



AMRA Meeting 12-16-08

Called to order 6:29 pm

Roll Call

Don Shields (AMRA)
Geoff (AMRA)
Vance (AMRA)
David W (AMRA)
Kara (AMRA)
Andy (OCMC)
Dennis Jones (new!) (OCMC)
Todd D (TRS)
John R (TRS)
Jeff V (RSMC)
Ben (RSMC)
Scott (FAST'R)
Ryan Dickson (new!) (ATR)
Rick DeStephens (new!) (ATR)
Mike (CTR)
Megan (CTR)

Welcome to guests – Patrick from Rekluse, Keith from Northland, Frank for AMA
Welcome to Andy – new Big Bike Steward
Welcome to new members! We have new ATR reps for 2009.

Officer Updates

Presidents Update – Don S

Kara still waiting for letter from Don

ACTION: Don will get it to Kara in 5 days (Wed)

Don will discuss an “open house” event (non points paying) to get fundraiser ideas out there.

ACTION: Don will go to club meetings starting in January

With what happened this past weekend, we need to check into the insurance issues. Even though they sign the waiver, we need to find out what the insurance covers. As it stands we think it's a general liability for the promoters, land owners and spectators, not the racers.

We don't have a Down Rider fund. We've never had something like this happen to us before. We can buy into an existing Down Rider fund also. We would have to set guidelines. Look into the existing and see how they outline it.

So use funds from the annual Open House for the rider fund. Maybe use the December Speedworld race as the AMRA Open House and all the clubs put it on, which means everyone can race it (since they've all done an additional event).

ACTION: Geoff has to "check" with the club to see if they will give the event up.

ACTION: Don will come up with an outline. Everyone follow through with the clubs, talk about what type of event it will be (points paying, etc.) and if we should do it at Speedworld or Grinding Stone.

Speedworld Discussion

Motion to approve the October Minutes: Ben

Second: John

Discussion – amend details regarding down arrow rule

Motion carries...

VP Report – Geoff

Hare Scrambles – Sean from WORCS wants to join as a club and work out a partnership with us.

Keep one liason communication source with Sean (Geoff) to keep things simple.

ACTION: Geoff will send Sean info on how to join AMRA.

Secretary Report – Kara

All my actions are done!

Add Czryan47@msn.com Ryan Dickson to forum

Treasurer's Report – Vance

Vance goes over report

TRS paid for their 2008 membership (whoop hoo!)

We have not received the \$6/head from the last 3 events.

ACTION: Those 3 clubs will send a check to Vance or deposit into the B of A account

2009 club dues due by February 1st. OCMC paid.

2008 Banquet, we will save \$ on the venue but spend more on trophies.

Clubs need to pay their Eventbrite fees to AMRA.

RSMC – (Jan 2008 - RSCII) \$74.13, (Feb 2008 - RSCII) \$294.73 = **\$368.86** (I think they've paid partially)

FAST'R – (Mar 2008 - HDHS) \$96.36, (Apr 2008 - HDHS) \$22.73, (Nov 2008 – XGP) \$16.94 = **\$136.03**

OCMC – (May 2008 – KK3) \$17.16, (May 2008 – FunRide) \$48.51, (June 2008 – KK3) \$8.88, (July 2008 – KK3) \$8.88, (Aug 2008 – KK3) \$25.65, (Sept 2008 – KK3) \$80.67, (Oct 2008 – KK3) \$71.82 = **\$261.57**

Motion for each club to set up their own Eventbrite account: Todd D

No second

Tabled until next meeting

Points and Scoring Report – Vance and Andy

They need club lists so that club members get their points. They're supposed to send club worker lists within 14 days of the event to get the points to Kara to post. \$25/day fine after 14 days.

Discussion regarding who qualifies for points for each race (must have a comp card). For 2008 you finish where you finish. Potential rule change for 2009.

There is a protest on the floor. A rider moved himself from B to C without petitioning the Comp Committee. He will be DQ'd from the event.

