# Montana Cross Country "T" Association 2022 Annual Fall Meeting Minutes

## St. Regis, Montana and Google Meet Video Conference October 16, 2022

**President Rick Bonebright called the meeting to order at 12:21 pm, Sunday, October 16, 2022, in the St**. Regis Community Center and lead a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

In Person: 15 members and 4 guests. Members: Rick Bonebright, Levi Dyckman, Janet Cerovski, Erica Cerovski, Brandon Langel, Myron Richardson, Rick Carnegie, Sonny Bishop, Sandy Baren, Megan Carnegie Teats, Nan Robison, Larry Azevedo, Dave Ferro, Kurk Peterson, and Tony Cerovski. Guests: Aaron Teats and 3 young boys.

On Google Meet and phone 12 members: Senator Mike Cuffe, Cassie Peters Anderson, Craig Crothers, Dan Lukowski, David Veir, Garrett Green, Gene Carothers, Mark Dominguez, Bill Comer, Carla Carnegie, and Dan Brown. On phone, Terry Peters. Text, (Dan Brown). 27 +/- members total. 00:02:04. End of video-audio instructions.

#### 1. President's Request:

- 1.1. President Bonebright introduced the inhouse membership and the people logged onto Google Meet to the membership.
- 1.2. President Rick Bonebright stated all voting in the meeting room will be by ballot. Levi requested that anyone wishing to talk to raise a hand in person or click the "raise hand" button on Google Meet. Only one person should talk at a time so that all could hear and have a say. He requested all in person talkers to speak into the meeting microphone.
- 1.3. The President stated that we have a big agenda. There are a number of things we wanted to cover, and he thinks it will be beneficial to all of us to see the review and go over it. It's something that has been a long time coming, some clarifications with rule changes and of that nature.
- 1.4. One of the things that I adhere to was covered by Ex-President's Matt Hansen (see October 2020 Meeting Minutes) statements by Ralph Brevik being, "What's it going to take to make the Montana 500 fun again?" We have experienced health issues, covid, and other things. Char, Sergio's wife, Jillian, and Matt.
- 1.5. I hope all of you have the rules in front of you that were sent out September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will go through them later in the meeting. We are a family. We want to do what we can to make the Montana 500 fun. If you have feelings one way or another, please abstain from using them, and work through what is in front of us. 00:13:40.

### 2. Old Business:

#### 2.1. 2021 Meeting Minutes: 00:13:45

**2.1.1.** Larry Azevedo motioned to approve the October 10, 2021 Fall Meeting Minutes. Sonny Bishop 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous aye and show of hands.

### 2.2. 2021 Treasurer's Report: 00:15:10

**2.2.1.** Janet Cerovski stated the Treasurer's Report dated September 16, 2022 shown in the 2022 Fall Meeting Invitation has no changes as presented. Motion to accept the

Treasure's Report by Sonny Bishop.  $2^{nd}$  by Nan Robison. Motion passed on a show of hands.

## 2.3. 2022 Run Recap: 00:16:25

**2.3.1.** President Rick Bonebright asked if anyone had comments on the Glendive Endurance Run. Nan joked that her car 'sucked' (broken crankshaft). Bill Comer said he would like a little less rain. Rick B asked if his top leaked? Bill said it was hard to tell (rain blew in sideways). Then Rick B thanked Brandon Langel for stepping up from the V-Pres position to the Pres position for the Glendive Endurance Run.

## 2.4. Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) Affiliate Status to Chapter Status.

- **2.4.1.** Rick Bonebright stated all directors and replacement directors are be required by MCCTA to become members in good status of the MTFCA.
- **2.4.2.** The Montana Cross Country "T" Association (MCCTA) will be listed as a "Chapter" on the back page of the Vintage Ford Magazine.

### 2.5. Packet Idea is Working.

**2.5.1.** President Rick Bonebright said the packet system is working good through Dusty Boyce. Over the last few years our association has not gone into the hole on hats and t-shirts. All membership comments were favorable to keep using Dusty. We will do the packet again for 2023. 00:25:30

## 2.6. <u>The Traveling Trophy:</u>

- **2.6.1.** President Bonebright asked trophy chairwoman Nan Robison to give her report.
  - **2.6.1.1.** Nan would like to have Mark Hutchenson to add a layer to the bottom of the trophy. Motion by Larry Azevedo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonny Bishop. All ayes no nays.
  - **2.6.1.2.** Motion by Larry Azevedo to provide up to \$200 for the expense to get the job done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myron Richardson. All ayes, no nays.

