



VARAC 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 15th, 2020

Agenda and Supplementary Materials

The **Annual General Meeting of the Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada** will be held on Sunday, November 15th, 2020 at 10:00am EST via Zoom Webinar, available to VARAC members only. Notification to members was made by email on October 14th, 2020. Login details and voting procedure will be provided before the meeting.

If you cannot attend the Zoom meeting, ensure that your vote still counts by assigning a proxy to an attending member, and emailing the completed proxy form [appended] to the Secretary <mailto:gavin.j.ivory@gmail.com> before the meeting.

VARAC 2020 Annual General Meeting – Agenda

1. Declaration of a quorum.
2. Welcome from Ted Michalos, President.
3. *Motion* to accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising from the business portion of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.
5. Reports from Directors [see Directors Reports].
6. *Motion* to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for 2020.
7. Board of Directors for 2021.

The following Directors intend to serve the remainder of their terms as indicated:

| Position | Name | Term Expiry |
|---|-----------------|-------------|
| President; VGP Chair; Race Director | Ted Michalos | 2021 |
| Vice President, Formula Classic | Peter Viccary | 2021 |
| Treasurer | Julie Wildman | 2021 |
| Director – Conduct Co-Chair | Gord Ballantine | 2022 |
| Director, At Large | John Hawkes | 2021 |
| Eastern Director; Rules and Regulations | Chris Rupnik | 2021 |
| Director, At Large | Ivan Samila | 2022 |
| Director, Conduct Chair | Brian Thomas | 2022 |

The following Directors have completed their terms, and with Board approval are standing for reelection for the terms indicated:

| Position | Name | Term Expiry |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Vice President, Vintage/Historic | Dave Good | 2023 |
| Vice President, Classic | Rob McCord | 2023 |
| Secretary | Gavin Ivory | 2021 |
| Director, IT and Communications | Emily Atkins | 2023 |

The Board is further nominating the following member for the position of Membership Director:

| Position | Name | Term Expiry |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|
| Director, Membership | Ed Luce | 2023 |

8. Additional nominations for Directors from members.
9. Appointment of an Elections Officer.
10. The 2020 Directors who have served their terms step down.
11. Election of Directors:
 - a. Call for nominations.
 - b. Nominee presentations in the order listed above, plus any nominations from the floor.
 - c. Voting procedure, controlled by the Elections Officer.
 - d. Announcements of results.
12. *Motion* to approve the Directors for 2021 as elected.
13. The new Board of Directors conducts the remainder of the Annual General Meeting.
14. Tentative 2021 VARAC event schedule, including VGP [see Appendix] – T Michalos.
15. Member motions - the following motions have been received by the Secretary for discussion and vote by members:

Motion from Del Bruce [seconded by Gary Allen]: *“With the increase in Directors terms to 3 years, we propose a limit to 2 consecutive terms in the same position, giving a 6 year maximum limit in any director’s role on the Board.*

The proposal follows good governance practice, encourages broad participation from the membership, keeps the Board fresh as the Club evolves and brings in new people with different viewpoints and new ideas.”

Motion from Del Bruce [seconded by Gary Allen]: *“The following motion is to change the drivers challenge point system.*

Currently we award podium points for first, second and third regardless of how many cars are in the class. This has resulted in drivers being awarded full podium points with minimal competition or sometimes none at all. This method diminishes the validity of the overall championship. To win a race there must be someone to race, to best the field there must be a field. So we propose the following:

That the points system be amended as follows:

- *5 points awarded to drivers that start the race*
- *10 points awarded to drivers that finish the race*
- *13 points awarded to first in class provided there are at least 4 cars in the class, 12 points to second, 11 points to third*
- *12 points awarded to first in class when there are only 3 cars in the class, 11 for second, participation points only for third*
- *11 points awarded to first in class when there are only 2 cars in the class, participation points only for second.*
- *10 participation points only when there is only one car in the class*

Points they will be awarded according to the number of cars that actually start the race not by the entry list (a DNS does not count as a car in the class).”

