

AMRA Meeting minutes
6/10/06

Call to order: Adam 4:43 pm

In attendance:

Don Hood ATR

Dave Gronlund AMRA

Todd Johnson RockStars

Ben Hutchinson AMRA

Kara Hutchinson AMRA

Trea Johnson AMRA

Matt Scoutten AMRA

Geoff Brownell Fast'r

Jerry Harpole ATR

Adam Johnston AMRA

Craig Wilburn TRS

Frank Staley ATR

Ken Dinquel ATR

No agenda, but Adam listed a few things to talk about:

Officer voting

ATR Money issues

Officer recommendations

OCCM Jerry wanted to nominate someone for a position on the board

Jerry has some issues with points also

TODD JOHNSON thank you for so generously ending your phone call for the meeting. Sorry to inconvenience you.

One day membership issues, maybe offer because it's easier to track people who are really going for points, those who aren't we wouldn't have to worry about.

Problem with that is you still have to track them but you would have more than one list of people, it would be more paperwork.

District 37 doesn't put them in their computer system, so when you put your results in it automatically puts the points into the spreadsheet that tracks the riders who are going for points.

Gary Meeker has been on John's butt about making sure that the program that we bought is working correctly and the best that it can. John is not a racer so he doesn't realize really what needs to be done. We aren't using the program which we should be.

We have to add them into the program anyways what's the difference between paying 10 for a year or 5 or 7 for a one day? It's only a couple dollars difference. There were about 15 people who complained that there wasn't a one day membership option. They were the ones who sold back their transponders. It is more incentive for them to come out.

Trea scrubbed the toilets after the TRS race.
The agreement is that we aren't going to offer a one day membership.

ATR issue

They ended up paying more out of their account because of the ambulance, they were there but didn't have to use them, thankfully. The proposition is for AMRA to charge \$4 instead of \$6 so they could keep a little money in their account. In reality they paid \$3300 for the ambulance and they didn't do anything. It's an AMA rule that you have to have an ambulance onsite. As of right now they only made \$150 on the race. With the proposition they would make about \$500.

What we've done in the past is notify the sherriff, highway, fire departments and told them what was going on, and made sure that they knew what was going on so they knew where to go if there was a call. And we made sure that the EMTs onsite knew how to use a GPS. And if there were any broken bones or blood, the ambulance drivers would call a helicopter anyways so it's really not that big of a deal to have ambulances, it's more important to have EMTs

Not that it's a jinx but both times that someone has gotten hurt it has been right in front of Todd Davis. So if you're out riding stay far away from Todd.

Someone complained that we helicopter too many people out, which we take as a compliment since safety is important to us. We'd rather be safe than sorry.

OCMC had them in a central point and decided that it would be easier to have provisions to get them to an injury from that point instead of having them spread out and having to find them and get them to the right spot.

VOTE

\$2 reduction motion: Adam

Second: everyone

UNANIMOUS!

That's the money that goes into the general fund.

Don said that he is going to bring this subject up at the next AMA meeting, because it's a rule that is in the AMA rulebook. If it's not something that's definitely set in stone, then they need to reword the rule in the rulebook. Todd

Davis said that the lady who he talked to at AMA said that she would get back to him, and if he didn't hear from her, it was a go.

What we should do is find out who is an EMT and have them available at the races. Even if they are a C rider, have them available for the A/B races. Or have them who are doctors, EMT, nurses, ride their races with a radio and headset. There were riders at the last races who came out of the woodwork when help was needed saying they were medics. If they are willing to drop out of a race to help someone then, it's most likely that they will be willing to help if they had a radio. Maybe give them a break on their entry fee.

Just because it says there must be an ambulance onsite, they don't necessarily have the right equipment or even the ability to help you. Most ambulance drivers can't do much anyways. There may be more life saving equipment in Todd's backpack than in the ambulance. Don will bring that up at the next AMA meeting that it needs to be changed.

NOMINATIONS

At the last meeting it was requested that the club members go back to their clubs and bring back names of people who are interested in officer positions. As of June 30th, they will take over those positions.

At the last meeting we talked about Ben moving to Head Referee, Vance taking over the Points and Scoring Administrator position, Kara will – no HAS -- to stay where she is because she's the only one who really knows what she's doing, Dave Gronlund is up for the new Land Manager Rep position, Geoff Brownell is up for the President, Todd Davis is up for Vice President. Jerry said since he wasn't here at the last meeting, he didn't know about anything so he has some names he wants to throw in some names also.

At the last meeting Adam pretty much said, here are people that I think would be good in this or that position, you go back to your clubs and find some more names if they are interested.

Jerry would like to recommendation for Vice President that he believes is qualified, Nathan Davis. Jerry thinks that Nathan would be a great addition. (Passed around resumes).

