, can not be altered. B, the maximum size of the intake valve is to be 1.480” effective 4/1/04. A discussion was held regarding the valve size. As far as the AA's are concerned he's not ready to change anything yet.

Glenn told the meeting the issue of taking parts out of service is an ugly issue. Tech's job is to try to make everybody legal. He noted that at a local event any part that is pulled out of service will either be destroyed on the spot or sent to National tech for further review. This is also to prevent people from thinking that the part may be used again. A discussion was held.

Glenn Lewis moved that as of January 1, 2005, all Briggs and Stratton model # 82352 will be removed from QMA competition. Jim Muck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Lewis moved in the Deco Manual Section 8 read push in on the flywheel not pull out to measure endplay. Steve Chopko seconded the motion. The motion passed 17 yes, 2 absent.

Rules clarification to the Deco manual:

1. Section 8 #5.1.c add “no water cooled engines”
2. Section 8 #5.1.b add “approved by the QMA Tech Director”
3. Section 7 AA item b “all head bolts must be in the stock location

Regarding the stocker carburetor, Glenn told the meeting he was shooting to have an equitable formula for the HP Style Pumper and Tillitson carbs and the restrictor plates to have all the stock class cars equal by the 4/1/04. He noted that this may not be possible but will have it done for the Grands. There was a discussion regarding implementation on 1//1/05.

Glenn Lewis moved the carburetors approved for use in the super stock class are the HP Pumper model # and the Tillotson model # 357 with approved restrictor plate. The Walboro Big Bowl model numbers lmg and lmb will only be legal for use in the novice class effective 1/1/05. Steve Chopko seconded the motion.

1y,2y,3y,4n,5y,6y,7y,8y,9y,10n,11n,12y,13y,Tech-y,Saf-y,Sec-y,PDy,Treasy
The motion passed 15 yes, 3 no 1 absent.

Curt announced the meeting would break for 10 minutes at 10:15 AM PST.

Curt called the meeting back to order at 10:28 AM PST.

All RD's and National Board members present.

Further rule clarifications.

Remove from Short Sheet 2002 on Honda drilling hole in gear box..

Page 42 section 5 "any form of exhaust wrap must be able to be removed for the purpose of technical inspection" Tech Director can remove exhaust wrap to inspect pipe.

Muffler rule – page 16 section 12 all QMA

Page 14.1 Honda tech Manual "any automotive type spark plug with 3/4" maximum length legal.

120 Rule Book page 3 section 3 in the general rule book

All pin gauges must be plus size pin gauges .

Page 3 of Honda tech manuals- Section D Must use the original cup, but can be cut down.

Any alteration of restrictor plate is DQ'able with suspension.

Page 8 of all Honda manuals use of Valve seals are illegal,ad in as item **number E**.

Any type of sensor placed on a Honda exhaust is illegal.

Add new muffler rule on same page.

#5 page 5 "failure to use proper restrictor plate or modifying a restrictor plate is subject o immediate suspension and DQ – no questions.

Page 7c when checking maximum lift reset dial caliper.

Page 8 add e, use a valve seals is illegal with the applicable suspension.

Page 12 "zero dial caliper"

Page 16, oil ring add 3 piece oil ring .095, 1 piece oil ring .097

Glenn noted that it should be in writing that cryogenics is illegal.

Glenn would like to see that there is no claiming in the Novice classes.

QMA needs to make sure the there is a loose jet rule in the Honda books.

Glenn moved that the use of air filters during qualifying is illegal. Tech official on site can make determination to run air filters if conditions require(IE Too much dirt on track would damage engines) Dave Fox seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously. (Patty and Kim were absent)

Glenn Lewis moved to increase the weight in heavy mod from 300# to 325#. Steve Chopko seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.(Patty and Kim were absent)

Due to the amount of time that all the Tech Clarifications would take it was asked that Glenn be allowed to put the remainder of his clarifications in the Short Sheet. By a show of hands it was decided to let Glenn put all his changes into the Short Sheet.