# 2.7. <u>Awards:</u> 00:32:00

- **<u>2.7.1.</u>** The Bud Peters Award: Brandon Langel nominated Jon Moore for the Bud Peters Award. Janet 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Tony Cerovski moved for a unanimous ballot. Carried by all ayes. No nays.
- **2.7.2.** Special Doug Langel Plaque: Sally Peters Aschim provided a very special plaque to give to Brandon Langel. The plaque was presented, given and received.
- **2.7.3. Rattle Can Awards:** Sonny took the floor and stated "It is my pleasure to talk about the Rattle Can Model T Award which was created after the 2020 accident. The Award is to be given each year to the person who shows the following qualities, of which Dwayne had.
  - **2.7.3.1.** Levi, please stand up. Levi, I had an artist re-create this metal from images the family has. I present this award, for being, the most incredible person that you are. You have all the qualities that Dwayne had. Some of which are giving, compassion, understanding, helpful and unselfishness, and many more. You are to receive this first award because of what you did for Dwayne. I really appreciate this and want you to have the first award. Thank you very much.
  - **2.7.3.2.** Now for the 2021 Rattle Can Award. This one will go to Daniel Lukowski for the problem that I had with the deer that ruined my car. Daniel did the same thing that Levi did, pulled over, making sure we were alright. Daniel, I know you are not here, but one of these goes to you for the Rattle Can. We

will give it to you at the Christmas party this year."

**2.7.3.3.** Now, for the 2022 year, I'd like to see nominations for the Rattle Can Award. Sandy Barren nominated Tony Cerovski. Tony is always thinking of others. Many drivers who come to him before the Run, he helps them with their car and tries to think about the cause and figure out the problem. Really good person helping everyone else. Tony nominated Brandon Langel for being stellar, with the Presidential duties. He handled a (seal wire) issue, the inspection, and a bunch of things during the teardowns. Plus, for all he did to keep the Endurance Run and teardown going at Glendive, 2022. Voting by Ballott, Tony was selected by 2votes. 00:49:53.

#### **3.** <u>New Business:</u> 0:50:36.

- **3.1.** <u>Proxy Voting and Digital Voting:</u> Rick Bonebright began with explaining how to vote, concerning the new Format and proposed rules. Proxy voting is going to happen in the room, digital voting will be done on the computer, or phone. Proxies can be used to vote on issues stated in the agenda.
- 3.2. New Rule Proposals: Rick Bonebright asked everyone to get a printout set of the "Rule-Proposals-2022-09-19 MCCTA.pdf" in front of them. Black font represents the existing current rules, blue font shows the proposed new rules, orange indicates a reason or discussion. Any Questions? None made. Over the last 4 months, Tony copied each portion of existing rules and pasted them into an outline format. All existing rules are now grouped under specific headings and sections. The President said he was very interested in doing that. The old way had various rules grouped together, and the new format categorizes these things making it easier for people, new people to the event, to find out what to do to the engine. Any questions so far. Nan took the floor. According to Roberts Rules, this cannot be done without the vote of the membership. Also, if you go through this, the rules were not copied and pasted. There is re-wordage. You've gone from many imperatives to suggestions. This is something that I think, and as a club, I would like to hope that we would purpose this to be done by putting a committee together of unbiased people who will look at it in a broad spectrum. Granted the format is different, it went to a decimal system verses an alphanumeric system but you cannot take the wordage of our established rules and reword it without having expressed permission from the club. And that permission was not granted, was not asked for, not put into our minutes, as a proposal to do. Nan thinks these need to be evaluated. 00:58:00 Meghan took the floor and commented when she read the rules there was so many re-wordings and to clarify did anyone talk about this beforehand. Meghan stated that Tony took it upon himself to do all of that, which is great. As a club, we need to act as a club and address the situation as a group and not as a single person to taking it upon themself and going with it. 00:58:34. Myron Richardson took the floor. Reading through these, there's things in here when put in this form it takes some legal responsibility from the owner and places it on the club. And if a car gets through the inspection, with some of this, and if we have a problem, then the club is going to be on the hook, and not the owner. In the past, you had a safety sheet that the owner turned in and that kept the responsibility with the owner. I really have a heart burn over that. 00:59:12. Larry Azevedo took the floor. We are discussing two issues. One is what you just referred to, and we should address, vote on, etc. The other is the format. The meeting notice did ask for your rule changes, by email, on September 20, 2022, and everyone had until

September 27 to comment on and add to these proposals by return email. The methodology was provided to have rule proposal changes to be discussed in this meeting. Nan stated the format change is ok to do, but you cannot reword the rules. You cannot change the initial impetus of the rules. You cannot say whatever it was must use so and so. It is not ok to change the imperative to a suggestive. Rules are Rules. You cannot reword, put it in what you think it is. You are, not just Tony, it is the collective person. This needs to be thought out as a group, not as one person, unbiased, put together and resubmitted. Larry Azevedo stated a question about the structure. Nan stated the structure is fine, but the wording is gone wrong. See this yellow (highlight on her crib sheet), this is all reworded, rewording, using assure in place of must. That's going from imperative to suggestive. Nan is concerned with the wording. 1:07:25

