

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

Minutes of Special Meeting of the AROO Board of Directors

Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023

Time: 5:07 – 6:07 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Present: Chris Bright, Steve Davis, Cindy Banzer, Lila Dale, Glenn Dolphin, Paul Eklund, and Patrick Iaboni.

Excused Absences: Sue Halton (proxy to Banzer), Doug Zaitz (proxy to Banzer)

Guest(s): Yulia Smolyansky

1. Call to Order

President Chris Bright called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and declared that there was a quorum.

Bright called the Special Meeting in accordance with Article 5, Section 5 of the AROO bylaws. It was called with at least two days' written notice per Article 5, Section 6.

In the absence of Secretary Halton, Bright stated that he is recording the meeting and offered to prepare the minutes, which will be approved by the board.

2. Operation of the Meeting

Treasurer Banzer and Zaitz, prior to the meeting, had asserted that the meeting was to be run by Robert's Rules of Order, specifically pointing out that the Chair could not offer motions. Bright, in response, said that that was not true, but the meeting would be run in an orderly manner.

3. Purpose of the Meeting

Bright called this meeting to discuss the future of the Northwest Classic Challenge (NWCC). There will be a vote to agree on how to proceed with the NWCC.

4. Events of the Past Week

Bright recapped the sequence of events in order to level-set all board members about what took place around the return of Dennis Howell to procure sponsorship for NWCC, the dismissal of Chris Finks as Sponsorship Chair, the meeting that took place at the Banzer residence, the resignation of Leslie Jackson as NWCC Chair, and subsequent interactions prior to the Special Meeting, including written protests about postponing the meeting until all members could be present.

5. Current Financial Situation for NWCC

Vice President Davis reported that the current commitment to the host hotel Valley River Inn is \$2,250. Banzer further noted that expenditures to date have been \$1,323.73.

Banzer reported entry fees to date are \$19,600 (compared to \$25,600 for 2022 total) and \$10,500 in sponsorships to date.

6. Discussion

- Banzer was not supportive after 2022 performance but was encouraged by Vintage Underground's commitment. Registration and sponsorship were low in 2022. This year is looking better. More interest is being shown this year from participants. Sports Car Market has offered an e-blast to support the NWCC. *Said*
- Davis inquired about returns from 2022 and who is new. Eklund *says* that the majority appear to be returning participants.
- Eklund stated we have 26 registrations *at* *as of* this time. Expects more entrants *in* this month. Believe we have a good base and momentum is building. Does not see a reason at this time to cancel *an event* that can be successful.
- Davis said that break-even for 2023 was built around 55 paid registrations and \$20,000 in sponsorship. This was paired with a stripped-down budget. The success of NWCC is dependent on new sign-ups and we have a gap.
- Davis said that the deadline for the next step in a commitment to the Valley River Inn is early May. He also added that he is confident that the hotel will be ready.
- Banzer added that Vintage Underground and Avants are promoting the event.
- Dolphin noted we are still in a window until the next commitment increase is due to VRI. This could provide an opportunity for the committee to make progress.
- laboni pointed out that we are down by two chairs and *who* remains. Concerned about not having *enough* people. *asked* *to fill those positions.*
- Dale supports it but is concerned about the lack of *a* team. Strongly wants to do it, but *we* have to be realistic. *thinks*
- Bright said that we need to be responsible for the club's funds and the volunteer crew is thin. Rallying is a shrinking event as the "old guard" ages out. Bright also commented that the handling of Chris Finks was very poorly handled and decisions were being made without board consultation.
- Davis asked what percentage of AROO members are benefitting from this. Only 12-13 AROO members took part, only about 5% of our membership. *moved*

7. Vote on 2023 of NWCC

Dolphin *moved* [motioned] that the NWCC Committee have until May 1st to achieve at least 50 paid registrations and \$15,000 in sponsorship in order for the event to move forward. This will allow us to avoid an increase in hotel charges. This proposal has firm targets and timelines and does not increase our financial risk.

Davis noted that we will be driving registrations and have a potential for increasing disappointment should we cancel. Davis also noted there is an open issue around dinners for Friday and Saturday nights. He will contact the hotel for clarification.

Eklund seconded the motion put forth by Dolphin.

The motion passed with a vote of 7-2.

Yeas: Banzer, Dale, Davis, Dolphin, Eklund, Halton, Zaitz

Nays: Bright, laboni

8. Vote for the Appointment of NWCC Chair

Banzer *moved* [motioned] that the board appoints [Paul Eklund] as the Chair of the 2023 Northwest Classic Challenge. Dolphin seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 7-2.

Yeas: Banzer, Bright, Dale, Dolphin, Eklund, Halton, Zaitz

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could mean either
"the firing of Chris..."
or "the handling of Chris Finks was very poorly done!!"

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Nays: Davis, laboni

laboni asked for a list of volunteers and regular updates. Eklund affirmed that he would do so

provide the same.

9. Adjournment

The Special Meeting was adjourned by Bright at 6:07 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Chris Bright, President.