



VARAC 2020 Annual General Meeting

Date/Time: November 15th, 2020 / 10:00am

Location: via Zoom Webinar

Present: Ted Michalos [Chair], Emily Atkins, Gord Ballantine, Chris Rupnik, Dave Good, John Hawkes, Gavin Ivory, Rob McCord, Ivan Samila, Brian Thomas, Peter Viccary, Julie Wildman.

Absent: None

- **Business arising from the 2019 AGM.** None.
- **Review and approval of minutes** of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

M/S/C¹ That the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted and approved.

- **Quorum:** G Ivory reported 45 members were present in person and none by proxy, constituting an AGM quorum [being greater than 10% of the 217 members, as of the AGM].
- **Opening remarks from Ted Michalos, President.** T Michalos welcomed members, introduced the current Board and noted the attendance for this Zoom meeting was approximately the same as AGM's in recent years.
- **Directors' reports.** The 2020 AGM Agenda and Supplementary Materials [including highlights of the 2020 Board activities, Directors' reports, and proposed motions and discussion topics] were emailed to members on October 14th, along with minutes of the 2019 AGM. At the 2020 AGM, Directors provided the following comments on presentation slides [in quotes] and during the meeting regarding their 2020 activities:

- **President/Race Director/VGP Chair – Ted Michalos**
 - “No racing in April, May or June 2020. VGP cancelled. 4 events at CTMP, 2 at Calabogie, 1 at Shannonville. Given that our members are some of the most “at risk” people we had a very active and successful year once things got started.”
 - The 2021 VGP is expected to proceed, even without US entrants. Without US racers, attendance is likely to be around 180 [vs normal around 220] in which case costs will be adjusted lower.
- **Treasurer – Julie Wildman**
 - “Surplus of \$3,123 for year ended August 31, 2020. Compared to \$27,746 loss at August 31, 2019. Vintage Grand Prix was cancelled, all deposits rolled forward to 2021 VGP. Net assets at August 31, 2020 are \$164,973. Financial statements are available to anyone that would like to review.”
 - There was no financial harm arising from the cancellation of the 2019 VGP. The financial statements were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C² That the 2020 VARAC financial statements as presented be accepted and approved.

- **Vice President, Vintage/Historic – Dave Good:** No points scoring in 2020. Good VH participation in races. Reviewed COVID-19 protocols at events. Provided guidance to new racers. Prepared rules for rotary engine eligibility.

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- **Vice President, Classic – Rob McCord:** Good attendance at events in 2020, and adherence to eligibility rules. Will be promoting better participation by CL3 and CL4 racers in 2021.
 - Question: re eligibility of a car built from the ground up as new? Response: Eligible if built to the rule set that applies to the car.
- **Vice President, Formula Classic – Peter Viccary:** Goal is to establish a stand-alone FC grid at three to four events in 2021 CASC Regional events. Formula cars now eligible to run on the VH grid will continue to have that option. Reviewed the benefits of forward-facing visibility lights, urging Formula drivers to use one. Expect to have greater future participation from FFord and F1200 [including more from the US].
- **Secretary – Gavin Ivory**
 - “9 regularly scheduled, 1 special meeting (cancel VGP). BoD meetings held in 2020. Summary of minutes distributed in the AGM package.”
 - The 2020 Board functioned efficiently and productively, adapting well to the Zoom format.
- **IT and Communications – Emily Atkins**
 - “Due to the reduced season e-mails, web postings and social media were considerably lower in 2020. “Open and click through” rates were higher than for most organizations 60% and 60% respectively, averages are 20% and 8.5%. Facebook and VARAC pages are growing, adding 200 followers in 2020: “VARAC G70, G90, Classic” grew by 40, and “VARAC” grew from 6 to 120 thanks to efforts by Chris Rupnik and myself [Emily].”
 - Transition to new groups platform has been very successful.
- **Membership - Ivan Samila**
 - “Paid members 217 (2019 was 232). Lifetime/Honorary 17 (17). 41 new members in 2020, 56 retired. 255 Eligibility forms on file out of 327 cars listed in the club: VH 126 (118); Classic 109 (83); Formula Classic 20. If you want to make certain of your car number make sure you have submitted an eligibility form.”
 - Good support from members not racing this year. Still looking for Eligibility forms from less active members.
 - Car numbers are retained by members in good standing with current Eligibility forms. If the car is sold, the number may be retained by the new owner, or returned to the pool. Numbers associated with memberships lapsed for two years will be returned to the pool. Members having numbers described as “dormant” where another member is interested in that number may be invited to have a mutual conversation to determine if an exchange is possible.
 - The new Membership Director will be able to expand the Sumac database output features to include member history, photos, etc.
- **Conduct – Brian Thomas**
 - The season began satisfactorily for the Conduct Committee, but was marred by numerous infractions in the final two events.
 - Members were reminded of the severe penalties for failure to report, and urged members to be familiar with Conduct Rules.
- **Rules and Awards Committee – 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.”

