Motion to Amend the Old Business item on the April 28, 2022 meeting agenda:

M25.7.e to be amended to read as follows:

“The bib of the mask must be made of cloth resistant to 350 Newtons.”

M25.7.f to be amended to read as follows:

“For masks with a metallic tongue, the mask must contain a horizontal safety strap at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the strap firmly attached to the two sides of the mask. This strap may be elastic or of any other material that may be approved by the US SEMI Committee. For masks without a metallic tongue, the proper use of an approved magnetic neck strap is mandatory.”

Implementation for both amendments to be effective as of the start of the 2022 Summer Nationals and July Challenge.

Rationale: Largely due to the interruption caused by Covid19, US SEMI has not been able to accumulate enough data on mask displacement to provide a comprehensive or definitive report sufficient to justify the adoption of the FIE’s mask rule. The results obtained to date, consisting of seven investigated incidents, indicate that most problems arise not from the nature of the safety systems on masks with metallic tongues, but from improper use of those systems. For masks without a metallic tongue (essentially the Leon Paul mask), national and international experience indicates that displacement is a greater problem and that use of the magnetic neck strap significantly improves performance and safety. The remaining portions of the Old Business item should not be adopted as they relate to requirements adopted by the FIE obviated by the changes recommended above.