Jeff Baker gave a report on the K & K contents insurance program noting that QMA members did not purchase enough policies to justify the minimum premium of \$250. Jeff is looking into another insurance company that may provide contents insurance but will have to see how many people are interested in purchasing. It will be put on the internet/*Quarter Reporter* to let people know IF we can get enough people to purchase insurance so that it will be lower.

A discussion was held regarding RCP procedure. Patty Abbott urged the RD's to send the RCP's to USAC via registered mail.

Curt called for a break at 12:35 before voting on the RCP's. The meeting reconvened at 12:50 PM PST. All members of the National Board and the RD's were present. The Tech Seminar started at 1:00 pm.

RCP # 1- **pulled** by the region, this is a By Law amendment.

RCP # 2 **pulled** by the region

RCP #3 **failed** 2 yes 16 no, 1 absent

1n,2n,3n,4n,5n,6n,7n,8y,9y,10n,11n,12n,13n,VPn,Sec-n,Trea-n,Saf-n,PDn

RCP #4 **failed** 4 yes 15 no

1n,2n,3n,4n,5y,6n,7n,8y,9y,10n,11n,12y,13n,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Tech-n,Saf-n,PDn

RCP #5 **failed** 8 yes 11 no

1n,2y,3n,4n,5y,6y,7n,8n,9n,10n,11n,12n,13n,VPy,Sec-y,Trea-y,Tech-y,Saf-y,PDn

RCP #6 amended to read add 15 # to bring the weight to 340 # **failed** 3 yes 16 no.

1n,2n,3y,4n,5n,6n,7n,8n,9n,10y,11n,12n,13y,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Tec-n,Saf-n,PDn

RCP #7 **failed** 4 yes 15 no

1n,2n,3y,4n,5n,6y,7n,8y,9n,10y,11n,12n,13y,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Tec-n,Saf-n,PDn

RCP # 8 amended to read take out MSRP and add\$550, **passed** 13 yes 6 no

1y,2y,3y,4y,5n,6y,7y,8n,9n,10n,11y,12y,13y,VPy,Sec-n,Tre-y,Tec-y,Saf-y,PDn

RCP #9 amended to read "all drivers must be at least 8 yrs. Old and competed for 1 year and run at least 80% **failed** 3 yes 16 no

1n,2y,3n,4n,5n,6n,7n,8n,9n,10n,11n,12n,13n,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Tec-n,Saf-y,PDn

RCP #10 **failed** 3 yes 16 no

1n,2n,3n,4n,5n,6n,7n,8n,9n,10y,11y,12n,13n,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Tec-n,Saf-n,PDy

RCP #11 **passed** 13 yes, 4 no

All removable roll cages will conform to all appropriate specifications as follows and be raced only in the Novice class.

Proposed Implementation Date: IMMEDIATELY

1n,2y,3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8n,9n,10y,11y,12n,13y,VPn,Sec-y,Tre-y,tec-y,Saf-y,PDn

RCP #12 **passed** 17 yes 2 no

The switch must be installed so that when the handle is down or to the rear the ignition is off.

1y,2y,3y,4y,5n,6y,7y,8n,9y,10y,11y,12y,13y,VPy,Sec-y,Tre-y,Tec-y,Saf-y,PDy

RCP #13 **passed** 12 yes 7 no

If a car is rolling and obviously going dead on the track and the flagman throws the yellow flag for safety before the car goes dead on the track, that car will be restarted at the rear of the pack and will be charged with a DOT unless a call is made.

1y,2y,3y,4y,5n,6y,7y,8n,9n,10n,11n,12n,13y,VPy,Sec-y,Tre-y,Tec-y,Saf-y,PDn

RCP #14 **pulled** by region

RCP 15 **failed** 2 yes 16 no, 1 absent

1n,2n,3n,4y,5n,6n,7n,8n,9y,10n,11n,12n,13nVPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Saf-n,PDn

RCP # 16 **failed**8 yes 10 no

1y,2n,3y,4y,5y,6n,7n,8n,9y,10y,11y,12n,13y,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Tec-n,PDn

RCP #17 tabled until Saturday

RCP #18 **passed** 10 yes, 9 no

Article 5 Sec 2 Table 5-1

Super Stock Junior	5-8	N/A	250lbs.	160lbs.
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Super Stock Senior	9-15	N/A	285lbs.	160lbs.
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Proposed Implementation Date: Jan 1, 2004