Motion from Dave Good [seconded by Gavin Ivory]: *“For rotary engine powered VH cars porting modifications are limited to the extent and techniques used "in the day" (ie up to 1972).*

Specifically, "peripheral" porting is not allowed.

Reason: Current rule set is built around reciprocating engines. We limit reciprocating engine capacity, the main driver of power development to essentially the capacity of the original engine supplied in the the car. For reference a typical VH reciprocating engine in racing trim may be 1.6 to 2x power increase over stock.

Rotary engine power development is highly related to increasing port size and configuration. For reference applying radical porting, as applied mid to late 70's, to a rotary see increased power output to almost 3x stock.

By limiting rotary engine porting modifications to those being applied up to our “cut-off” date for VH we believe we are creating an equitable approach for rotaries as on the VH grid.”

16. Member discussions.

17. Other business from the floor.

18. Meeting adjourns.

Directors Reports

President/Race Director/VGP Director – Ted Michalos

2020 – the year that almost wasn't. Very early in the year it looked like there might not be any regional and/or vintage racing in 2020. As you may recall, the events scheduled in April, May and June were all cancelled, and the CDN-US border remains closed to this day. By July, enough restrictions were lifted to allow racing to occur and while a significant portion of our membership decided to sit this year out, VARAC was still able to put together a schedule that allowed those that wanted to race the opportunity to do so...

The Board decided early on that there would be no Drivers' Challenge this year as there was too much uncertainty in the schedule and any racing in 2020 would be "just for fun".

By the end of the season VARAC participated in 4 events at CTMP, 2 at Calabogie and 1 at Shannonville. Field sizes varied greatly, but we always had someone to race with, even if that meant a Classic car was racing a vintage formula ford on a Sportsmen grid. I know I had some great battles (and an unusually high number of mechanical breakdowns) this year.

As you will see in Brian Thomas' report, Conduct issues were down dramatically in 2020. I'll let you draw your own conclusions as to why that might be.

Unfortunately, after discussions with our partners at CTMP, we decided to cancel the 2020 VARAC Vintage Grand Prix. From a purely rational standpoint this was not a difficult decision, but emotionally it was hard to admit we would not be gathering with our friends this year to celebrate vintage racing in Canada. I am pleased to report that all our vendors agreed to simply roll our 2020 deposits over to 2021 so the club did not lose any money due to the cancellation.

The 2021 VARAC Vintage Grand Prix is scheduled to be held June 17 – 20. 2021 is the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Mosport Grand Prix track at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park and it promises to be a special affair.

I'd like to personally thank the Board for their time and effort this year. These are trying times and I greatly appreciate the commitment our Board members continue to make to our club. If you are interested in joining the Board, or simply becoming more involved in the club's operations please let us know – we're always able/happy to put people to work...

Here's looking to an exciting (and hopefully normal) 2021 for VARAC. I hope to see you all at the track.

Treasurer - Julie Wildman

For 2020, we ended the year with a surplus of \$3,123, compared to a loss of \$27,746 in 2019. The primary driver of VARAC's financial results is usually the VGP. This year, of course there was no VGP. Prior to the cancellation of the event due to the pandemic, we incurred \$37,386 in expenses (deposits) for the 2020 VGP which have been rolled into the 2021 event. These are shown on the financial statements as prepaid expenses. Last year we had also hosted the 40th anniversary event at Shannonville, which incurred a loss. Together, these two major events from 2019 which did not happen in 2020 represent the majority of the difference in the final surplus in 2020 versus the loss in 2019.

Our final net asset position at the end of 2020 is \$164,973.

Another note about the specific circumstances of the pandemic and its impact on VARAC's financial statements: Due to the year-end of VARAC being Aug 31, our statements reflect expenses for events that happened at the end of the prior racing season, such as celebration, the AGM meeting, and trophies. Covid will therefore impact us for the next two years as well in this sense that our financials will appear to have large swings in expenses since the 2020 racing season will span two VARAC financial years.