ACTION: OCMC will deal with it.

Mini Steward Update – Todd D

A parent came to Todd and Geoff regarding moving one of his kids back down to Beginner because he was under the impression that the Monticello event was a points paying, which it wasn't. So they let him.

AMA Report – Frank

Don and Frank are going to Columbus for a conference, any input for them for the AMA needs to be to Don by the 14th of January. They will set up a presentation. Also regarding District 31, which is not a recognized district. What do other districts get out of being recognized?

ACTION: Get your thoughts to them by 1/14

Old Business

AMRA Rider Survey – Todd D

ACTION: Todd will put together a survey, which he will get to Kara to send out after the final points are posted

Corporation Status Update – Todd D

Todd talked to a guy who will help us with this for free. We need to get Indemnity clause coverage so the officers are covered.

ACTION: Todd needs to gather the information that a guy from Prescott needs in order to get our corporation status done.

AMRA Course Markings

The rule has already been established and will be updated in the 2009 rulebook that it will be to the club's discretion. Discussion.

ACTION: Geoff to send Kara a copy of the rule that was newly voted in.

2009 Calendar

Page is officially on our calendar co-sanctioned with Weberacing.

Should we change to 2 drops?

Are both Webe events going to be Mini points paying

Motion to stick with 1 drop for the 2009 season: Geoff

Second: Frank

Discussion

Motion carries...

Fast'r needs to finalize the October race date.

ACTION: Don S will find out about the permit and get back to Geoff.

AMRA Postcards for 2009 Schedule (one for mini, one for big bikes) to mail to members, and have for the races.

ACTION: Kara to make postcards, order 1000 for big bikes, 200 for minis.

Put together a package to send to moto shops. Letter and posters for shops.

Geoff has an example.

ACTION: Proof letter and get back to Geoff with comments

2008 Banquet

Try to do something at Ft. McDowell in conjunction with the race on 1/24. Do it on Sunday 1/25 at a facility Outdoor Adventures... it's an open sided barn with a bar and stuff, western themed, big open air area. It would fit for us weather cooperating. Fire pits, heaters. Parking. It should be great.

\$500 flat fee to rent the whole thing.

\$17.95 per plate which includes BBQ sandwich, beans, chips, dessert, IT and coffee. Kids meal.

It's already booked, won't cost us if we need to cancel. They'll have tables, etc.

Motion to hold 2008 Banquet to hold banquet at Ft. McDowell venue: TD
Second: DS
Discussion
Motion carries...

Planning committee
Kara and..... ???

Focus this year will be the Minis. Have someone from AZOHVC come and speak. Maybe get Destry or Hatch to hand out the kids awards. We need to get a budget first, then go from there.

ACTION: Frank will ask Hatch if he will do it. Keith will see if Hengeveld will do it.

Sponsorship Efforts

Don H is the new Sponsorship guy. He signed Northland Motorsports on as the Mini Title sponsor. Tabled since neither Don H or Stuart are here.

Corporate State Land Permits

Don talked with Ken and Jody and will meet with them in January.

Land Stewardship Award

ACTION: Don S to write a letter for the website and talk about the award.

New Business

Neil Slater – Grindingstone fundraiser in January. Online donation site has already raised significant funds!

Stately family said that they would prefer that everyone focus their energies towards Slater funds.

Rider Down Foundation (Patrick has a contact there Les Walker if we want it). Get involved with them for future events. Establish a history with them. It's hard to say what effect it would have now since we're on this side. They will design the membership/donation to fit our needs. It works for small and big stuff.

ACTION: Todd D will contact Les and figure out what we need to do to get involved.

Online Registration

We need to establish consistency.

ACTION: Kara needs to make sure they're consistent.

Sponsors – need to add a spot on the entry form. The new software has an upgrade that will print out the sponsors on the results.

When we have comp'd riders they need to make sure to say who they are comp'd by.

We need to tighten up the Mini Series release forms. Should we do a one time release at the beginning of the year, notarized, etc? We need someone there on race day signing it. Make it part of the competition card purchase procedure.