3.2.1. Motion for acceptance of the new format (outline structure) for the rules.

- **3.2.2.** Tony made the above motion for acceptance of the new format-structure of the rules. Larry Azevedo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Nan offered an amendment to Tony's motion, stating that the existing wording be reinstated and then verbatim, and then restructured by committee, not one person. Myron Richardson took the floor and stated the motion that is on the floor has nothing to do with wording the rules, it's only the format. 1:10:14 Larry Azevedo made a call for the question to vote for the motion on the floor, acceptance of the new format-structure of the rules. Tony stated the motion and Bonebright stated the motion again. Ballots were handed out. Video voters voted too. Formatting the rules as presented passed, unanimously yes. 1:16:29
- <u>3.2.3.</u> <u>Motion to accept all rule revisions as written, with allowance to revise the proposed individual revisions,</u>
  - 1:16:30. Larry Azevedo took the floor and stated. That he wanted to share 3.2.3.1. with everyone, conversations that have gone on, with respect to the addition and all of these changes. There are 59-line items in front of us here. If we spend 5 minutes each and vote on them singly, that's 5 hours. So, some are high priority, some are high energy behind them, and believes it important for us to address some with high energy around them through discussions and votes. However, there are a lot, I believe, that are, maybe with wordsmithing etc., which we can probably do them quickly. So, I'm going to move to accept all rule revisions as written, with allowance to revise the proposed individual revisions. Larry repeated the motion, explaining we vote on the accepting entire package now, but everyone, zoom and in person, has the opportunity to bring up individual ones, or groups, however they want to do it, discuss and vote on those individually to take them on. Like Myron has a comment about our risk to our association, I agree with you there. That's something to talk about and vote on individually. We can do (pass) the whole thing and undo, line-by-line discussions. Larry read the motion again. I move to accept all rule revisions as written, with allowance to revise the proposed individual revisions. Gene Carothers provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Rick called for discussion. Nan asked for clarification on the motion. Myron said he has been in racing car clubs since about 1965, and many of them no longer exist because they started getting rule creep. And pretty quick, I have an example. In 1965 we had 25 sprint cars in Spokane. We started changing rules and it went to 12,

then to six. And I'm not sure that there's four sprint cars in Spokane today. We just need to keep this original with stock, keeping with stock! Being really careful like those driveline changes, not stock! I have some real heartburn over something like that. I've had my say. 1:20:45. Bill Comer has the floor. Bill believes that one of the rules changes is sealing the carburetor-to-the-manifold, and to me that is kind of a loop hole, where you could as the rules read presently, yeah, you have the carburetor sealed, but you could easily change the whole manifold-carburetor assembly. So, some of these rule changes are changes, but I believe they are for the good. 1:21:47. President Rick called for a re-reading of the motion for a vote. Larry Azevedo read his motion again. "I motion to accept all rule revisions as written, with allowance to revise the proposed individual revisions." Vote result is 20 yeses', 2 noes. Motion Caried.

#### 3.2.4. Motions for the proposed rule revisions and proposed rule deletions.

- **3.2.4.1.** Larry Azevedo had the floor. 1:26:05. Exercising our options now, and go through the individual revisions. Larry motioned to strikeout 2.12.1 through 2.12.5. dealing with the front axle, wishbone, and steering column. Nan agreed and 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote by a show of hands. Motion carried.
- **3.2.4.2.** Larry Azevedo motioned to drop the blue text from 2.5.5.1.1, using distilled water to cc the head. Myron said, along with that, something would be a real hassle. The vote occurred and passed and carries.1:32:18
- **3.2.4.3.** Nan motioned to strike the blue text from 1.1.9. inspection may include... Larry Azevedo 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tony agreed to the amendment of his motion. Motion carried.
- **3.2.4.4.** Nan motion to strike the blue text from 2.1.1.3, hood matching... 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erica Cerovski. Motion Carried. 1:39:31
- **3.2.4.5.** Larry Azevedo motioned 2.6.3.1, blue text be removed. Deals with loose exhaust pipe. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. Senator Mike Cuffe, asked Mr. Chairman Bonebright if Tony could accept and vote with his Proxy. Proxy given by text. Chairman, yes. Mike left the meeting. The motion carried.
- **3.2.4.6.** Myron had the floor. Unable to hear him well on video, but he wanted to remove stock type (in blue text) from 2.6.3 Exhaust Pipe. Discussion. Rick Carnegie said Ford mandrel bent all those things. Nan added some discussion, Bill Comer said you could reverse your exhaust manifold and run it backwards like on a welding machine, because you don't need a hood. So would that be possible. Someone said no. Then Myron talked about the 1-1/2" outside diameter (nominal size). Motion is to drop stock type (blue text) from 2.6.3. Passed unanimous yes.
- **3.2.4.7.** Nan Robison motioned 2.7.2. to change blue wording to "No fuel additives allowed." (Total wording retained in blue.) Larry seconded it. There was some follow up discussion on other fuel items. Motion passed.
- **3.2.4.8.** Larry Azevedo motioned 2.2.7 Stock spare tire carrier. Rick Carnegie could be eliminated; Brandon could be eliminated for having non-stock spare tire carriers on their cars because those spare tire carriers are not "stock". Stormo's wheel wells, welded into the front fender is illegal too. Azevedo motions to remove the two words "stock" from 2.2.7. Tony asked if it would

