

AMRA Meeting minutes
12/11/05

Call to order: Adam 4:23 pm

In attendance:

Don Hood ATR

Dave Gronlund AMRA

Todd Johnson RockStars

Kevin Eckels RockStars

John Ryan TRS

Ben Hutchinson AMRA

Kara Hutchinson AMRA

Trea Johnson AMRA

Matt Scoutten AMRA

Paula Scoutten

Bryan Bruning Fast'r

Geoff Brownell Fast'r

Jerry Harpole ATR

Adam Johnston AMRA

Buck's input from through the phone line...

--get racers to come back by offering cash prize at end of year

--section 9 part e, drop that from the rule book. It was in the MRAN rulebook that we never really addressed.

--pretty much happy with all the proposals, we just need to bring more riders in. Classes are so small, it would be nice to fill the classes up or drop the number of riders in each class. As we grow we can fill those classes up.

--you guys have done a great job getting this off the ground.

--Tracy said that if you're running the series you have to have all the requirements, if not you don't have to follow any of the rules? NOT TRUE.

Meeting starts

Class Structure

Divisions:

--combining 125, 4 stroke classes and naming them something like XC1, XC2. Maybe leave them as 250 division, 200 division, open as open, etc. We liked how it was printed out on the entry form with a description. It may be more confusing if we rename them, we are trying to keep it as simple as possible. As long as the structure doesn't change.

--should say 200/250, 250/450 class, and open

--the National open classes that we have to have Open A and 250 A, we have to have those, the rest of the classes are voluntary classes, we can mix them as we want.

Does everyone agree on changing classes?

200/250F, 250/450F, Open 251+ and 451+

Todd Davis: first

Adam: second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Vote on changing “class” to “division” and “division” to “class”

All in favor: Ay

No opposed

IT’S UNANIMOUS!!!!

Old Business:

We voted to have a AA class for 2006, will we have a payout? How much?

What percentage, how much is the club putting on the event giving up?

We’ll probably have a handful of entries, the point of a AA class is to get the fast riders in a class of their own and the rest of the A riders a chance to win some races, get the C riders up to the B class, B riders to the A class.

Pay a higher entry fee, higher payback. \$100 entry, 100% payback.

Rocky Mountain: To get to the AA, top 10 for last two years. NO payback in, but it’s a forced class. You have to move up.

Let’s take it “one chunk at a time.”

Vote on a payout

All in favor: AY

No opposed

UNANIMOUS!!!

So it’s a voluntary class, you have to let anyone who thinks they can win in it, you can’t force anyone into the AA class.

Fast’r proposal for the AA class: top 5 overall from year before “strongly encouraged” to enter the class, the rest is voluntary.

Todd Davis: Why don’t we use this first year and call the short list of people that we think should be in the class, tell them hey we think you should be in this class, right now it’s completely voluntary but we think you should be racing in that class. Again, “strongly encourage” them.

Should we make a rule stating that this AA class is 100% voluntary for 2006, but have a sandbagger rule that if somebody keeps winning and winning we harass him until he moves up?

Bryan: Realistically, how many races is Berault going to race next year?

Adam: If he shows up on time, maybe a lot.

Description of rule: 100% voluntarily or at the discretion of the competition committee to move into the AA class. Cannot move from AA back to A, refer to rule G to be applied towards moving classes.

Did we vote on that? Yes. It's UNANIMOUS!

Payback

No trophies for that class (Dave G was a little upset about this)

Promoting the series, should draw riders

The people who are in this class are in it for the money anyways

Money loss to clubs is payback and AMRA's \$6 to club

A lot of the decisions are at the discretion of the club

For example: Have entry fee \$60, 90% pay out, that 10% goes towards AMRA fee, so that's covered.

Jerry: Entry fee minus AMRA fees.

Proposal: Minimum payback is entry fee less AMRA fee.

The big races like BITD, WORCS, etc. they really don't get a lot of money if they win, they get more from sponsors, etc. It's more for the glory.

New Proposal: \$80 set entry fee for AA class, minimum payback 100% of entry fee minus AMRA fees.

John first

Jerry second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Payback positions: Minimum payback for finishers is 33% of participants. (top third)

Ben motion

Bryan second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Payback percentages will be at the discretion of the club who is putting on the event.

Jerry motion

John second

UNANIMOUS!!!!

