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## Minutes

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VINTAGE RACING,  
LTD.

Regular Board Meeting  
on November 12, 2003  
2465 S. Downing St.  
Denver, CO (Credit Union  
Conference Room)

### Board Members Present:

Bob Darcey, President  
Norm Petitt, President Elect  
Ryssa Gransee, Secretary  
Steve Gesse, Treasurer  
Andy Gould  
Walt Hane  
John Mihalich, Jr.  
Karen Miklin  
Joe Pizzi  
Ross Robbins  
Janet Urbanek

### Excused Absence:

Bill Fleming

### Call to Order: 7:00 PM

President, Bob Darcey had the following announcements:

Very sad and surprising news reached RMVR that Bill Temple passed away on November 5, 2003, from complications following back surgery. Bill drove #169 Formula Vee and was a refreshing and interesting personality. Our condolences go out to this family and close personal friends. A memorial service for Bill was held on November 15, 2003 in Loveland, CO.

On a brighter note, there are significant changes underway with the RMVR website. As we discussed last month, we want the site to play a larger role in our program. Bob spoke with John Bundy, and concluded that John would not be able to devote the amount of time we will need in the

## Do You Remember Ernie?

Before our memories fade, before no one knows why RMVR's highest award "The Spirit of Vintage Racing" is named the Ernie Weil Award, we want to collect your stories. We plan to make a book of anecdotes, memories, and stories which would give a picture of Ernie's personality, character, sense of humor, knowledge, etc. to show why he is honored.

Any video bits we could borrow and put together?

*Before the holidays set in Please send reminiscences to:* Decker Swann, 980 South Fulton Street, Denver CO 80247.  
e-mail is [deckerswann@earthlink.net](mailto:deckerswann@earthlink.net). (No attachments please – can't always open them.) Do it NOW! At least by Dec 20 so we can get it together for the Annual banquet. THANKS

short period we have to make these changes. The Board thanks John for being our Webmaster over the past year and a half and developing a fine website. Katja Stokley has assumed the Webmaster position and has been working double overtime to get a new site developed. She is working most closely with Bob Alder, with a few others helping out where and when we can, and the new site should be unveiled in the next week or so. Improvements include an on-line Vintage Messenger, better access to printable forms, more contacts and a really good "How To Get Started" section for helping newcomers become more interested in vintage racing. A secondary benefit is that Katja will become document control central for RMVR, since we discovered in this process that our document control has been somewhat sketchy. A huge thanks go to Katja Stokley and Bob Alder, for putting a tremendous amount of effort into this project. You will like the results.

### MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed as emailed out. Ross Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm Petitt seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Steve Gesse presented the Treasurer's report. Steve indicated that unless something unexpected crops up, RMVR should only show about a \$5,000 reduction in the cash balance **for 2003**. This is very good considering estimates from early in the year. This is due to diligently cutting expenses versus income for the year.

Steve then presented a refined version of the 2004 budget and indicated that it would continue to be refined through the end of 2003. The current 2004 budget deficit is in excess of \$5,000. The goal is to have a \$2,500 to \$3,000 income budgeted for 2004. This will involve finding an additional \$8,000 in savings for 2004.

### CHIEF'S REPORTS:

#### *Chief Steward:*

Bill Howard stated that with only two weeks between the last two races, penalties were given out verbally and the punishments appropriately served. He will get the information to Catie Davis for publication in the Vintage Messenger.

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The regular RMVR Board Meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7 p.m. at 2465 S. Downing St., Denver, CO (Credit Union Conference Room)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

Catie Davis stated that she has requested photos and biographies for each candidate running for the Board of Directors. She will follow-up with each person to assure that the deadline is met for publication.

### *CMC Report:*

The CMC meeting was held on October 11, 2003. Bob Darcey stated that the existing officers were re-instated. The CMC officers for 2004 are: Jerry Schouten, President; Randy Williams, Vice President; Danny Collins, Secretary; and Don Gruenler, Treasurer. It was also resolved that Jerry Schouten will assume the Chairmanship of the Second Creek Management Board with the representatives of the five charter member clubs working under Jerry. Jerry has done a great job in stabilizing the CMC situation and the relationship between the CMC and Second Creek operations.

RMVR dues to CMC are due and Bob Darcey requested that Steve Gesse forward a check.

Boxing Days will be held again this year from Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>, and all members of CMC affiliate clubs can use Second Creek Raceway for test and tune for free during that period. CMC discussed the problems encountered last year, and agreed that each of the five charter clubs will provide volunteers to help Bob McCluskey in getting people to sign waivers, direct traffic, etc. This won't require a lot of time, and you will still be able to run your car. RMVR's day to help will be Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out, contact Bob McCluskey at (303) 371-6661.