be ok to make a spare tire carrier to fit under the engine, sort of a valance part. Larry Azevedo said it's up to people with common sense at inspection test to tell you yea or nay. (OH OH). The motion now is to drop 2.2.7. No, revised again. The motion now is "All spare tire and spare tire carriers are optional.

- **3.2.4.9.** Myron started a lengthy speech about tire diameters and tire sizes being all over the place according to what Tom Carnegie had to say about it. Nan agreed. Then Azevedo suggested don't try to add that this moment. Wait and pull the motion until next year. Myron said all right, lets table this one for next year. You need to use the maximum outside diameter. Myron motioned to table the tire size until next year, then changed his motion to eliminate it this time. Motion passed.
- **3.2.4.10.** Larry Azevedo motioned to add "or wood spoke" between the word's 'wire' and 'wheels' in 2.2.9.1. Myron Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
- **3.2.4.11.** Larry Azevedo motioned to return to 'Steering Dampeners not allowed''. in 2.2.3.1. Nan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 2:07:14
- **3.2.4.12.** Myron Richardson started a discussion on tops. Myron stated he has a problem with the words "supporting wood and iron" in the first sentence of 2.1.9. Stock Tops. Myron said there are some fiberglass or early plastic tops built for T Fords. It looks like a T Ford but I don't think they make the spirit of the rules, you know, so we need to have something that says no plastic or fiberglass tops. Nan said something. Someone said they didn't have fiberglass back then. Myron said, "Well they did have some type of plastic material back then for tops, on the market. There are a few out there, I've seen a few of them. And I don't think we want them." Azevedo spoke, Nan spoke. Myron said that smooth fiberglass or plastic would be a speed advantage. Rick Carnegie said the original cars did, Models R, N, & S. But those are not T's. Much other discussion occurred including zoomer's can't hear well. Bill Comer said if you have a convertible top, you have to be able to put it up or take it down, a foldable top. Myron Richardson made a motion to that effect. Larry Azevedo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed. 2:15:09
- **3.2.4.13.** A discussion on seat belts and roll bars. Discussion stopped. No motion. 2:20:20.
- **3.2.4.14.** Nan Robison proposed a rule change. 2.1.1 motioned to read Use an original style Model T body for year of car. Larry Azevedo 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed Carried. 2:25:25
- **3.2.4.15.** Larry Azevedo Motioned to add 'Cars must have four fenders, splash aprons, running-boards, and if so equipped, a front splash apron, a dash and a radiator shell." To 2.1.1.1. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nan. Motion passed. 2:28:16
- **3.2.4.16.** Nan, 2.1.7. Horn. Delete "Must be audible at 200 feet." Motion passed. Gene Carothers stated that the people on zoom, cannot hear these motions or discussions. Please repeat the motion into the microphone. Bonebright said they will try to speak and do better. Motion by Larry was repeated and revoted on.
- **3.2.4.17.** Nan Robison motioned to strike 2.3.3.2. "Electric fans not allowed." Larry Azevedo 2<sup>nd</sup>. Larry Azevedo said he was told to not bring his aftermarket radiator spray bar back next year. He disagrees with those kinds of

statements because they don't get incorporated into the rules. And someone else, in the future, will do the same thing. This is something not allowed. Nan spoke again. Rick Carnegie told a story about the electric fan. Gene Carothers spoke too. Garrett Green again asked for people speaking at the meeting come up and speak into the microphone. Again, zoomer's cannot hear what is being said. Gene Carothers seconded Garretts statement. 9 votes for removing the rule, 13 votes for keeping the rule as written. Motion failed to pass, rule stands as written, "Electric fans not allowed." 2:44:31

