



EFRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOTEL PISANA PALACE, ROME.
ITALY
6th – 7th November 2004

Minutes Manufacturers Meeting

Friday 5th November

Attendees: Alessandro Pauselli (PMT) Laura Pauselli (PMT) Oscar Jansen (Team Orion)
George Delis (Sanyo) Jacqueline Aebi (Aebi RC Progress)
Stefan Köhler (LRP) Jürgen Lauterbach (LRP) Andrea Vinci (Novarossi)
Rody Roem (RB Products) Brigitte Roem (RB Products) Roberto Cairo (A.M.S.C.I.)
Daniele Neri (A.M.S.C.I.) Gerhard Binder Jean-Louis Molat
Dallas Mathiesen Carlos Gomez Mick Hill
Franky Noens Sander de Graaf Jean-Luc Retornaz
Frederick Scholander
Wolfies? FM? Mike?

Welcome Mr Dallas Mathiesen welcomes all the attendees to this meeting between EFRA and manufacturers involved in the sport with radio controlled cars. The initiative is taken by EFRA in order to start a constructive dialogue about improving the sport for the future. An invitation for this meeting has been sent to several companies, but unfortunately not so many had the possibility to attend the meeting. EFRA will however continue to invite the manufacturers to mutual meetings in connection with EFRAS AGM.

EFRA Mr. Jean-Luc Retornaz informed about EFRA:s history, and how EFRA works.

Stability of rules The manufacturers had a strong wish that the rules should stay as stable as possible. Since the rules are made buy the EFRA members, it is important to have o good dialogue with the federations. The question was raised how to best inform manufacturers about rule changes. The section chairmans will as soon as possible send out the minutes from the AGM to the manufacturers. The minutes will also be published on EFRA:s web site after the AGM. The manufacturers are of course always welcome to contact EFRA directly. There have threats of summons, and Dallas pointed out very clearly that this is not acceptable.

Homologation Sander de Graaf explained how the routines works with the homologations. Some manufacturers would like to have the possibility homologate their products not only one time per year, but several. The development in certain areas is very fast, and it would be appreciated if it was possible to homologate a new product within 3 months for example. There was also a wish that a homologation should be valid all over the world. Is it possible to change the current date (November 31st) to March 30th ? An idea was put forward that only Advisory Members should be able to have their products homologated.

Venue of Races Today every organiser of a major race will try to get sponsors for the race. In order to succeed with this the sponsors want to be seen and heard. It is therefore important that the races takes place at venues with good possibilities to attract spectators. The race format was also discussed. Today's format is not attractive for spectators. Races are to long, and during qualifications it is difficult for spectators to understand what is really going on. If we want to attract new drivers to the sport, we should change the race format, shorter races, maybe with less drivers. We should use venues where we can find spectators. The numbers on the cars should be bigger so that the spectators can see them. It is very important to have a professional speaker. In order to make it easier, and more exciting for the spectators, a big scoring board would be very useful. Unfortunately those are very expensive, and difficult to move from race to race.

What is "a good race"? We should try to define what a good race is. Good weather? Happy drivers? Happy organisers? Happy spectators wanting to come and see more races, or even start driving themselves?

Whenever a race has been successful, or “a good race”, all adequate information about the race should be spread around as a good example.

**Associate
Advisory
Membership**

Associate Advisory Members are not only welcome to attend the AGM, they also have the possibility to propose new rules or rule changes. It is EFRA:s wish that as many manufacturers as possible will become an Associate Advisory Member.

**Any other
Business**

During the meeting there was also a discussion about brushless motors and transmitters without frequencies.

At the end of the day Dallas thanked everyone for the constructive discussions. It is obvious that there is a need for this kind of meeting, and EFRA is looking forward to see the present manufacturers and their colleagues at the next meeting scheduled for Friday November 4th 2005 in Brussels.