As was decided at 2016's AGM, and consistent with the past three years, no outside accounting firm was engaged this year. Instead, the Treasurer prepared the financial statements and tax return for VARAC. The

2020 financial statements were reviewed and found to be reasonable by three members: Gary Allen, Peter Lambrinos and Geoff McCord. A full copy of the financial statements can be made available to anyone who would like to review.

Julie Wildman

Secretary - Gavin Ivory

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors generally meets monthly to monitor and review the financial and operating matters of the Club, including those relevant to the future of VARAC. The fiscal 2020 Annual Financial Statements of are available to VARAC members upon request.

In order to inform members of the work undertaken by their Board, the following summarizes the important discussions arising during the 10 Board meetings held since the 2019 AGM:

December 4th, 2019: Cash balance \$156,321. Discussion of 2021 VGP guest grids, including Historic F1. Plans for new FClassic grid, and sharing with current VH grid.

February 5th, 2020: Cancelled due to COVID.

March 4th, 2020: Cash balance \$131,524; 162 members. Discussed 2021 VGP grids, update on events and expenses 2020 VGP. Discussed and adopted rule changes approved at the 2019 AGM: engine substitutions, addition to eligible tire list, drivers' Challenge, car class rules for FFord. Discussed new CASC race licence certification program. Discussion on number of drivers not submitting eligibility forms.

April 1st, 2019: Cash balance \$133,239; 169 members. Discussed VARAC representation on upcoming CASC mentoring program. Discussed financial impact of potentially cancelling the VGP due to COVID, including obligations/refunds to/from vendors and CTMP, and set date for go/no go. Discussed likely cancellation of early VARAC events, and ability to reschedule. Discussed safety equipment date expiries, and race medicals.

May 6th, 2020: Cash balance \$133,329; 172 members. Final decision date for proceeding with 2020 VGP remains on or about May 15. Discussed possible smaller events, for Canada based members, at CTMP, Calabogie – joint and stand-alone. Dialogue with CTMP to share 60th anniversary marketing for the 2021 VGP. Updated on Tremblant plans for 2020 racing. Discussed the formation of a new Canadian umbrella race organization [GDS].

May 15th, 2020: Special meeting to discuss the 2020 VGP. Decision to cancel approved. Further discussion on possibilities of other race events later in the season.

June 3rd, 2020: Cash balance \$133,328; 172 members. Rolled 2020 VGP expenditures into credits for the 2021 VGP. Discussed remaining 2020 events, including new VARAC grid at Calabogie. Discussed 2021 VGP feature grid possibilities. Discussed newly formed ASN Canada, and possible impacts on CASC and VARAC. Discussed recently announced plans for a new track facility near Barrie, ON.

July 8th, 2020: Cash balance \$134,145. Reviewed remaining VARAC event schedule, as Ontario and Quebec move to allow events to proceed. Review of experience of FVs on VH grids. CTMP postpones joint 2021 anniversary marketing plans. Discussion on protocol for moving VARAC/VMC novice licence holders to full licence. Reviewed VARAC track policies for COVID-19.

September 2nd, 2020: Cash balance \$125,393; 208 members. Reviewed 2020 AGM preparations and plans, including financial statements and Board slate. Discussion on pre-existing qualifications required to bypass VARAC/VMC novice designation. Approved rules to enable graduation from VARAC/VMC to full licence. Reviewed 2020 Conduct Committee penalties assessed, and overall state of VARAC racing behaviour. Discussed use of forward-facing visibility lights for formula cars.