Nan Robison began discussion to not allow new rods. Nan motioned to 3.2.4.18. strike the blue text from 2.5.2.2.5. being Snyder's New Babbitted Rods T-3026 allowed. Myron Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. Larry Azevedo said "Last year, when we had this meeting, I had four Snyder's rods sitting on my bench, as I was building my engine. I was told by several, including Tom Carnegie, who has said that to me recently as well, that one Ford (script) rod was required to be original, and you could match other rods to it including Snyder rods. I was told that. OK? The way the rules are right now, if you interpret the word 'rod' or "rods", in the current rules just under that original statement. I put in three (3) Snyder Rods and one Ford (script) rod, being unchanged, no machining, and I found one rod with the right weight to match up with the 3 Snyder rods. With the way the rules are written now, one interpretation is that I have illegal rods in my car. Nan Robison stated, "Rule B2q. There must be one stock piston rod cap assembly in the engine." And "Rule B2r. Rods must be Model T Ford script." Then said oh, 'rods' should be changed to 'rod'. Bill Comer stated you are allowing Chevy valves, free rod bolts, and these vendors making new car parts, these babbitted rods are kind of in the spirit of the T because they are babbitted as opposed to a shell insert clip bearings. I don't see them as a speed advantage, other when assembling your engine. Some of you guys might be sitting on a pile of rods, I am not. Using Snyder's rods makes things easier for me. The new rods are babbitted, no speed advantage, and within the spirit of the Model T. Thank you. Sonny Bishop spoke, video hard to hear. Sonny doesn't care if you have 3 Snyders and one untouched Ford rod. Azevedo spoke. We recall last years discussion, while my new rods were on the bench waiting for the outcome of the voting last year. Most of the energy surrounding the decision, the vote was one vote that the Snyder's rods failed last year. By one Vote. Most of the discussion was centered on the cost of having someone building you a set of forged titanium rods, totally different than Model T style. The motion to use Snyder's rods last year failed by one vote. I felt at the time if the motion last year would have included Snyder's Rods, it would have passed. I agree it is era type, it makes many peoples jobs easier. To find a stock T rod to go with 3 Snyders is a huge amount of work. Brandon Langel spoke. It could be a safety issue. There are people who modify the hardware (cap and rod ends) on the connecting rod which down grades the strength (removing a lot of forged rod steel) to obtain a balanced rod set. So, why not allow a full set of Snyder's Rods, already balanced, it is not a speed advantage. Bonebright said, I don't have Snyder's Rods, but I don't have anything against them. The only thing I would have against them is the

fact that we can't stretch them 0.030". Is there a speed or performance advantage, no, because they are not stretchable without some re-modification. So, you lose that edge by using the Snyder's Rods. Rick Carnegie spoke, the terms Snyder's Rods, for one thing, kind of gets me, the titanium rods. To pick on Don Lang. Let's say I have my friend down at the CNC place, machine up a set of rods out of titanium, and give them to Don Snyder, and he sells them back to me as Snyder's rods, making these rods legal, no. So, the name is problematic. No names mentioned, but I know where there is a set of Ford Script aluminum rods. Larry Azevedo said we did identify in that motion or proposed rule the Id number of T-3026. Chances are that Snyder's won't sell a different rod (titanium) under that part number. We could also take a picture of the Snyder's rod and put it into the rules so that everybody knows what we are talking about. Tony Cerovski spoke. There are a bunch of things here. I'm going to summarize it for us. People were running steel transmission drums for years, then we voted them in. People were running billet camshafts, and later on we voted them in, needle bearings in the triple gears and u-joints for several then voted them in. We run aluminum pistons, Chevy 350 valves, Ford 302 valves. There really no limit to the rules we've added over the last 16 - 18years. But there is a limit. We could quantify all rules made in the last 16-18 years that were added to the rules of 1988, which stood untouched for 12 to 14 years. I do like Brandon's discussion on rod end grinding. Some of the engines that I have taken apart, had the rod caps whittled down to pretty thin, that bothers me, even though I have not tested them by breaking them. They are pretty wimpy looking. So, I don't know who is doing the rod cap trimmingbalancing, but to me that is a bunch. It costs money right, to get your self of rods that are balanced by somebody, Model T Ford Script Rods, and I think it also costs way less money, like maybe \$80 to \$85 per rod if you buy from the guy who sells them to the Snyder vendor. These rods already come balanced. So, if you are a kid or an old guy on a shoestring or whatever, using these rods (Snyder's New Babbitted Rods T-3026) is an economical boon to building your engine. This is my point, I've looked at these rods, they are pretty much identical to the Model T Ford Script rods, the exception is, they don't bear the word Ford (script) on them. They are heavier than Ford Script rods. For those of you who think you want the lightest weight rods there is, you should say go ahead and use Snyder's rods, they are heavy. I suggest that you keep the verbiage proposed in 2.5.2.2.5. 2:58:30 Myron Richardson spoke next. Since these Snyder's rods have no speed advantage, on level ground that is probably true. But if you are going downwind or downhill, the Snyder's rods are going to let you take that engine to a little higher RPM before it blows up. That's going to, could be, a little speed advantage. Tony Cerovski asked Myron about the heavy rod effects going uphill. Myron Richardson stated going uphill, your carburation is probably not going to be a limit, because you are not pulling as much air through the engine. But out on the flat, you're running max volume, going downhill, since you don't have as much weight. Someone said we are talking about the rods, not the carburetor here. Myron said. Well, but the carburetors can be affected by what rods you have. It's going to let that engine