- **Director at Large – John Hawkes**
 - Provided Mentorship Program to new members [15-20 reached in 2020], involving a “welcoming landing” with procedures including Conduct, and self-preparation. CASC and VARAC are working jointly in mentorship efforts.
- **Conduct Co-Chair – Gord Ballantine**
 - Assisted with the Conduct Committee and the Mentorship Program, and will working CASC in 2021 on the new racer licence graduation program.

M/S/C² That the actions of the 2020 Board be accepted.

- **Election of directors.** T Michalos acted as Elections Officer and reviewed the terms of current 12 Directors. The terms of following directors expire at the 2020 AGM:
 - Dave Good – Vice President, Vintage/Historic: standing for re-election; three-year term ending 2023
 - Rob McCord – Vice President, Classic: standing for re-election; three-year term ending 2023
 - Gavin Ivory, Secretary: standing for re-election; one-year term ending 2021
 - Emily Atkins – IT and Communications: standing for re-election; three-year term ending 2023

The remaining Directors are serving continue to serve with terms as follows:

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

The following members were nominated and seconded as Directors as follows:

- Cameron Crerar [E Atkins / A Atkins] – At Large; three-year term ending 2023.
- Ed Luce [T Michalos / I Samila] – Membership; three-year term ending 2023.

M/S/C³ That Dave Good, Rob McCord, Gavin Ivory, Emily Atkins, Cameron Crerar, Ed Luce be elected as Directors with terms and positions as defined above.

The new Board for 2021 conducts the remainder of the meeting, after the new Board members introduced themselves.

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

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- 10 participation points only when there is only one car in the class

Points 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).” DEFEATED.

- *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. CARRIED.
- No further motions were raised.

• **Discussion topics:**

- *The 2021 event schedule* – T Michalos: the 2021 VGP, and the Drivers’ Championship as below:

Dates	Event	Track	Classes	Points
May 8-9	Spring Trophy Races	CTMP	VH+, CL	VH+, CL
May 29-30	Spring Classic	Mont Tremblant	VH, CL	VH, CL
June 17-20	Vintage Grand Prix	CTMP	VH, CL, FC	VH, CL, FC
July 17-18	Canadian Touring Trophy Races	CTMP	VH+, CL	VH+, CL
July 24-25	Vintage Races	Waterford Hills	VH	
July 24-25	Summer Classic	Mont Tremblant	VH, CL	VH
Aug 7	Peter Jackson Races	Shannonville	VH, CL, FC	VH, CL, FC double
Aug 13-15	VGP au Grattan	Grattan	VH, CL, FC	
Aug 21-22	Calabogie Cup Race Weekend	Calabogie	VH+, CL	VH+, CL
Sep 18-19	Indian Summer Trophy Races	CTMP	VH+, CL	VH+, CL
Sep 25-26	Fall Classic	Mont Tremblant	VH, CL	
Oct 2-3	Celebration of Motorsport	CTMP	VH, CL, FC	VH, CL, FC