1n,2n,3y,4y,5n,6n,7y,8n,9n,10n,11y,12y,13y,VPy,Sec-y,Tec-n,Saf-n,PDy,Tre-absent, Pres-y

Note President voted to break a tie

RCP #19 amended to reading hot chute and staging area **passed** 15 yes 4 no
Heating tires prior to racing or qualifying with any device using external or internal energy sources other than direct sunlight on the tire surface or tire cover is prohibited in the hot chute and staging area. Tire covers may not be heated prior to use on the car and may not contain any heating devices.
1y,2y,3y,4y,5n,6y,7y,8n,9y,10y,11n,12y,13n,VPy,Sec-y,Tre-y,Tec-y,Saf-y,PDy

RCP #20 **passed** 13 yes 6 no
Refusal of claim on a Honda motor is an automatic 6 month suspension on first offense.
1n,2n,3n,4n,5y,6y,7y,8n,9y,10y,11y,12y,13y,VPy,Sec-y,Tre-n,Tec-y,Saf-y,PDy

RCP #21 **failed** 1 yes 18 no
1n,2n,3n,4n,5n,6n,7n,8n,9n,10n,11n,12n,13n,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Saf-n,PDy

RCP #22 **failed** 7 yes 11 no
1n,2n,3y,4n,5n,6y,7n,8y,9n,10y,11n,12y,13y,VPn,Sec-n,Tre-n,Saf-y,PDn

RCP #23 amended to read effective 1/1/05 **pulled** by region

RCP #24 amended to read to allow regions that want to run it as an exhibition class may **failed** 6 yes 12 no
1n,2n,3y,4n,5n,6n,7y,8y,9n,10n,11n,12y,13n,VPabsent,Sec-y,Tre-n,Tec-n,Saf-n,PDy

RCP #25 amended to read to allow regions that want to run it as an exhibition class may **failed** 6 yes 12 no
1n,2n,3y,4n,5n,6n,7y,8y,9n,10n,11n,12y,13n,VPabsent,Sec-y,Tre-n,Tec-n,Saf-n,PDy

Dave Fox moved in the case of a tie in qualifying, QMA to use the second fastest lap as the tie breaker. Steve Chopko seconded the motion. A discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Ranstrom moved the send a procedures manual to each new member. Dave Fox seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Rick pulled the motion.

Patty Abbott made a presentation to the meeting on photo ID laminated QMA badges. The group agreed unanimously that this is a good idea and authorized the board to proceed. The board will make the RD's and the board Photo ID's for this year to show the membership what we will be enforcing next year.

A discussion was held of the X-cars and the best way to judge when cars are eligible to take the green flag. Mike Williams moved to remove the X-car. David Ames seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Motion failed 11no,7yes.
1n,2n,3y,4n,5n,6n,7n,8y,9n,10y,11y,12y,13n,VPy,Saf-n,Sec-n,Tre-n, PDy

Kim Kendall told the group how much each states race host club would receive from the 2003 season. She also asked the RD's to e-mail her to let here know where the 2004 states races will be held. She offered two options to the meeting regarding Hardship Waivers – 1. end the hardships or 2 split the fee 50/50 between the club and QMA.

Dave Fox moved to split the Hardship Waiver Fee 50/50 or \$75/\$75 between the host club and QMA National. Mike Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed 15 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention.
2n,3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9n,10y,11y,12y,13y,1n,VPy,Sec-y,Tre-y,Saf-y,PDy

Kim would like to institute a policy if you don't present your expense receipts to QMA within 30 days they won't be paid.

Riley Rees moved effective 2/6/04 expense receipts must be received by the National Treasurer within 30 days for reimbursement. Charlie Cagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 17 yes to 1 no.
3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9n,10y,11y,12y,13y,VPy,Sec-y,Tre-y,Saf-y,PDy

Kim will e-mail who has paid their charters and insurance to all the RD's on a regular basis until they are all paid.