turn to a little higher RPM. Larry Azevedo said this year as I was going down several hills at 70 mph, I thought about those magnets coming through the floor boards. Several people spoke about the magnets coming loose. Bill Comer said the existing Model T car parts are not going to last forever. And metal ages probably faster than wood. We want vendors to make parts close to the original thing, like say crankshafts without counterbalance and like these Snyder's rods which are still babbitt and not shell clip bearings. It's thinking into the future. Give the venders a reason to keep on making parts for the Model T. Rick Bonebright said he is trying to look down the road too. We expect a lot of new cars running the 500 next year. 2-Calif, 1-TX, 2-NM. The Montana 500 has been followed by a lot of non-participants for a long time. These people are coming out. In line with Bill Comer, Rick Carnegie has helped me for years with babbitt work, rods, crank, mains, line borings. I've relied on Rick for a long time. But in our area, we lost our crankshaft grinder, 3 machine shops. If Rick retires, where do I go? Do I buy a Gene French boring fixture? What can I do with my rods? Sonny and Garrett lost their machine shop. Nan Robison said she is against the use of Snyder's Rods. Nan wants a yes vote to disallow Snyders. Voting by ballot. 9 yes to disallow. 16 yes to allow Snyder's T-3026 rods to be used. 3:11:11

- **3.2.4.19.** Larry Azevedo on 2.5.2.3.1. Larry stated his motion to be "Exception. If using a set of Snyder's T-3026 New Babbitted Rods, one rod must be unmodified and the other three piston-rod-cap assemblies can be balanced to it, if needed." Although Snyder's rods usually come balanced to within one gram and might not be necessary." Nan Robison spoke next on 2.5.2.1, Balancing of rotating and reciprocating parts is allowed. Nan wants the" and reciprocating" text removed. Azevedo said your brother (Tom) and I talked a half-hour on that. Nan said she will drop her motion. Larry Azevedo went back to 2.5.2.3.1. told a story and restated his motion. Rick Carnegie, one rod aluminum, 2<sup>nd</sup> titanium. Larry Azevedo restated his motion as "If using Snyders new babbitted rods, and Model T Ford Script Rod(s), one Model T Ford Rod shall be unmodified. Bill Comer stated his proposal. Using all 4 Snyder's New Babbitted Rods are allowed without using a Ford Script Rod. Levi pointed out that is covered in rule 2.5.2.2.5. Bill is ok with that. Larry Azevedo motion for 2.5.2.3.1 is now read as, "If using Snyder's T-3026 New Babbitted Rods, and Ford Script rods or rod, one Ford Script rod must be unmodified." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Cerovski. Voting by hand. Motion carried. 3:20:40
- **3.2.4.20.** Nan Robison took the floor and expressed her opinion and concerns on the timer section 2.4.2.1... Larry Azevedo asked to let him do an overview of the timer stuff and took the floor. Currently there has been no seals on the timers and or inspection of the timers being used or in use. Discussed with 13 people from California, Washington, New Mexico, Montana and Iowa. The results of thre3 months of discussion are these rule changes. Process uses 7 colors of sealing paint. Tested on cars, if connections are clean, it will stick. This stuff is bullet proof. Inspection of timer on Sunday, Mixed paint placed on the screw threads or slots at coil box and timer. 20 minutes drying time. Drivers responsible for checking on seals, and getting a new seal installed. 03:26:12