October 7th, 2020: Cash balance \$128,132. Discussed and approved revisions to the breakout rules applying to the Drivers' Championship. Ceased discussions with CTMP for joint 2021 marketing plans. Reviewed

tentative 2021 VGP schedule and pricing. Further 2020 AGM planning. Discussed and agreed on draft eligibility rules for rotary powered VH cars. Reviewed and approved fiscal 2020 Financial Statements, following independent review. Discussed Conduct Committee review of recent incidents. Current membership review - down only 15 versus 2019. Discussed plans for a Formula Classic grid at select 2021 VARAC events. Reviewed recent changes to CVQ [Quebec vintage racing] grids. Discussed intentions to dovetail VARAC mentor program into the similar upcoming CASC program.

November 4th, 2020 – [not available at the time of distribution]

Vice-President, Vintage/Historic – Dave Good

- We had very good VH participation at race events in numbers and in conduct
- For VARAC's "return to racing" provided input & review for COVID-19 mitigation protocols
- Provided guidance to new members on how to enter the vintage racing and on car preparation
- Researched engine preparation regs for rotary engine powered cars in VH
- There's been an undercurrent of discussion around eligibility and compliance for cars on the VH grid-a separate discussion on this will follow

Vice President, Formula Classic – Peter Viccary

Considering that 2020 is the year that nearly wasn't, I think that Ontario regional racing and VARAC in particular have had a pretty successful year.

Lots of racers decided to take a pass this year, which was perfectly understandable, but some racers who might have travelled south raced at home and enjoyed the socially responsible comradery. We fell into the later category.

Formula Classic's goal is still to recruit enough cars to support a VARAC open wheel only grid at selected CASC regionals, and I think we saw enough progress in that direction this year that by next year it may be possible.

One of my more significant jobs is still to assist in a smooth transition of F1200 onto the mixed V/H grid. To help facilitate this, I attended the Formula 1200 Drivers Association banquet and meetings pre Covid. I am also included on their e-mail communications.

As we all know, our VGP was a victim of the COVID lock down. Unfortunately, that meant the loss of a visit from VRGs very successful and well supported Formula Ford Challenge Series. We expect to have them back next year. I believe that the presence of this highly successful group at CTMP would be enough to motivate some Ontario racers to take up Formula Ford.

I still believe that F1200 and Formula Ford show the greatest potential for growth in Ontario. Having said that, this year we welcomed two new wings & slicks cars to our VARAC family. We can only hope for more.

PV

IT and Communications – Emily Atkins

Owing to the truncated racing season and the unfortunate cancellation of the VGP, the volume of email communications, website changes and social media posts was considerably lower in 2020 than in previous years. For example, in 2020 VARAC sent 20 emails through Constant Contact between January and October 14. By contrast, in 2019 that number was 28.

Our communications with members continue to be well received, with open rates well above 60 percent and click throughs averaging around 60 percent for the Pit Signals distributions. Campaigns for other Constant Contact users average under 20 percent for opens and 8.5 percent for click-throughs.

On Facebook the VARAC official page gained almost 200 followers over the course of the year. As well, two groups that we administer, "VARAC G70, G90, Classic" and "VARAC" have also been growing. The former

added 40 new members over the year, while the latter zoomed from six members to almost 120 thanks to promotional efforts by BOD member Chris Rupnick and the communications director.

We look forward to more social media involvement from VARAC members in 2021. Please share your stories and photos any time.

At-Large – John Hawkes

I spent the early part of the year contacting new members and rookie drivers.

Intent was to find out what got new members in and what would help to keep them in the club and racing.

Conversation was focused on two topics: the mentor program hatched by CASC and Ray Arlauskas to transition DE drivers to Race drivers and general novice concerns and questions.

There was some confusion about the CASC program and the role or overlapping work of the driver conduct group. This has been revamped for 2021 under Paul Subject and should be better.

There is still a need for a go-to resource for new racing members to contact to guide them through their first year particularly as it relates to at track preparation and conduct reporting after on- track sessions.

I'm happy to continue to be that resource.

John

Rules and Regulations – Chris Rupnik

2020 brings to close the second of my three year team as Eastern Director with additional roles as the Rules Director and Chairperson for the Awards committee. I actively participated in 4 events this year, supporting both VARAC events put on at Calabogie Motorsport Park.