WE'RE DONE TALKING ABOUT THE AA CLASS!!!!

More Old Business...

Have a 60B and C class, 50B and C class, and Women's B and C class, but run them all on the short course. Have the higher classes to encourage more people to have a class to work up to, but not have to worry about the harder course. They don't want to run with the faster guys and get their butts kicked, and more opportunity to get hurt.

Have Women's B and 60+ B run with the C riders.

Proposal: Add a 60B class.

Jerry motion

Adam second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: 50B, 60B and Women's B will ride the same distance as the C and beginner classes.

John motion

Todd second

6 for

2 opposed

MOTION APPROVED

Youth class is 12-14 yrs old

Women's class says "full framed motorcycle." What does that mean?

--no trail bikes.

--strike from women's class rules because it doesn't apply.

Jerry motion to strike wording from women's class restrictions "full framed motorcycle."

Todd motion

Kevin second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Also, any youth 12-14 can ride in any class, but are welcome to ride in the youth class.

Todd Davis needs a pee break. Motion for 5 minute break.

Approved.

5:46 pm

5 minute break.

5:51 pm

We're back.

Backgrounds, sometimes it's hard to differentiate the stripe because people who race other races just put it over their last stripe and you can't tell.

Proposal: All three number plates mandatory.

John motion
Kevin second
UNANIMOUS

Proposal: Backgrounds instead of color stripe on all three plates.

Geez Todd.

There is a heated discussion about making it mandatory to get the colored backgrounds that are your class color, or run white with the stripe.

Proposal: The dominant color on your number plate cannot conflict with the color that the class you are entered in is running.

Proposal: All three number plates must have a colored background pertinent to the class that you are entered in.

Bryan motion
Geoff second
2 opposed
MOTION APPROVED

Refer to the rulebook as to what the colors are.
(Youth is green)

Proposal: Put a letter on Open 251+ class and Youth. Open P and Youth is Y.

Geoff motion
Bryan second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

Just an FYI Fast'r is supposed to come up with the wording for the timekeeping event.

Rulebook additions...

Fast'r is looking to do a 2 day event, so rule added about two races on two consecutive days will be considered a combined points event.

Motion
Second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: strike wording about AMRA meetings on every other Monday.

Motion

Second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: add the word “paid” to riders on p. 4 section 2.

Motion

Second

UNANIMOUS!!!!

National entries aren't required to buy AMRA memberships, for those cases don't pay the fees to AMRA because there are so many riders.

This is a case-by-case thing, when there's co-sanctioning involved, the competition committee will decide what to do.

Proposal: Says on p. 5 section C protests need to be written, add must be signed.

Todd motion

John second

UNANIMOUS

Proposal: Change p. 9 section A from “Beginner” to “Sportsman.”

Motion

Second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: Change p. 3 section 3 from “any club” to “any AMA chartered club.”

Motion

Ben second

UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: Modify p. 15 section E, “towing” rule to “No rider will be allowed outside mechanical assistance from anyone other than course officials and racers outside the designated pit area.”

Ben motion

John second

UNANIMOUS!!!

On the course, you cannot have your pit crew fix your bike for you. You cannot have a spectator push start your bike. Only course officials are allowed on course.

Proposal: Change pg 8 section 6 from “every 3 months” to “every competition committee meeting.”

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: Add on p. 9 section J “During hours of operation.”

Todd motion
John second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: Change p. 11 section C from 1 hour to 1.5 hour minimum, 3 to 3.5 hour minimum (AMA rule)

Don motion
Todd second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

Proposal: Strike “European Scramble” from rulebook.

DENIED

Proposal: Change p. 14 section 8 to add “Random Roll call will be taken, if a rider’s name is called and is not in attendance, that rider will have 30 seconds added to his or her total time at the end of the event. The participant is ultimately responsible for information discussed at the rider’s meetings.” The penalty will be added after the race has ended to the final race.

John motion
Matt second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

It is up to the discretion of the club to have more than one rider’s meeting. The reason we’ve had one meeting is because there tends to be less help and the people who are doing the meeting normally have to be out on the course and don’t have time to come back for a second meeting. It’s been a manpower issue.

Proposal: Change p. 13 section 9 to take out “must receive checkered flag to be considered a finisher.”