- **3.2.4.21.** Nan took the floor again and talked about a different rule, 4.4 dealing with route planning and stop lights under time. Nan said the original wording has been "perverted" and should read, "Routes should will be planned to avoid running through stoplights under time. Nan has trouble with the rest of the 4.1 section. She told her story. Nan stated that is the responsibilities of the tour planners, or the route planners to make sure there are no stoplights. And if there are, we need a new route. Nan moves that we strike the "Any driver stuff", Azevedo added we could use another person to track time gained at a stoplight. Myron Richardson's idea is to stop time and then flag out of the stop light a little ways down the road. Nan said that will add an hour to the timing. Then Nan Robison restated her motion as, "I motion to strike the words "Any driver stopped by a red light..." 3:29:56 3:32:10
- **3.2.4.22.** Myron Richardson was called on. He said if I have a '25 car and have a '26-7 motor, why can't I use a '26-7 coil box mounted on the motor. That makes no sense to me, He was addressing 2.5.2.2.4. Coil Box. Myron made a motion. Nan 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Discussion took place. Then another replacement motion was made to strike out the text from 2.5.2.2.4. That motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.
- **3.2.4.23.** Myron took the floor and addressed 2.5.9.3, which is the Snyder's Premium pistons T-3021 text and drawing. That's the piston, but what's so special about that? Can I run a Lang's piston? Can I run a Chaffin's piston? What's the difference? Rick Carnegie provided the answer. You need a piston that conforms to that drawing. Snyders Premium pistons are drilled in the wrist pin bores for splash oiling. But do we need to say Snyder's? Myron agreed to drop the issue. 3:41:04
- **3.2.4.24.** Myron said one more question that comes from my past engine building experience. 2.5.11.1, Removing sharp factory edges, well what's a sharp edge to me? What's a sharp edge to you? What's a sharp edge to you? Larry Azevedo said I see your point. 3 or 4 talking at the same time. Larry motioned that 2.5.11.1 be removed. Nan Robison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Multiple talkers, Nan, Azevedo, Myron. Then Azevedo read the rule above it. That rule states "Do not grind, enhance, or alter any intake or exhaust port of the block or of the manifolds." Azevedo said not of that should be touched. So, the motion was voted on and passed. Remove the text from 2.5.11.1.
- **3.2.4.25.** Myron Richardson asked to bring up an important point. He addressed 2.10.2.1. Outside oil line size. Myron said he did not have a concern with the size, but the length. I can build my own outside oiler, from the hog's head, run it around the engine, with a 1-inch diameter line and then into a ½ inch diameter line. Azevedo said it could read ½ inch the whole way, in the spirit of the competition. Tony said there might be a bunch of directors that will say you shouldn't have done that Myron. 3:51:26 Issue dropped.
- **3.2.4.26.** Bill Comer wants to make a proposal. That we use some of that paint you are using for sealing the timer screws, and paint the claw feet (manifold clamps), the spreader bolts (manifold studs or bolts) that hold on the intake manifold. Because you could change the intake manifold and carburetor at the same time with the carburetor bolts sealed, run something different, then put it

back on to finish. I motion that we use the same sealing paint used on the timer wire screws and paint the claw feet spreader bars that hold the intake manifold on, so we can't change the intake manifold without it being known. Tony Cerovski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Paint would be placed on the cooler intake manifold claw foot bar. Some discussion, hard to hear. Mark Dominguez said the marking paint is good to 2100° F. Bill's motion is that we seal the intake manifold from being removed. Larry Azevedo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. 3:36:10

- 4. Rick Bonebright took the floor.
  - 4.1. Here is some thought for further down the road. We need to be looking at supporting ourselves, or finding another sponsor for meals on Wednesday's picnic or evening meal. Right at the moment, Mike Kossor is not on board with us anymore as far as the \$250 he's been sending us, and be thinking on another sponsor. Some multiple discussions occurred. (Mike Kossor's withdrawal letter is attached below.)

#### <u>4.1.1.</u>

"Montana Cross Country T Association

Mr. Rick Bonebright, President

1004 Sioux Road, Helena, MT 59602

Dear Rick,

I've been following and sponsoring the Montana 500 endurance Run for several years now. I have become acquainted with several long-time participants who have each shared with me their experiences over the years. The picture coming into focus to me from these individual and unique experiences is one of bias, favoritism and lack of accountability within the Montana Cross Country T Association and its events. Qualities that have no place in running an event where participants labor intensely and come from afar with the humble expectation of a fair and equal chance of prevailing as lead contestant. In reality, a winning "outsider" can expect to have their car harshly judged by the inspection crew.

This disturbing picture was keenly and plainly displayed during the 2022 tear down inspection. Questionable conduct was witnessed by knowledgeable and empowered individuals who knew better yet remained mute.

I regret the Montana 500 organization has allowed member conduct to devolve and be condoned to the level displayed during this year's event. Such behavior I do not revere or wish to be associated with. Accordingly, I have decided to withdraw from sponsorship of the Montana 500 Endurance Run after 2022.

I wish the Montana Cross Country T Association and its members well in their future endeavors and encourage all parties to reflect and resolve to restoring fairness and accountability in the organization's core values if the MT500 is to prevail.

Regards Mike Kossor"

4.2. Another thing to look at is officers and director's terms. What are the dates of service?

January 1 to December 31, or October meeting to October meeting? Mixed discussions on going. Azevedo talked about the Bylaws and maybe work with that. There is a possible issue with the rules of order to.