There is also an area of improvement, AMRA should get the minutes out, and the club that hasn't been to the meeting also has to take the responsibility to get the information that they missed. He isn't at this meeting because they didn't really realize that the meeting was today and he couldn't make last minutes arrangements to be here. If he would have known it was his opportunity to be presented he would have made sure to make it. He was an OCMC member since January, helped a lot at the last race with no complaints.

Todd and Geoff decided that Todd would be best suited for presidency and Geoff for Vice President, so pretty much the only multi person race was for Vice President.

Does he want to be a member of the board, or just wants to run for Vice President?

OCMC felt that he was the best person to present to the AMRA board as a position, and he felt he could contribute best as Vice President. Trea is thinking about stepping down as Treasurer, so if he is willing to consider other positions that one is open also. Pretty much he will have good input for AMRA.

Todd Davis input: He thinks it would be a great asset to the OCMC club, have him start coming to the meetings and get involved, since our AMRA people have come to be a tight knit family, and he thinks that since Geoff has been involved so much so far he would be the better bet.

He wouldn't be hurt or offended if he isn't chosen, he is most likely still going to be involved with AMRA, and hopefully he'll get more involved anyways and next year be willing to put his name in when next year's elections come around.

OCMC has 33 members now, and they are in the process of rearranging their officers also. He will be someone who is going to be considered as an officer position in their club. He could do both, or just one or the other, he would be willing to do whatever is needed of him.

As a group, we've pretty much decided what is going to happen.

Matt Scoutten: current Publicity Officer, does flyers for each event. We don't really have anyone else who has the ties or resources that he has. He would like to keep his position.

Motion: Todd Davis

Second: Trea

UNANIMOUS

Kara Hutchinson: Website Administrator/Secretary, self proclaimed Media Relations Officer. Does website, is secretary,

Motion: Don Hood

Second: Trea

UNANIMOUS

Vance Kennedy: up for Points and Scoring Administrator, would do all points, and also dive into the scoring system and try to figure out how it does and should work.

Motion: Ben

Second: Don Hood

UNANIMOUS

Ben Hutchinson: currently Points and Scoring Administrator, would like to move to Head Referee. Work hand in hand with the PSA. He makes sure that the clubs are following the rules at their events. If there's a conflict at the event, and the club can't come to a decision, the Head Ref gets it. If he can't come to a resolution and there is a protest, it goes to the Competition Committee, and then the issue is resolved. Helps make decision for move ups in classes.

Motion: Matt

Second: Jerry

UNANIMOUS

Trea Johnston: currently Treasurer. Is also doing a lot with the scoring, would like to get out of that situation. Usually does the registrations, would like to have the clubs have the total responsibility for that in the future.

Motion: Kara

Second: Don

UNANIMOUS

David Gronlund: currently Vice President, would like to move to Land Use Coordinator (new position). He has been doing this anyways, has attended a lot of public notice meetings and has represented AMRA in decisions regarding public land use. It is not a position that clubs go to him and say, get us our land permit. But having a face at those meetings is a big thing. Some land managers have been confused when there's more than one person as a contact, but they've been explained what AMRA is and are not confused anymore. What we're hoping the position will entail is that land managers will contact him with problems, and they want to know somebody they can go to and get things resolved, or get help for certain issues. Could be a go to person when a club who is trying to get a permit don't understand the process. He has a lot to learn but if he could concentrate on just that it will be better. Would need someone to take over the Sponsorship program, possibly Jerry who has really helped a lot so far. If we are going to continue to grow, we need to spend some time deciding on how to structure it so that we don't have multiple people trying to contact the same sponsor. If we are going to grow, we need to have more than one person, maybe a committee. Some people get confused, they really need one contact. Define his duties in writing. Do you get to pick your duties or do we?

Motion: Jerry

Second: Don

UNANIMOUS

Geoff Brownell: up for Vice President. Just a pretty face. Supports the president, with whatever that entails. Marketing the series to help keep it in the direction that it's going. Learn the software, the more people that know the software the better.

Motion: Trea

Second: Don
UNANIMOUS

Todd Davis: up for President. Mostly PR work. Schoolteacher. Deal with people and make sure everyone stays happy, or at least doing what's best for AMRA. Adam is stepping down because he has too much going on with his house and job, and is a little burnt out.

Motion: Frank
Second: Trea
UNANIMOUS

Round of applause. Thanks to Adam and original board for all of their hard work. Why they were recommended: Todd is high strung, Geoff is laid back, they will keep each other in check, they have complimentary personalities. They will do what's best for the series and organization.

Sometimes it's hard to separate your clubs interest from AMRA's. As an officer, you really have to do that.

Take a 5 minute break. 6:20 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Resume

Todd Davis takes the stand as our new president and gives his inaugural speech.

Other organization only had 137 of riders (quads and motorcycles) at their last race. We haven't gone under 150. We submitted a request for a National Hare Scrambles, and in less than a year we got it. People all over the country recognize our series. Marketing is the next big thing we need to focus on.

There are so many non-members that are racing, they don't necessarily know what being a member of a club entails. Right now it's mainly word of mouth.

