

AMRA Meeting minutes
10/29/06

Call to order: Todd 10:34 a.m.
In attendance:
Please see sign in sheet

No Guests to introduce

Todd Johnson didn't do the minutes, so we will have to approve them next time.

Treasurer's report
Adam sold the AMRA trailer! Yeah! We got \$3300 for it, we bought it for \$3300 so we broke even.

We have about \$6500 in there, the banquet should be around \$4000 but we brought in \$3700 in attendance so we should be okay.

Land Use

Copper Sticker meeting... Todd Davis went to his, there has been info sent out. There are a bunch of angry land owners, and they were there pissed off about that. There were about 35 people. There was a video, then a powerpoint, then a multiple choice answer survey, and an other box. They went through and did it orally instead of having them fill it out. They did a money break down. They were going to spend most of it on enforcement, now it's going to be on education. They are getting 7% for administration fees.

They have special projects that they are planning, they wanted to appoint 3 people for the committee. GAF approve 3, ASP approves 4. All the copper sticker money will go through the OHV advisory committee, and the grants that are being applied for will be approved by state parks. It's confusing, gas tax money going to state parks, copper sticker money going to GAF, why not put it all one place and have one person manage it.

It would allow you to ride across state trust land, but not stage on the land. It's just gonna be a sticker, not a magnet.

They are figuring out the cost, who should make the cost. According to the GAF guys, Joe and Mike, they said they will not be spending 75% on enforcement. They realize education is the most important. There's no way to enforce all the land. There's only one person to enforce right now.

GAF put together the legislation draft, unless they change it so that it's what we've been working on the past 6 years, we won't approve it.

If AZOHVC doesn't support it, they will push it through and get it approved anyways. That's when Sierra Club and greenies jump on that. GAF has sent personal letters to SC and greenies, and they are trying to get them involved. They hate them as much as them but they need the support.

This is the breakdown that they presented (you can't trust them though.) They are presenting 75% of the money on enforcement, but that's what they're going to do. GAF is willing to do whatever they have to do to get money out of this. It funds them so that's all they care about.

Sandy was pretty quiet, which was surprising because she's normally pretty loud. There were greenies there, and they agreed with us that we needed to start enforcing ourselves, it needs to be a user driven bill. It needs to be driven by the OHV users.

There were angry landowners and environmentalists, and they did a great job of keeping it under control.

Street registered four wheel vehicles...Jeeps, trucks, 4x4s, cars will not have to get a copper sticker. Anything sold that is street legal bike or ATV has to get a sticker. At first, they said anyone on an offroad dirt road, you need a copper sticker. Now they are trying not to piss some people off, so they are drawing a line but it is still uneven. You should only have to buy a sticker if you're not street legal. There's a lot of flaws in this bill, it's 5 pages long. Ask Don if you have any questions, he has a lot of information, or talk to Sandy. She's passionate about it.

Do yourself a favor and educate yourself on the bill before you go to your meeting.

FS update

Get your routes in, write what they are and where. They're saying that anything user defined they don't want to talk about it. They are saying the Globe district, the Superior race, none of those trails exist. They already inventoried, they don't want any input.

Novak and BRC are the largest recreation supporters, get them on it. They have pull. Each district and forest deadlines are different.

It doesn't matter what's marked on the ground, it's going to be the maps that they are publishing. That's when the travel management plan goes into force. They're not going to level them, you're going to be responsible what the roads are. They're supposed to publish those maps ahead of time, when the public comment comes in, make sure your trails are on there and if they're not, act on it.

At Coconino they want to close a bunch of trails unless the users come up with the money and people to keep it maintained. That's why it's important we stay active and involved.

We keep hearing rumors that BLM is going to close land...Fast'r got their state land permit but they attached an invoice with what it would have cost us \$1200 under the new plan. It was cheaper for some BLM permit instead of state. It's supposed to be 10% of gross receipts + trophies.

Went over the permit that Geoff got for their race. State land is charging \$1 per acre, 640 acres per section, \$640 per section even though they aren't using all the acreage. The invoice said \$12,000 for the event.

They will be implementing a new pay structure soon. We need to call and find out what's up with that. Dave will call Chuck.

Points/Scoring

We're cutting it close after the last race until the banquet, so if all the clubs could send Vance the club list by November 20th if you've already had your race. Focus on your races and club members so we can get the points done ASAP, so we can order trophies and get their numbers. Vance has everything current up to now. We will get it on the website today or tomorrow.

Maybe have a time frame as to how far someone can protest.

Two lists, bonafide members and workers list. Anyone who has a comp card list, just the people that are points related.

The only protest would be a place difference, and in that case Vance will go back to the club in question and rectify the situation.

There is a rule in the rule book that says they have 5 days from the event is scored and posted to submit a protest. Everything is electronic. We will mail out something to you if you give us a self-addressed stamped envelope, we will mail it to you.

Proposal: If you give us a self-addressed stamped envelope we will mail results to you.

Discussion about moving classes, voluntary transfers or by discretion of comp committee, looked through the rulebook. If someone decides to move themselves they should be able to, and if they move up and decide they shouldn't have, they come to the comp comm meeting and plead their case.

TREA PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE. AND PLEASE DO NOT ANSWER YOUR CELL PHONE DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

There are a couple TRS members who are getting ready to put in a protest because there are two C riders that have won every race that should be moved up for the last two races, they weren't for Canyon, they should be for the next race.