During this special year there were some rules updates from the previous year AGM - as well as improving precision on other aspects of the ruleset. I look forward to continue to serve as director for you in 2021 - and look forward to being able to see all of you at the track.

Membership – Ivan Samila

2020 has been a challenging year for Vintage racing. No VARAC Vintage GP, limited regional racing, and when we were out racing, no spectators and limited crew! And let's not forget to mention, no traveling to events south of the border!

On the bright side, VARAC membership was still strong and event participation by VARAC members was generally good. We saw only a slight drop in membership renewals over last year which was most likely due to Covid-19 concerns. Another bright light for VARAC was the increase in new members. People who had raced in other CASC series in the past have now joined the ranks of VARAC.

We keep our fingers crossed that 2021 will see the light at the end of the tunnel as far as Covid- 19 restriction are concerned. We all want to get back to what we love to do, vintage racing.

Here are the numbers for 2019 and 2020

| | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------|------------------|
| Total Membership: | 232 | 217 |
| Honorary & Lifetime Members: | 17 | 16 |
| OUT OF PROVINCE BROKEN DOWN AS: | 17 | 13 |
| Provincial breakdown | | |
| QUEBEC – 14 | | QUEBEC – 10 |
| SASKATCHEWAN – 1 | | SASKATCHEWAN – 1 |
| MANITOBA – 1 | | MANITOBA – 1 |
| ALBERTA – 1 | | ALBERTA – 1 |
| ONTARIO - 212 | | ONTARIO – 203 |
| IN THE UNITED STATES: | | United States: |
| NEW YORK – 1, NEW JERSEY – 1, OHIO – 1 | | NEW YORK: 1 |

None returning members from 2018-2019 season 56 (most likely Covid-19 related)

41 NEW MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER 2019

ELIGIBILITY FORMS:

327 CARS REGISTERED IN DATABASE

255 ELIGIBILITY FORMS CONFIRMED

CLASSIC – 109 VH – 126 Formula -- 20

One last thing. Colleen and I have been running membership for the past 5 years. In that time Colleen has taken the membership management process from a bunch of Excel spread sheets and cumbersome membership dues process to an entirely on line, one application system. The online membership management system called SUMAC is an integrated membership database, car number, on-line eligibility form system and online membership dues processing system. We would like to pass this onto the next membership director within the next year, 2021 or 2022 season.

We will provide support to whomever takes our place to insure a smooth transition. Please think about either yourself, or some other than VARAC member who may be interested in getting involved in the day to day management of this wonderful vintage racing club we call VARAC.

Feel free to contact us if you are interested in the role of Membership Director.

Thank you all for supporting VARAC this year and look forward to an even better 2021 - please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the membership experience.

2020 Renewals

Renewals for 2020 will be accepted as of Nov. 1, 2020. For members who have already paid for 2020, thank you. We will be completing your membership process commencing Nov. 1, 2020

Ivan and Colleen Samila

Membership directors

Conduct – Brian Thomas

CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the 12 members who served on the VARAC 2020 CC.

Gord Ballantine- Deputy Chairman, Gary Allen, Gavin Ivory, Ed Luce, John Greenwood, Richard Navin, Andrew Atkins, Emily Atkins, Christopher Creighton, Chris Rupnick, Rob McCord, Geoff McCord.

All members put forth considerable effort and time to insure the proper decisions were reached in reviewing all cases.

All driver probations and / or suspensions were reported to the VMC in a timely fashion.

2020 RACING EVENTS

As we are all aware the Covid-19 pandemic drastically shortened our racing season.

