

AMRA meeting
12-10-06

Todd brought to order: 9:37 a.m.

Roll call: please sign in and put your club affiliation and if you are the club rep
Minutes from last meeting are on the internet, we need to approve those.

Motion: Todd
Second: All
UNANIMOUS

Treasurer's report

We have \$90.23 in the account right now, waiting for the PayPal amount to go through. Club dues are due by February 1st. There is a late fee of \$25 assessed if they aren't paid by then. We've never enforced it but it is in the rule book. We will start enforcing more rules because we're not so new anymore.

Points and Scoring Report

Scoring is a pain for a qualifier, and it's very easy to make mistakes. There were some protests, we did the best we could.

OCMC is looking for a spreadsheet for their event as well, Geoff said he will offer his services to help them learn the program, how to score, etc.

Move-Ups

Vance explained the move-up spreadsheet that he prepared.

Not any amateurs that need to be moved up. These are not year specific, it is accumulative. It does not end at the end of the race year. If you only race 2 race a year and win the races you race, it could take 5 years but you have to move up if you fit the bill.

C Novice: there are some that should move up. We are going to call those riders who are at 4 transfer wins and tell them that they should move up for the first race, because if they win the first race then they will get less points, and they have to move up anyways. 30+ C has a few, 40+ C has a few that are at 4. Also, there are a few 30+ Cs who are at 3 who may need to move up also because if they win the first two races since the top people are being moved up, they would get better points.

Make a move-up tab on the website and list who needs to move up or who is close.

To file an official protest, you have to put it in writing, sign it, and accompany it with \$25. You can't just send an email and expect the research been done. You have to follow the rulebook.

It doesn't say in the rulebook that there's a cut off for move-ups.

Calendar based September 1st
Percentage based 2/3 of races

Motion:
2/3 of races
First: Frank
Second: Bryan
UNANIMOUS!

We are going to have a QnA page for racers.
Ignorance is no excuse for breaking our rules. Read the rulebook.

Should we add a rule that you have to compete in 50% in order to be eligible for year end points?

The last couple years we've instilled that clubs and worker points are the basis of our organization. We need to keep that as the main point.

We could have more opportunities to spread the club love, maybe set up a tent or something at each race to gather some interest.

Some people questioned the worker points/club points situation.

For all our events for 2007, we should get easels that spells out what you need to race that event, and what you need to be eligible for series points.

Nobody reads. –Don
Oh yeah, we're motorcycle racers. –Todd D

Each year we are getting better, people are understanding more and more what our series is about. We can't make everyone happy right away, it will come in time. It's just growing pains.

After every race, they have to get a worker list to Vance within 10 days.

Change the rule 17:e to state "Each club must provide a list of everyone who worked their race within 72 hours OF THEIR EVENT."

Motion: Rich
Second: Frank
UNANIMOUS!!

There was an unofficial protest re: throwaways.

No throwaways, period. If you are giving throwaways, you are encouraging some people not to race. 34 racers raced every race. 30 only missed 2, everyone else missed more than 2. No motions. No takers.

You can only throw away an event that you physically start. The advantage of the throwaways is to get rid of a poor finishes. But in reality, we have families and responsibilities other than racing. No motions. No takers.

10 minute food break

AMA Report

We still haven't heard back from the ambulance issue, when we do we'll let everyone know.

There's a new competition card, if you already have an AMA card, you should be getting a letter in the mail. Don is asking AMA about having to get your card notarized, in actuality there wouldn't be a notary in the middle of the desert.

RockStars 2nd Race Issue

First, WeBeRacing wants to co-sanction a race with us, so we are thinking of having 2 throwaways instead of 1. It would work that one of your throwaways would be for the non-club work event, and then you would still have one more to throwaway.

RUTS (Riders Under The Son) is looking to become the 7th club of our series.

No Cell Phones please. Thank you.

RockStars Proposal

Everyone in the club works the first event, and gets worker points in February. Everyone works the second race, and would be able to race it, and get the finisher points.

Rule Change Proposal:

Current rule: A club member cannot race their own club's event. The intent of that rule is that you cannot ride the event that you work, because you might have insider knowledge.

Add: Pre-running or practice, or parade laps, are allowed to Grand Prix definition. If club members intend to race their own second event, the race must be classified as a second race. Add a second race clause. Any club that puts on two events, and intends to race their own event, there needs to be the opportunity for everyone to have a practice lap.

17:d Replace to "A Racer cannot race the event he or she works."

17:e Replace to "A racer cannot earn worker points and racer points in the same event."

17:f Replace to "For clubs that choose to promote multiple events, one set of worker points will be awarded per calendar year. If they want their club members to be able to

race the second event and receive their finisher points, the event must be classified as a “Second Event” and a type of event that allows pre-running.”

DesertCross = EnduroCross™

Bryan Bruning. You should know by now that CELL PHONES ARE NOT APPRECIATED AT THESE MEETINGS. Thank you!

Discussion about the integrity of Fast'r.

Add “Ability to run the course before the event” on to the GP definition.

Motion: Rich
Second: Ben
UNANIMOUS!

Change Section 17
Motion: Bryan
Second: Rich
Almost UNANIMOUS!
Frank disapproves

Whether club members can ride their event or not is a club issue and at the discretion of the club, not AMRA.

National issue: done. Handled. When Todd wins the race then we can bring it to the table.

Rich offered to work Tech.

Even some of our racers aren't racers. –Dave G

Club trophy.
Best event of the year. Give them the tire trophy. Vote when you check in at the banquet.

Maybe change the rule about how they calculate who wins the club trophy.

Voted in no tear-offs. Put something on the website. If someone gets caught with tear-offs, they are DQ'd.

No tear-offs allowed at any AMRA events. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification.