ACTION: Keith will look into this.

2009 Rule Changes!

ACTION: Kara will clean up verbage of the current rulebook, post for proofing on the forum.

Article 4 By-Laws – Section 1 Representatives

Add a sentence which reads: The Competition Committee Representatives shall at a minimum meet once every Quarter with additional meetings scheduled as agreed upon by the committee.

**This is already in the rulebook (Article 1 Section 1 and 2), so we need to revisit this and/or clean up the rulebook.*

2009 Rule Book

The Arizona Motorcycle Riders Association is making an effort to promote off-road motorcycling in Arizona. Our intent and purpose is not to compete with cycle organizations, but to help organize and cooperate with clubs.

The Arizona Motorcycle Riders Association meets bimonthly to consider and act upon all suggested rule changes in the best interest of off-road motorcycling.

This committee, representing the desert riding motorcycle clubs of Arizona, realizes that the rules need changing from time to time and therefore urge all contestants to be fair and to abide by the decisions of this committee.

The powers of each member of the Association Committee are both legislative and administrative for the good of all concerned. This committee will accept for consideration all suggestions and/or comments deemed helpful. The address to send all correspondence to AMRA is: 1146 N. Mesa Dr, Suite 102 #106, Mesa, AZ, 85201, or email to: comments@amraracing.com. Information phone number is: 602-230-4102.*

Motion: Geoff
Second: Frank
Discussion
Unanimous
Motion carries

Article 4 By-Laws – Section 7 Rule Changes

Amend the sentence that reads: Proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the AMRA Competition Committee a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting at which they will be discussed, and must include the section of the rulebook to which they pertain, and the effect it will have on other rules relative to such change.

Motion: Todd D

Second: John

Discussion

Unanimous

Motion carries

Article 5 Competition Rules - Section 9 Event Scoring

Add rule that reads: For co-sanctioned and National events, AMRA racers will be pulled from results and scored separately.

Motion: Ben

Second: Frank

Discussion

For: 5

Against: 6

Motion denied.

Article 5 Competition Rules – Section 17 Points Rules

Add rule that reads: The top 10 riders in overall points from the prior year will move or remain in the AA class for the season. In addition, any rider with prior Pro riding experience from an AMA sanctioned organization or series can voluntarily enter the AA class. AA entries will be the same as all other big bike classes, and payback is at the discretion of the hosting club or promoter. It is recommended that AA payback is offered, however, to help entice more participation in the AA class. Any rider in the AA class failing to earn top ten overall points for the year has the option of moving back to the appropriate A class the following year. Points will be calculated based on the AMA amateur offroad points schedule used in the National Enduro and Hare and Hounds series for overall points. Points will be calculated based on overall finish of all racers with the exception of National events. For National events, the National pro riders will not be included in the results for determining overall points for AMRA. No drops will be included, but worker points will count per the same guidelines as the A/B/C classes. AA riders will display white numbers on blue backgrounds corresponding to their earned overall number from the year prior, or another non earned number of their choice. The top ten from the prior year will be recognized at the awards banquet. To be eligible for top ten awards, a rider must work one event to the hosting club or promoter's satisfaction, and be a current competition card holder.

Can someone send me the AMA amateur offroad points schedule please?

Motion: Geoff
Second: John
Discussion
For: 10
Against: 1 (Todd D)
Motion carries

Article 5 Competition Rules – Section 17 Mini Series Rules

See separate proposal from Keith/Todd D

Motion: Todd D

Second: John

Discussion: Add parents must be onsite, 14 and under, sign a notarized waiver at beginning of the year.

Unanimous

Motion carries...

Open Discussion

Thomas Robson from CTR contacted Don S to have one of our event clubs invite them to help host it.

Who is allowed to sponsor us? We've had beer companies. Table for next meeting.

Next meeting February 28th
Fast'r hosts, place TBD.

Meeting adjourned. 9:01 pm