- The Tremblant Summer Classic will likely be revised to include points for VH.
- After polling for interest in in adding VARAC participation in a proposed Shannonville regional event June 5-6, it was determined the event would not be sufficiently supported to proceed.
- The Shannonville Aug 7 event will be VARAC only, but the F1600 group has been asked to participate.
- *The 2021 VGP* – T Michalos:
 - “41st running of the VARAC Vintage Grand Prix. 60th Anniversary of CTMP’s opening in 1961. Feature marque is Lotus. Guest groups include Toyo Tire F1600 Championship, Formula Ford Challenge Series FFCS, North American VS2000 Series. Moving the sit-down dinner to Friday and the Paddock Tour to Saturday, followed by the Safety Party (Mudmen). Registration will OPEN soon, save \$100 before Jan 1, 20.”
 - Peter Lambrinos will be Deputy VGP Chair in 2021, intending to stand for VGP Chair in 2022
 - CTMP and VARAC will not be jointly marketing the 2021 VGP [CTMP 60th anniversary]
 - S2000 may have a grid if more than 20 cars enter
 - Dropping the band for one night saves \$5k

- *The 2020 Driver's Championship* – T Michalos:
 - “Best 5 of 7 for all 3 Divisions. “unique car and driver” to score points. No multiple cars in one class aggregating their points. Scoring based on results provided by event Timing and Scoring, ie to score starting points car must show as completing a lap – can't be listed as DNS.”
 - If Tremblant is added to the 2021 as a points event, then VH becomes “best 6 of 8” for points.
 - FClassic is expected to have a “mini championship” in 2021 based on 3-4 events.
 - E Atkins will administer the Classic points for 2021, and calculate a second un-official points outcome based on the above motion by D Bruce.
 - T Michalos will be revising break-out rules:
 - Current: Racer loses one lap [and therefore grid position] for every breakout applied to the following session. Break-outs in two or more sessions or events moves the racer to the next higher class. Appeals to be moved back to the original class may be considered.
 - Proposed: First breakout moves the racer into the next higher class as of the next session, with no loss of grid position, and points scoring applies to the new class. The new classification applies without the possibility an appeal to return to the previous class.
 - Rationale: Safer and less complex, for racers [including guest racers], CTMP scoring, and points scoring.
 - Change will not apply to FClassic [classed by car type, not time bracket]
 - Hearing no opposition, the change will be applied beginning in 2021.
 - *Conduct* – B Thomas: “No changes announced for the 2021 season...BUT stricter enforcement of the “failing to report” provisions.”
 - *Other*: Concern was expressed about the adverse safety impact of the inclusion on VH grids of formula cars with much higher speeds. T Michalos responded that the fastest open wheel cars permitted on VH grids are Club FFords with lap times at CTMP in the mid-1:30's, which is similar the fastest VH cars. Additionally, it is VARAC's intention to provide FClassic cars a separate grid, if numbers allow.
 - *Other*: Question on the effectiveness of split VH grid starts [FClassic and VH]. T Michalos responded that if the start is sufficiently separated, split starts function well. In 2020 the starts were separated further, allowing a cleaner race outcome with less interaction between formula cars and production cars. It was noted that split starts may on the hand reduce close races that might otherwise occur with a uniform start.
 - *Other*: discussion on lights for formula cars indicated support, with T Michalos noting that the subject will be on the 2021 AGM agenda.
- **New business:** None
 - **Meeting adjourned by T Michalos**

Appendix:

Summary of 2020 Board meetings

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 – Cash balance \$127,853. Discussed revisions to 2021 event schedule. Discussed 2020 AGM motions received and nomination of Director. Update on resolution of remaining 2020 Conduct cases. Proposed a 2020 event schedule for Formula Classic.