Motion
Second

2 for
rest opposed
MOTION DENIED

Proposal: Make the AMRA competition card required, \$10 plus free t-shirt.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

COMPETITION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

January: OCMC Sunday January 29th

February: AMRA National Saturday February 11th hopefully in Mammoth

March: Rockstars Saturday March 25th Superior

April: ATR Sunday April 22nd Camp Wood

May: TRS Saturday May 13th Cherry Creek (Young) or Willcox

June:

July:

August:

September: Maybe PTR but they're not AMA sanctioned so we're not counting them

October: CTR don't know a date, around Halloween

November:

December: FAST'R Saturday and Sunday December 2 and 3 (2-day qualifier)

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

8:16 pm
Second break (dinner break)

8:27 pm
We're back

Move Ups

Proposal: Change p. 9 section C to Fast'r proposal (In order for a novice to be moved to the amateur B class, the rider must have at least 5 transfer rides, which is defined as the top 25% of division and 10% of overall class, or at the discretion of the competition committee.)

Do we move riders up after 5 transfer rides even if there's only a couple races left in the year? Guys don't like that and neither does AMA.

Should we go by time? If someone wins by 10 minutes after 1 race should he be moved up? Always add “at the discretion of the competition committee” after each rule so we can take each case by case.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

Proposal: Change p. 9 section D to Fast’r proposal (10 transfer rides to move up).

Should it take more than a year to move to A class? It should be tough to move, staying in the top of your class that long is tough.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Move Ups by name

Motion to discuss
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Jeff Miller (yes)
Jack McCormick (not ready)
Chris Watson (yes)
Vance Kennedy (yes)
Ernie Allsup (yes)
Rich Revis (yes)
Frank Akers (yes)
Max Gerston (yes)
Brent Morin (yes)
Trea Johnston (yes)
Art More (yes)
Jerry Harpole (yes)

Todd motion
Geoff second
UNANIMOUS!!!!
(Trea wanted to oppose but she wasn’t paying attention...)

Proposal: Change p. 19 section A to “\$80 for semi-pro” and take out section B.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Points discussion

We've had discussions about what is the motivation for clubs to put on an event, racing your own club's event, etc. Here's what we come up with. It's not an easy discussion.

Proposal: Modify p. 21 Section 17 to points shall be computed on the total number of races held during the calendar year; club members cannot race their own events; list of club members that worked event must be sent in within 72 hours of end of event; worker points are earned by physically working the event; a person can only receive worker points once in a season.

Worker points: Fast'r proposal is to simplify everything. Everyone has to work one event a year, not necessarily your club's event but one event, so you can race your own event. Only those who are eligible for points are calculated. Worker points are the average of your two best event finishes. 50 club points for being in a club by the end of the year. (Club drive at end of year) at the discretion of the club.

Todd Davis: but you don't want the deadbeats coming out not doing anything but technically they think they're "working the event" because they're there. They didn't give them the points because they didn't do anything.

What about the National? Maybe get 2 sets of worker points. If you work the National get bonus points.

Every club has to have 2 people work the national, and those people are eligible to get double worker points at the discretion of the competition committee.

You can't race your own event. Each club is only putting on one points event a year.

Proposal: Potential for double worker points for those who work the national upon approval of competition committee and you can't race your own event whether you work it or not.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

Proposal: There will be one throwaway score for 2006.

John Motion
Bryan Second
UNANIMOUS!!!!

Proposal: You must work an event in order to be eligible for series competition points. Series points are only calculated for those who are eligible.

Is that a fairy dance? Oh no it's just Todd Johnson's phone ringing. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING CELL PHONES DURING MEETINGS.

Pretty much add "at the discretion of the competition committee" to every rule.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Proposal: p. 20 section 17, strike rules 2C and 2F from rulebook.

Motion
Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Moving classes

Proposal: Keep your points when you move up classes. Cannot keep your points when you move down classes or changing divisions. Have to buy another competition card for \$5 in order to get more points. Only worker points are transferable.

Ben Motion
Todd Davis Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

No open discussion

Proposal: Spend up to \$2000 on trophies for end of year banquet.

TJ Motion
Ben Second
UNANIMOUS!!!

Next meeting end of January/early February

Motion to adjourn
Not quite...
Matt needs sponsorship logos and club logos...

Adjourn 9:44 p.m.