Kim Kendall moved that all QMA club charters are due 10/1 annually with a late date of 12/31 annually with a \$100 penalty for late payment. Mike Williams seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Motion passed 15 yes to 2 no 1 absent
4y,5y,6y,7y,8n,9n,10y,11absent,12y,13y,1y,2y,3y,VPy,Sec-y,Saf-y,PDy,Tre-y.

Curt Sullivant asked if you apply for a Non Racing Charter and you decide to have a Racing Charter within the same year will it transfer over and the answer was yes.

Kim reviewed the Grands Contract. She noted that she would like to see a limit on what clubs can charge members to park. A discussion was held.

Riley Rees motioned that trailer parking at QMA grands is to not exceed \$50 for small trailers and \$75 for large trailers effective 1/1/2005. Michelle Barzee seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Riley amended his motion to read

the maximum parking fee for a QMA Grands per trailer is \$100, effective 1/1/2005. Curt Biro seconded the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Chopko moved to accept the Financial report as presented. Tisha Bucanek seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Michelle Barzee was asked by Curt to address the issue of DQ'd drivers getting trophies. Michelle suggested that it would be up to the club hosting the event. If they are a DQ for 2 calls, or tech, the club can make that decision and if they do give out a trophy, that child would be moved to the last place position of that main and all they would have to do is change out the plate to read PARTICIPANT. With the new trophy rule, everyone would still go home with a trophy/award.

Dave Fox suggested the tech group look into a specification for QMA fuel tanks.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM PST.

February 7, 2004

The National Board of Directors and the Regional directors went into executive session at 8:05 AM PST. Curt called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM PST. All National Board members except Kim Kendall were present along with all of the Regional Directors.

Glenn Lewis moved that the maximum intake valve size in the B class to be 1.500". Seconded by Michelle Barzee. A discussion was held. The motion passed 14 yes 3 no.

1y,2y,3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9y,10n,11n,12y,13y,VPy,Sec-y,PDn,Tec-y

Glenn Lewis moved QMA reserves the right to confiscate 120/160 Honda engine parts deemed illegal or at QMA maximum wear limits. EXAMPLE: Cylinder bore will be 2.365 max. Note: All measurements taken at top of bore or very bottom of bore parallel to crank 90 degrees from crank. Any cylinder block that one measurement is over QMA maximum wear limits will be taken out of service. If no measurements exceed QMA maximum wear limits the part or block will not be confiscated. Handler has the right to have confiscated parts at QMA wear limits returned to them, but it will be rendered unusable.

Riley Rees seconded the motion. The motion passes 18 yes 1 no.

2y,3y,4y,5y,6y,7y,8y,9n,10y,11y,12y,13y,1y,VPy,Saf-y,Sec-y,PDy,Tre-y,Tec-y

Curt reviewed the Grands Contract and a line was added to the contract:
The undersigned has read and agrees to abide by the above conditions subject to a penalty to be decided by Regional Directors and National Board present.

The maximum cap that the facility charges for golf car permits will be the maximum that the host club can charge for golf carts. The club also has the option for no golf carts at all if they so choose. To avoid danger to all participants, all golf cart drivers must have a current driver's license.

Glenn asked that the host clubs make sure the tech staff is supported.

A voice vote was taken on the changes to the Grands Contract and passed with no dissenting votes.

Prior to the presentations for the Eastern Grands, Portland was awarded the 2005 Western Grands and Terre Haute was awarded the Dirt Grands as they were the only club bidding.

North Jersey QMA and North Georgia made their presentations for the 2005 Eastern Grands. North Georgia won the bid by 12 to 7 vote. Congratulations were offered to North Georgia.

The group held a discussion of fuel testing. It was suggest that all fuel be tested at the Grands and a recommended fuel test procedure was described. There were no objections to the changes in the fuel testing procedure.

Fuel Testing:

Fuel Test procedure- Clubs to specify one location for purchase of fuel within a close proximity to racing facility. Identify one mid range octane fuel (Suggested:89 Octane) Clubs publish location and Octane for the season on race schedules and promo material. Club must also purchase one gallon or more of same for each event for comparative sample. Alternative: "Track Fuel" = Track to supply all fuel at nominal fee. This is on a voluntary basis for the clubs it is not mandatory.

