



AMRA Meeting 3-1-09

Called to order 12:18 pm

Please turn your cell phones off!

We're going green this meeting... we're going to try this for the future as well to save paper, minimize our impact on the environment.

Roll Call

Geoff (AMRA)
Vance (AMRA)
Kara (AMRA)
Don Hood (AMRA)
Andy (OCMC)
Doug (OCMC)
Mike Schenk (TRS)
Eric Theis (TRS)
Ben (RSMC)
Ernie Allsup (new!) (FAST'R)
Arden Caulkins (new!) (FAST'R)
Ryan Dickson (ATR)
Rick DeStephens (ATR)
Mike Milewski (CTR)
Steve Chambers (new!) (CTR)

Welcome to guests – Kevin Higgins, TRS; Tricia Milewski, RSMC

New Reps – Fast'r, CTR

Approval of Meeting minutes

Motion to strike the paragraph about the course markings from the December minutes – Geoff

Second – Ben

Discussion.

Motion carries...

Motion to approve the amended minutes – Geoff

Second – Ben

Motion passes...

Officer Updates

President Report – Don Shields (tabled)

VP Report – Geoff

We've had two good races so far by course, the two differences were in scoring and sign up. We're finding out in these tough economic times our rider base is about 130 per event. We should do our best to ensure the quality of our events to make sure they are sustainable in that way. How well each race is run is going to have an impact on the series in the future. In the next couple years we need to make sure to put on the best quality event. We need to focus on the little things to make sure that we have high quality.

Secretary Report – Kara

I still need articles for Feb and March.

ACTION: Geoff will send for Feb and Ben will let Jeff from RSMC know that he needs to write something up for us for March.

ACTION: Kara to add new reps to AMRA forum.

Treasury Report – Vance

Vance hands out the report. Currently in the red.

ACTION: Kara to send out invoices of what is owed Eventbrite fees.

From 12/18/08 minutes:

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**

All club membership dues are paid up for 2009. (Whoo hoo!)

So how did we get into the red?

- Banquet
- T-shirts
- Transponders
- Major expenditures without prior approval/budgeting

There are 3 people on the account with access – Vance, Kara and Don.

Motion for any potential cost of under \$200 has to have Treasurer approval –

Mike M

Second – Geoff

Motion carries...

Motion for any potential cost of over \$200 has to have the Executive Board approval – Mike M
Second – Ben
Motion carries...

Possible uses for the Land Use \$\$ - AZOHVC donation, rider down fund.

Maybe make it a General Action/Emergency fund instead of specifically “Land Use” fund.

Should we make the clubs buy their own transponders? Keep it AMRA to keep track. We have 174 in stock right now, that should be okay for a while.

For comp cards, we may need to re-evaluate the process. Either raise the prices or lose the free t-shirt.

ACTION: Take back to your club and ask – raise prices to \$15 or keep at \$10 and eliminate the free member t-shirt.

Head Ref Report – Dave (not here)

Big Bike Steward Update – Andy

Not much going on with the big bikes. Standings have been updated.

ACTION: Andy to send Kara the updated standings.

Mini Steward Update – Todd D

- Mini points updated and posted.
- Make sure clubs review the mini rules before their events. Most important is getting the kids in the right classes with the correct numbers. Having a copy of the rules (specifically number system) and the attached mini bike list will hopefully help.

ACTION: Kara post the class structure guideline list from Todd on the website.

-65's should not be running with the 50's. The 50's are our entry level classes and we need to protect these kids as much as possible. Having 65's blast by at twice the speed doesn't help the little ones' confidence.

-In his opinion, the 65 A and B classes can run with 85 B, if the course is long enough. Obviously we are seeing larger classes at our mini events, which is good, but we need to make sure we don't have too many kids on the course at one time. I don't think any of us expected 47 entries at the RockStars event. TRS is adjusting our mini course and race times according to the lessons learned at the RockStars event.

Is ATR going to do a Mini event? No.

ACTION: Kara take Camp Wood off the Mini schedule.

AMA Report – Don Hood

District 31 issue. What do we get out of it? It's hard to describe the benefits. It wouldn't be doing any more than what AMRA is doing. It was about getting a series started to get the people riding. You've got more direct access to the AMA. There may be some potential to grow the series with the contacts that D31 would have. It could be incorporated as AMRA District 31. It would become a little more formal. You would have more meetings, sanction meetings, general meetings, more detailed, more structured. The only question is about Motocross, AMA tracks are technically part of the off-road community. There's a mile limit, i.e. if Speedworld is having a race on Saturday, another track within 50 miles of Speedworld wouldn't be able to hold an event on that day. If WORCS (who is AMA sanctioned) is running an event in our area, does that mean that we wouldn't be able to do an event that day? Yes.