### *New Track Report:*

As you may have heard by now, there is now a site selected for the new track. CMC is not disclosing the location for reasons of purchasing and zoning approval, but it should satisfy everyone's desire for elevation

change. It's in an attractive area and it is available at a reasonably good value. An offer has been prepared and will be submitted shortly, with contingencies for a variety of scenarios. A "conceptual estimate" for the project was presented and reviewed. That estimate is very general and still needs to be tailored to the specific site now under consideration. While CMC charter members have not yet received all the financial data specified in the August resolution, the 2002 tax return was reviewed, which shows the figures for last year's operation. CMC can now begin to compare the SCR results to the financial requirements for the new facility. This will help determine what CMC can afford to build. Danny Collins and Bill Howard have been working on designs. Danny presented a few options at the meeting. While there are many questions to be answered, the project is moving forward. Bob Darcey is hopeful that CMC will have a pretty clear picture by the end of the year. The difficulties in obtaining the financial data have been extraordinary and have consumed a great deal of time and energy.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### *Tentative 2004 Schedule:*

Norm Petitt made a correction to the "tentative" 2004 schedule. It is now as follows:

March 13-14	Fire Rescue School
April 10-11	Drivers School
April 24-25	Second Creek Race
June 5-6	Pueblo
July 17-18	Second Creek (RMVR charity event)
Aug. 7-8	Second Creek (backwards)
Sept. 11-12	LaJunta
Oct. 2-3	Pueblo Enduro

#### *2004 Budget for Feedback Session:*

Steve Gesse is planning to have a one-page overview of the upcoming years budget for the Feedback Session. Steve stated that we must have a plan for 2004 to begin think-

ing for 2005-2006 without Second Creek and the limited number of race venues that will require.

### *Vintage Messenger On-line:*

Bob Darcey then talked about cost savings by putting the Vintage Messenger and other related race announcement forms, tech forms, etc. on-line at the RMVR website. Bob evaluated the cost of printing the Messenger and mailing hard copies to each member. This cost includes typesetting, printing, folding, collating and stapling plus the cost of postage. The total cost is about \$8,400 per year (depending on the number of pages printed and mailed) to send out the Messenger.

Bob Darcey asked Bob Alder to run a test email to see how many of our members actually read their emails. Result was that about 300 of the 530 responded within 48 hours. Bob Alder then sent a second email to see how many would prefer to view the Messenger on the website and forego the mailed copy. Approximately 160 people responded with a yes answer.

The result is if we can reduce the number of hard copy Messengers mailed by 160 - 250 we can save from \$1,700 to \$2,600 per year. This would definitely help with curtailing expenses towards the 2004 budget.

Bob then talked about the downsides. First of all, we lose some intimacy that comes with receiving the package in the mail. Secondly, there will be some instances where people "space out" registering for an event just because that piece of paper is not lying on the kitchen table or tacked to the bulletin board. Thirdly, there are other documents that are transmitted via the Messenger that may still need to be mailed, i.e., licenses, membership cards, banquet tickets, etc. We could (and should) send out email ticklers to remind people that its time to register, and that should help. Nonetheless, it represents a relatively painless way to save some money. The 2004 membership form

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will include an option to “opt out” of the hard copy version and receive the Messenger via the website.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### *Feedback Session:*

The Feedback Session is November 22, 2003 at the American Hotel, I-70 and Kipling St. beginning at 9:00 AM. Topics have been printed in the Messenger. Any additional topics are welcome.

### *Proposed Rules Changes:*

Clive Averill and Bill Rosenbach presented information regarding a proposed rules change. This is information derived from the post card sent out last December. A brief discussion followed. Bob Darcey asked each board member to read the package presented and it will be discussed further at the December board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

A closed Board Meeting was held immediately after to vote on a candidate for the Ernie Weil award, which is presented at the annual banquet.

Respectively submitted,

Ryssa C. Gransee  
Secretary

## Are You On Line?

We are making attempts to reduce our overhead expenses in 2004. A promising development is that we now have the monthly Messenger posted on our web site, [www.RMVR.com](http://www.RMVR.com). The club spends approximately \$9000 per year to print and mail the Messenger, and a significant portion of that expense can be eliminated if “the internet folks” would simply get their Messenger via the site. All the usual “stuff,” Messenger, Volunteer News, event notices, etc. will be included, so all you will be missing is the paper. And if you print it off the site, you’ll have the paper as well!

Your 2004 *Application for Membership* form includes a box to check to forego the mailed Messenger — please give it a try. Also, there is a lot of info being distributed by Email these days, and your Email address should be on file with us. If it isn’t, send a note to our electronic mailman, Bob Alder at [r.alder@earthlink.net](mailto:r.alder@earthlink.net). Thanks.

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** 1972 Lola T-252 FSV. Complete car with extra wheels. This car requires assembly and repair of several suspension parts including a rear upright. I am also including a complete motor. \$7500.00. Tom Pester 915.845.1360.

**SHOP/STORAGE SPACE** - Need storage or work space for your vintage cars? 6000 sq. ft. of heated interior storage space and 12,000 sq. ft. of fenced outside parking for your trailers and RV’s. Near I-70 and I-25. Bob Fuller 303-333-3340 or e-mail [rkfii@mho.net](mailto:rkfii@mho.net)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Want ads will run free of charge for active members. All ads must be received by the 25th of the month to be published in the up coming issue. Ads must be received in writing and can be run for one issue only. If you want the same ad run again in the following issues – a new ad must be submitted for each issue to:

Catie Davis  
Box 2096  
Estes Park, CO 80517

**DEADLINE IS THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH**

**RMVR Web site: <http://www.rmvr.com>**

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