Steve addressed the issue of video cameras in the cars. He inserted as a rule clarification on pare 19 section 2; video cameras may be used as long as they do not interfere with a driver's helmet and they are permanently secured to the roll cage. There were no objections to this clarification.

Steve clarified data acquisition systems placed on the steering wheel and noted that due to the padding required on the steering wheel they are not allowed in that location. There was a discussion regarding when a data acquisition system or tach may be turned on. No data acquisition systems can be touched when they are underneath the tailcone at anytime when on the racetrack.

Steve clarified page 18 21.j.3 and removed "cotter pin" from the rule book and substituted 6/32 minimum 10/32 maximum bolt.

Add to Article 4, Modification of any car construction specification for a Quarter Midget or Half Midget class necessary for a physically disabled child must be approved by the National Safety Director on a case by case basis.

Add to Article 1, Introduction, To support all children who wish to participate in the growth in Quarter Midget racing. To work with families with handicap children to meet their needs to allow the children to participate.

Steve noted that helmet hooks are not allowed within the perimeter of the roll cage.

No decorative lights on any QMA racecar.

Curt adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:40 PM PST.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:40 PM PST. The RD from region 11 had left to go to the airport; Glenn Lewis had also left for the airport. All other officers were present.

Steve Chopko moved rule changes from Curt Sullivant. Michelle Barzee seconded the motion.

Article 8 Section 3

If a car from the original line up is unable to lineup on the initial start the alternate car will be sent out after a lineup is called for and will start in the rear of the field. If a car from the original lineup is past the designated line on the track (nose over the line) before the initial green flag falls the driver may rejoin the lineup at the rear of the field.

In the case where a car from the original lineup is past the designated line on the track before the initial green flag falls and the alternate car is on the track, the flagger will throw the caution flag if there are more cars on the track than allowed by Article 5 Section 1.

The alternate car will be removed from the lineup and double file initial start will follow. The alternate car will return to the standby position until the initial green flag falls.

Motion passed 11 yes 6 no.

3y,4n,5n,6y,7y,8n,9n,10y,11absent,12y,13y,1y,2y,VPn,Saf-y,PDy,Sec-y,Tre-n

Rule book clarifications. It was decided due to the time that Patty would get a copy of the clarifications to each NBOD member and each Rd for review in the mail as soon as the National Meeting minutes are complete.

There was a suggestion brought up by Michelle Barzee that we go back to the pocket size rulebook and to print them each year like we have in years past, it was voted on and passed 14 yes, 1 no, 3 absent

1y, 2y, 3y, 4y, 5y, 6absent, 7y, 8absent, 9y, 10y, 11absent, 12y, 13y, VPy, Saf-y, Sec-y, PDn, Tre-y

John Mitchell asked that a new section be added to the QMA Publications section titled Website. Passed by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Kim Kendall moved that the regions no longer be required to run a RQM race. Patty Abbott seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Motion passed 14 yes 1 no.

2y, 3y, 4y, 5y, 6absent, 7y, 8absent, 9n, 10y, 11absent, 12y, 13y, 1y, VPy, Sec-y, Tre-y, Saf-y, PDy

The Regional Directors agreed that regions 1 and 2 can run batch timing at their States race if they so choose on a trial basis only.

It was asked if Mini Indy has paid their fine yet for the issue with the open practice a few days before the Eastern Grands began. Curt noted that the fine was for \$2500.00 and it still has not been paid but right before the National meeting Curt talked to the President of Mini Indy and he said that the check has been sent out.

Region 4 asked for a variance to run their Region 4 regional series of 8 races with 2 DOT's and two calls as a one year trial and that a car may only enter the pits one time during a caution. The group will allow the 2 DOT's and 2 calls but will not allow the pit procedure.

Region 4 also requested to omit novices from the Region 4 regional races, this was discussed by the RD's and the board and they said No that Region 4 must allow Novices to run in the Regional races.

All club officers must be full QMA members before taking office when their term begins.

Tisha moved to adjourn the 2004 QMA National Meeting. Michelle Barzee seconded the motion. The 2004 National Meeting of Quarter Midgets of America adjourned at 3:38 PM PST.