July 4 / 5 CASC CTMP

1 spin-off single incidents, contact with barrier. Warning letter issued

2 spin-off multicar incident with minor contact. Warning letters issued

July 5 CALABOGIE

1 spin-off single incidents, no contact, Warning letter issued

Aug 15 / 16 SHANNONVILLE

2 spins-off single incidents, no contact, Warning letter issued

1 spin-off multi incidents, no contact, Warning letter issued

1 spin-off multi incidents, no contact, 1 event probation

Aug. 29 / 30 CALABOGIE CUP

1 spin-off single incidents, no contact, Warning letter issued

1 spin-off single incidents, no contact, failed to report, 3 month probation

Sept. 19 / 20 BEMC LATE INDIAN SUMMER

- 1 spin-off multi incidents no contact, Warning letter issues.*
- 1 spin-off single incidents no contact. Warning letters issued*
- 1 spin-off single car incident, heavy wall contact, 13 month probation*
- 1 spin-off single car incident, failed to report, 3 month probation*
- 1 single car incident, off course pass, Warning letters issued*
- 1 oiling the track, major clean up required, Warning letter issued*

Sept.27 / 28 Fall Classic Tremblant

- 1 four wheels off, multi in same race, 6 months probation*

October 03 / 04. CASC CELEBRATION

- 2- spin, single car incidents, no contact, Warning letters issued.*
- 2- 4 wheels off, single car incident, no contact, Warning letters issued.*
- 1- unsportsman like conduct, multi car incidents, no contact, Warning letter issued*
- 2- spin, single car incidents, minor wall contact, Warning letters issued.*
- 1- spin, single car incidents, no contact, 3 month probation, letter issued*
- 1- car / car contact, multi car incident, minor damage, did not report. 13 month probation, *R1 item forwarded to VARAC Race Director*
- 1- car / car contact, multi car incident, major damage, Warning letter issued*
- 1- car / car contact, multi car incident, no damage, did not report. 13 month probation, letter issued*
- 1- spin, single car incident, minor damage, mechanical, Warning letter issued*

In closing, all VARAC members should read the driver conduct rules prior to the next racing season. A spin is a spin is a spin staying on the track does not negate a spin. If you have an incident you MUST report to the conduct committee. Failure to report an incident can carry a far greater penalty than a 4 wheels off no contact or no contact spin.

Thank You,

Brian Thomas

Chairman

VARAC Driver Conduct Committee

Appendix

VARAC tentative 2021 schedule

| Dates | Event | Track | Classes (Points) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| May 8-9 | Spring Trophy Races | CTMP | VH, CL (VH, CL, FC) |
| May 29-30 | Spring Classic | Mount Tremblant | VH, CL (VH, CL) |
| June 17-20 | Vintage Grand Prix | CTMP | VH, CL, FC (VH, CL, FC) |
| July 24-25 | Summer Classic | Mount Tremblant | VH, CL – no points |
| July 24-25 | Vintage Races | Waterford Hills | VH – no points |
| July 31- Aug 1 | Canadian Touring Trophy Races | CTMP | CL, FC (CL, FC) |
| Aug 7 | Peter Jackson Races | Shannonville | VH, CL, FC (VH, CL, FC – double) |
| Aug 14-15 | VGP au Grattan | Grattan | VH, CL, FC – no points |
| Aug 21-22 | Calabogie Cup Race Weekend | Calabogie | VH (VH, FC) |
| Sep 18-19 | Indian Summer Trophy Races | CTMP | VH, CL (VH, CL, FC) |
| Sep 25-26 | Fall Classic | Mount Tremblant | VH, CL – no points |
| Oct 2-3 | Celebration of Motorsport | CTMP | VH, CL, FC (VH, CL, FC) |

Proxy Ballot

VARAC 2020 Annual General Meeting

November 15, 2020

Proxy Holder

Print name:

[Member designated to vote at the AGM on behalf of absent member]

Authorized by

Signature and print name:

[Member granting voting authority to Proxy Holder]

Notes:

- *Each Proxy voted requires a completed Proxy Ballot.*
- *Completed Proxy Ballots must be emailed to the Secretary by Nov 8*
<mailto:gavin.j.ivory@gmail.com>.