4.3. Much discussion occurred next about the Director's responsibilities and the Inspector's responsibilities

#### 5. Nominations for new directors:

- 5.1. Nan gave a talk, telling us her view on what it takes and what are her memories covering the responsibilities of becoming a director. Others contributed too. Larry Azevedo told a story about Dan Brown setting a good example of being a teardown inspector. There was some pretty heavy conversation concerning Larry's car, and the inspectors were being pushed to make a decision. Since Dan was the next car in line, he stepped out and said, I am not involved with this, I have a conflict of interest. Larry thought it was an honorable thing to do. When it came time to vote, Dan declined to vote, stating he wanted to avoid a conflict of interest, because his car was next in line. Larry thinks that was honorable thing to do. Some think the teardown inspectors should just tear down the cars, report the findings, to the Directors to decide. Brandon, Nan, Erica, and others gave input. Erica said she didn't vote on a Tony issue because of a conflict of interest. Brandon said the same. Larry said these are good things. Nan said that's my point. You need to make your decision from an unbiased standpoint. You can't vote an emotional point. Brandon said, when that vote is made, however that vote is made, it needs to be respected and not commented on. Leave it as it stands. We don't need finger pointing. If we can't be trusted to vote, we should jus dissolve the club right now and go home. Erica agreed. I was going to add the reason I didn't abstain; I would have voted the same way regardless of anybody. But I felt like it would've been viewed that I was voting for or against somebody, like my dad who is my mechanic. So, I'm saying I felt like people would not see it that way even though that's the honest to God truth. So, I think the option to abstain should be allowed.
- 5.2. Brandon nominated Rick Bonebright for president. Several seconds. Motion passed by unanimous ballot. Rick Bonebright has a new Presidential term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025, and a director's term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. 4:12:55
- 5.3. Tony Cerovski nominated Brandon Langel for Vice President. Several seconds to the motion. Unanimous ballot. Brandon Langel has a new 2-year Vice-Presidential term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 with a Director term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
- 5.4. Janet was nominated by Nan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by others. Unanimous vote in to the Treasures slot. Janet Cerovski has a new Treasurer's term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 with a Director's term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
- 5.5. Sonny Bishop was nominated by Nan Carnegie on a unanimous ballot, seconded by others for a director position. Unanimous ballot. Sonny Bishop has a new Director's term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
- 5.6. Megan Teats was nominated by Janet Cerovski. Rick Carnegie made a motion for nominations to cease. Unanimous ballot for Megan. Megan Carnegie Teats has a new Director's term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
- 5.7. Nan Robison nominated Myron Richardson. Janet nominated Erica Cerovski. Erica nominated Dan Brown. Ballot voting. Erica Cerovski has a new Director's term

running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

- 5.8. Larry Azevedo has a new Director's term running from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
- 5.9. Nan Robison and Matt Hansen will continue as Director's until December 31, 2024.
  - **<u>5.9.1.</u>** List of Officers and Directors:
    - **5.9.1.1.** President Rick Bonebright 2023-2025
    - **5.9.1.2.** Vice President Brandon Langel 2023-2025
    - 5.9.1.3. Treasurer Janet Cerovski 2023-2025
    - **5.9.1.4.** Director Matt Hansen 2022-2024
    - **5.9.1.5.** Director Nan Robison 2022-2024
    - **5.9.1.6.** Director Sonny Bishop 2023-2025
    - **5.9.1.7.** Director Erica Cerovski 2023-2025
    - **5.9.1.8.** Director Dan Brown 2023-2025
    - **5.9.1.9.** Director Rick Carnegie 2023-2025

### 6. <u>President Bonebright asked for host city nominations for 2023's Endurance Run.</u>

- 6.1. Rick Bonebright and Larry Azevedo advocated for Inspection on Sunday, Father's Day, June 18, 2023. That date was unanimously selected.
- 6.2. Nan nominated Thompson Falls for 2023.
- 6.3. Brandon nominated Fort Benton for 2023. Brandon already had Hotel room prices and a bunch of things ready to go. Good roads, not much for traffic, not much for tourists.
  - **6.3.1.1.** The Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton, Montana will be the Host Hotel. The phone number is 406-622-1882. Call and book your room ASAP.
    - 6.3.1.1.1. Search for Fort Benton Montana Chamber of Commerce for other places to stay. Campgrounds, Airbnb's, motels, etc.
  - **<u>6.3.2.</u>** Fort Benton on the dates of June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 is the host city.
- 6.4. Carla Carnegie offered to be on Brandon's Possey for lining up everything in Fort Benton. Brandon stated the help will be welcomed.

### 7. President Rick Bonebright asked for a motion to adjourn.

- 7.1. Larry Azevedo had an announcement.
  - **7.1.1.** Larry cut off a combustion chamber from an old Model T cylinder head and shipped it around to 6 or 7 of our competitors around the country. I've got the results now and everyone measuring volume is doing pretty good. If anybody wants to get that head to see how good a volume measurability they have, I will mail it to them with instructions on the process. Everybody who has contributed to that process has done a good job with measurement.
  - **7.1.2.** Rick Bonebright adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm with a total meeting run time of 4 hours, 50 minutes
  - **7.1.3.** These Meeting Minutes were transcribed by Tony Cerovski on October 26, 2022 from the video recording on Google Meet dated October 16, 2022. They were checked by Larry Azevedo and Janet Cerovski in November, 2022, and corrected on November 21, 2022.
  - <u>**7.1.4.**</u> EOM