Kevin from RSMC brought up concerns that our clubs have including move ups. We should have the clubs apply pressure upon the person and hope to diffuse the situation, otherwise there will be a protest filed.

Proposal: Points and Scoring Admin is voted in in July, but doesn't take the position until January (the next racing season.) That way he/she has 6 months of training and to learn the system.

First: Kevin
Second: Gary
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Worker's points list:
People who worked your event, we submit that list even if it's including other club's members. You don't put anyone from your club on the list if they didn't work the event.

On that note...Fast'r still needs volunteers!!!! Including check workers!!! There are 13 checks with a club with 17 people. Minimum 3 at checks. Clock, back up sheet, writing.

In re: move ups...since it's at the discretion of the comp committee, we will tell those who are getting ready to protest that since we haven't been consistent this year, we won't move anyone up for the last race. We will be more diligent keeping track next year.

5 minute pee break

AMA meeting highlights

Renewals start in October (supposed to). AMA want to track how many members compete so they can allocate money. A lot of it is geared to motocross. Everything will be on a magnetic strip so you can just walk up to registration and one swipe they have your info.

Part of it is if you do the comp membership, a liability form, sign have it notarized, they will keep it on file so you won't have to sign at the event. They're trying to get rid of the onion skin. A lot of the technology aspect has to be worked out but that's what they're going for in the future.

Junior Sign Up? They talked about it...check out the rule book.
If you feel strongly about a one day membership or family membership, you're an AMA member. Send them a letter voicing your concerns.

Lowered the max gas mileage, no more than 33 miles (used to be 50,) along with other stuff.

East and West coast series', they formed a group to discuss and talk about it later.

They want the Hare Scrambles series just to be like GMCC, and they want any group who does a Hare Scrambles to run an ATV event as well once a year. Todd wrote back and told him what he thought about that.

Don got the guidelines on becoming a recognized AMA district. They aren't difficult at all, 75% of the clubs need to be represented. The work load would increase and there would be more responsibilities.

The offroad District 37 group is huge.

OLD BUSINESS

60B and 60C class. Typically there's two riders in each one.

Proposal: Combine the 60B and 60C class into 60+ class, ride the C course.

First: Ruben

Second: Adam

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What is a finish????

The hard part is implementing and tracking...you have to take a checker and do a certain number of laps to constitute a finish. To make it easy, have someone at the finish after the checker goes out writing down everyone who crosses the finish line. That way you don't have to go through the electronic data and try to figure out who finished, there's a hard copy anyways.

Everyone okay with keeping the finisher rule.

Sponsorships

Jerry's not here but he asked for help, volunteers from each club to pick up the donated items. Also, they would help Jerry out next year if he needs them to drop results or something off at the sponsor.

Banquet

If you wanna race, show up at 2 or 3 o'clock, dinner from 5-5:30, awards starts at 7:00, home by 9:00. We have the same room for the same price. Todd is looking

for an MC...the rest of the committee thinks that Todd should be the MC since he's the president...we'll discuss that through emails.

50+ and Women's B

These classes typically run the C course but specific length is at the discretion of the majority of the class or the club running the event.

Skill levels with these classes are misleading because there is no A class.

Proposal: Amend Section 3 h and i.

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First: Adam

Second: Gary

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Survey

The answers were all over the board. Some people said they wanted extremely difficult, but Camp Wood was their favorite event.

Todd is still compiling the answers. They are looking mainly for comments and how many races we should do next year.

Apparel

We want to get some AMRA stuff, we'll order some for us and then if people are interested we'll order then.

Tech sheet and Mail In Entry

Proofed the sheets, the only changes are the 60+ class

NEW BUSINESS

Qualifier description is on website. Read it and be prepared to amend it.

Kevin: RockStars want to propose 2 events next year. February race would be for worker points. Second race would be up in Globe and we would race because we would have an unclassified race where everyone could prerun it.

Even though you get one lap, it won't be the same as those who cut the course for 3 months.

It would probably be like the canyon GP or Rain Dance, we have to break it up because we don't want that many people running in one day within the city limits.

Proposed 2007 Schedule

January 6th OCMC Krusher

February 17th RSMC

March ATR or

April ATR

May 7th CTR/TRS

August 25th National AMRA

October RSMC

November TRS

December 8th Fast'r

6-8 events, one throwaway. 9-11 events is 2 throwaways.

We could amend the rulebook to say if you hold two events you can race one of them.

We will work out the details for the next meeting. It's the commitment of taking on another race. It may be saying if you have a big enough club that you can put on two events but if you're small you won't be able to do two races and you're SOL.

There are two issues: The rulebook says you cannot race your own event, and you cannot prerun the course.

Amend the rule in December to accommodate the Rock Stars event in October.

You can't run your own event unless ample time has been given to competitors to prerun the course. Two race exception.

Proposal:

Second Race Amendment: You cannot race your club's event unless your club is putting on two or more events in that calendar event.

Propose to table issue until next meeting: Ruben

Second: Trea

Proposal: RockStars can have a second event: Adam

Second: Ruben

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Propose to table details until next meeting: Everyone

Second: Everyone

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Do we want to co-sanction with WORCS again? They don't have the same goals that our organization does. Do we want to co-sanction anything? MORAN, WeBe?

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Next meeting Rock Stars Sunday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m.

First: Kevin

Second: Frank

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Proposal Don Shields as Treasurer

First: Trea

Second: Adam

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With a Whooo! from Trea

Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.