Send email out to everyone highlighting the rule changes. First race, OCMC race, let it slide, but the second race it's DQ'd.

Make sure you write something that includes if we co-sanction with another organization, and they are the main body, we adhere by their rules so they will decide if it's allowed or not. We will work on the wording.

AMRA Trailer

When Fast'r picked it up, it was in utter disarray. There were a lot of issues with it, added stuff to it, added an inventory list to it, left a bunch of stuff in there that they bought. They don't expect anything in return, but the common courtesy that everyone does the same. Respect our trailer. The generators don't work when it gets hot, we need to buy two new generators that are more powerful.

Moose is in for 2007 and will continue to provide us with all the markings that we need and giveaways, etc. Jerry will talk about it later when we discuss new business.

Bob Theobald will check on getting a deal with the generators.

We need to figure out what our policy will be with the trailer after the meeting. Nothing we need to vote on.

C loops revisited. Way to go Fast'r, it was a perfect C loop.

Second 5-minute pee break

Jan 6th OCMC Kilauea Krusher 2

February 17th and 18th RSMC Holy Joe

April 21st and 22nd ATR Sheridan Mountain Showdown

May 26th and 27th TRS Cherry Creek (European Scrambles on Saturday, Kids race and Team race on a shortened course and grudge matches on Sunday.)

August 25th and 26th AMRA National. Two day event. Something in the Pines. We would like to take a flyer to Hollister in February.

September or October RSMC in Globe

November Fast'r 1st weekend under discussion.

Geoff's proposal

WeBeRacing wants to co-sanction with us. Monticello at Bull Hollow MX Track. 6 hour drive from Phoenix. In Utah. Bryan has raced it before, good track. Some of the best singletrack in the US is there. Better than Colorado. If you go plan on staying an extra day or two and staying to ride.

Is that reasonable? They are willing to work with our schedule. Much cooler there, so it would be okay to do in the summer.

Right now it's slated for July 21st and 22nd. We could move that to middle July if we wanted to. Move to July 28th or 29th instead so it's 4 weeks from their event and 5 weeks from our National. Saturday would be a full on Endurocross race with all classes for fun,

and then on Sunday have the Hare Scrambles with the Endurocross section incorporated into the A/B race.

Co-Santion to hold the race

First: Rich

Second: Dave and Bryan tie

UNANIMOUS!!

Put a poll on the website to see who would go all the way up there to see if we can negotiate the price that WeBe would give us (more than \$6).

No motion to change rule so that there are two throwaways. Rule stands.

Doug Seitz is working on the Not for Profit Corporation stuff.

Sponsorship stuff: Jerry is getting stuff sent to the PO Box, then maybe we will divvy it up and make the clubs responsible for it. We will discuss more when it comes in.

Industry ride next year. More details to follow.

Jerry listed the sponsors we have already in. There are a number of others who have verbally committed, but they need to decide what level they are interested in. We are getting a lot of giveaways, gift certificates, discounts, etc.

We have a lot more people who are going to be in, but it just depends what level.

In the past it has said that the comp'd riders, AA was excluded. AMRA will subsidize the loss if there are AA entries for the purse.

Kenda wants to give their prizes to people who will use them, ie people who are already using their products.

First questions that sponsors ask: How many events, where, how many members, who is going to see my stuff.

We need more advertising for the sponsors.

We need to get our membership up in order to get better contingencies.

AMRA Forum for officers and club reps.

Todd wraps up old business

O/A AMRA Championship: Todd and Vance's proposal.

AA's and A's have to run the same course and if possible at the same time. All AA's and A's are scored in class and as an O/A . We would separate the O/A results that list the

AA's and A's in order as they finish. We will assign points for their finish O/A, starting with 25 for first.

After a lengthy discussion about adopting the new overall points series, we decide to motion:

You are only eligible for the overall championship if you ride the AA class.

Motion: Todd J

Second: Rich

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Motion: Create a 50A Class

Rich

Second: Frank

UNANIMOUS!!

Take "No Comp Card required for Sportsman Class" off the website for the OCMC race.

Make sure to encourage your club members to be safe when they working a race. We have had a lot of people get hurt when they are helping out. (Vance, Dave Vogt, etc.) It's a club issue. Nobody under 12 working the course. We require our racers to wear gear, we should encourage workers to wear gear too.

Race working specific vehicles need to be identified.

No pit riding. No negotiations.

CTR hopefully will have a race in 2008. They are working to start building relationships with Land Owners so they will progress to having a race in 2008.

Who takes a checkered? We will have backups at the finish lines, all that goes to Vance so he has everything filed in case of protests.

Motion to approve Qualifier Definition: (Section 4 article e)

First: Rich

Second: Frank

UNANIMOUS!

Motion: Amend definition for scoring on a qualifier

Open Discussion

Add to rulebook short disclaimer re: photos taken at events being used for publicity rights (see Jerry's proposal).

Add to entry form: I have read and agree to abide by all tenants of the AMRA rulebook.

Motion: Rich

Second: Todd J
UNANIMOUS!!!

Open Class change to 251+/451+
Motion: Dave
Second: Rich
UNANIMOUS!!!

Matt Scoutten has put in his letter of resignation. We are going to put the flyers responsibility back to the clubs, they can send it to Kara and she will proof it.

Motion to remove Publicity Officer:
First: Todd
Second: Rich
UNANIMOUS!!!

We are too lenient on the B's with move-ups. We need to continue to encourage our clubs to encourage their members to move up if they need to without us saying they have to.

TJ. I understand you're on call but please put your phone on vibrate then. Thanks!

Should we change the transfer ride for B's to 8? Table till next meeting.

Next meeting
Host Fast'r on January 28th. Details to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 1:51 p.m.