How does it affect our structure?

How does it affect our rulebook?

How many AMA members are in Arizona?

It seems positive, we just need the finite details before we can make a decision.

ACTION: Don will put the document with the details on the AMRA forum.

There may be no benefit if we're already doing everything that we would be doing, and just have more people telling you what you can or cannot do. "We hate THE MAN."

Mainly we would have more support from the AMA. When you talk to land managers they may recognize the AMA name more and have some give. It says something for who we are and what we stand for.

We would still be able to do co-sanctioning with Webe. They're doing an AMA National so they've figured out how to work it out.

There hasn't been a newly recognized district in 20 years.

Make sure to sign up to receive the AMA updates to your email. There is a lot of good information.

ACTION: We need to go back to the clubs and go over the guidelines and talk about it, decide what we as clubs we would like to do.

AZOHVC Update

Dues are due for 2009. Jeff and the lobbyist are busy doing a lot of work.

ACTION: Bring back to your clubs and remind them to pay!

Old Business

AMRA Rider Survey – Todd D

4th Round 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.

4th Round ACTION: Todd needs to gather the information that a guy from Prescott needs in order to get our corporation status done.

2009 Schedule

Fast'r needs to move their Mile Markers Hare Scrambles event to November 14-15th. Was in October. Will use the C course from the National and some of the B course. The Saturday before there will be a fun family Enduro, time-keeper, poker run or fun run. There will be a 30 minute clinic before hand, special traveling trophy for the best time keeper in the state, etc.

December event – Fast'r decided to give up the December date as an AMRA Fundraiser event. Location and date TBD. Potentials are: Mammoth, Grindingstone (they are adding 30 miles of single track, we wouldn't have to use the motocross track at all if you didn't want to), Speedworld (motorcycle only, don't need to use the track). Don Hood is working with ACP, they've been working on the trails and Bobby wants to work on an event with AMRA. He's got about 20 miles of track to work with. At this point for 2009 could be a non-points paying event, fundraiser, etc. He was looking at November, Don will talk about maybe doing it in December.

2nd round ACTION: Don S will come up with an outline of the fundraiser. 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.

We could add it to the 2009 calendar as a points paying event, we would just need to figure out the date.

ACTION: OCMC (and other clubs) needs to take it back to their club and figure out their 2010 schedule, since it would directly affect that.

AMRA Rider Forum

ACTION: Kara to get it posted, see who wants to be in charge of it.

Sponsorships – Don

Addendum from Don. Sponsorship letter.

There was a question of gate fees. Should sponsors have to pay a gate fee?
Discussion.

How ever many free entries you should be free gate fees. Northland gets 2 free entries to every AMRA event, so they would get 2 free gate fees.

We need to jump on the sponsorship requests earlier than we have. Also put together a package to send out to sponsors with a bio, pics, etc.

Keith wants to know: Do we want to have Northland bring the schwag to each event, or would we rather have them save everything to the banquet? Break it out for each event. Also, can each of the clubs write something up for their website, a short synopsis of the course, kids, etc.

Northland is doing a great job so far this year.

State Land Permits

Corporate permits, 5 year permits?

RockStars and TRS have the State Land (ALDS) 5-year permits, it allows 2 events per year for 5 years, \$1500 per year. Is it \$1500 and \$6 per head, or one or the other? Not sure.

Land Stewardship Award – letter from Don S (tabled)

2nd Round ACTION: Don S to write a letter for the website and talk about the award.

Just a reminder to print out the results WITH the sponsorship information.

Old action not discussed:

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

New Business

Standardizing sign up and scoring procedures.

The scoring equipment works, we as clubs all need to make an effort to learn how to use it and fix the problems when they occur. It's all attention to detail and

having people who care enough to plan and put the time forward. Let's learn from our mistakes and move forward.

Photography

Discussion.

It is decided K-Rock Photos will still be exclusive/official photographer for AMRA. She will work with the clubs for their events.

Open Discussion

Kevin Higgins – would like to appeal the protest from last year's Kilauea event. Mailed a protest in writing, which was mailed back to him.

Kevin explains his case.

Since he was not an AMRA member we have no jurisdiction. He needs to take it up with OCMC, the hosting club.

ACTION: OCMC to address this issue with Kevin.

For December meeting, we should revisit and/or clarify the wording of the rule Article 5, Section 2, letter h.

After discussion, topic tabled.

Steve Hengeveld is working on a new area in New Mexico.

OCMC is doing a dual sport ride on 4/14, leaving Cave Creek, get ahold of Doug or Gary for info. 140 miles.

Next meeting: First weekend in May

Host: RockStars

Location: TBD

Meeting adjourned: 2:48 pm