OCCMC wants to split off again and form another club, maybe take some members from other clubs and have a club that's not necessarily just about racing. With more clubs, there isn't necessarily that much area to race in. The more people talking to the land managers the better. The more structure is good, right now there are people who don't know what they're doing and it's stressing out land managers.

People want to join clubs because there are riding companions, camping trips, club rides, etc. What do the people who aren't joining clubs want? Why are they not joining a club? We need to educate them. After the last race there were 200 riders who weren't a part of a club. Give people other reasons to join a club.

Fast'r is thinking about restructuring their club to be more traditional. Right now there are only a few people doing all the work. If you open it up to a non-racer environment it is more relaxed, more fun.

ATR has 140 "members" but there are realistically only 35-40 who know each other, who do the events.

We're at that point where we have the hard core racers. We will keep them. You'll always have that core group. There are people who love to ride and love the instruction but don't want to race.

Proposition: let's start opening up our club experiences to other people in other clubs, give out information on the website or making sure that people know what is going on with other clubs so they have the opportunity to join if they want. In the case of a trail ride or something, you don't have to get insurance or a permit because you're not charging anything, but if you do want to charge you can have them join as a non-voting associate member.

Adam's back

CTR – we have requirements for members to come to a percentage of each of the meetings, the point is that every club needs to participate. We want them to be more involved, at the meetings, etc. Unless we go to Flagstaff, then they'll come. The rulebook says if you don't have that percentage of participation, there is a potential for them to lose points for the series.

Right now CTR is just a AMA sanctioned club in Flag. PTR isn't AMA sanctioned. As far as our committee, PTR doesn't exist and at this point, CTR doesn't exist. We need to put them on probation.

Maybe meeting wise, have each club sponsor a meeting in their neck of the woods. It is in the rulebook that we're supposed to have one every other month, we need to be more consistent. We need to start scheduling accordingly. Maybe go alphabetically.

CTR is trying really hard to put an event on in October. They haven't been here, we haven't had any input. When the new "year" starts, everyone starts clean slate. It's been overlooked the last couple years, now the series is self sufficient, now we can focus on mandating the rules.

We've always invited non AMA member clubs to attend, but they don't have voting rights. They don't have enough members to make a club (need 10).

How do we deal with the absence of CTR? Starting next meeting, go by the rulebook (if you miss 2 consecutive competition committee meetings, you are no longer a club affiliate.)

Some things that we discussed:

- 1) Next meeting is the first meeting of the new AMRA year.
- 2) Calendar for meeting spots on website. Club picks what month they want to host.

Rule Clarifications

How do you break a tie in points? The rule does not cater to small classes. We may need to revisit the verbage in the rulebook to break a tie.

Suggestion: write up a proposal to change the rule, bring it to the next meeting.

Also, go back to a single class since there aren't as many 60+ riders as we thought would be interested. Sometimes the issue may be the format of the race, i.e. we may get more people to participate in a Qualifier than a Hare Scramble. We need to make sure to have formats that are feasible for everyone to be comfortable to ride.

Example: Camp Wood. 10 people who said it was too hard. 190 people who said it was the best race of the year. You can't make everyone happy.

The more people we draw out, they aren't necessarily as great of riders. The 2005 riders were of a higher caliber. We need to remember that we need to cater to the C riders, and make sure that people are riding in the correct class (A, B, C). We are having A riders who shouldn't be in that class.

There's a difference between tight and technical and difficult. We need to keep it tight and technical. You gotta make it flow, and you gotta keep it fun.

ATR issues

In section 14.e

Decible issue: J1287 sound standard should be in the book. "All motorcycles must have silenced exhaust not to exceed 96 db **per the SAEJ 1287 standard.**"

Motion to change rule: Ben

Second: Don

UNANIMOUS

14.g

Technical inspection: "All above equipment must pass technical inspection **prior to the start of event.**"

14.h

Change this rule to 14.g and change 14.g to 14.h (so spark arrestor is included as "above equipment.")

Motion to amend rulebook: Ben
Second: Adam
UNANIMOUS

17.d

Current rule: "Club members cannot ride their club's event." Add: "For the purpose of this rule, club affiliation is determined by the club listed on the rider's competition card. "

Motion: Adam
Second: Trea
UNANIMOUS

Should we set a timeline to join a club to be eligible for the year's points? It's up to the club. If someone goes to the club in December and wants to join so they'll get their points, it's up to the club to say, "You can join our club, but you're not going to be an active member until January 1. You won't get the points that you haven't earned from the rest of the year." If for some reason the club allows them to be a member in December, it is open to protest by the other clubs.

"I'm on their wagon." –Adam in reference to Don and ATR

Should there be a rule in the AMRA rulebook that states something about integrity? You can't protest club rulebooks, just AMRA's. If there is a rule, it could impede the people who are legitimate. It's not up to us to decide whether a member is in good standing, we can't limit the clubs and undermine their decision.

"Okay, I'm back on their wagon." –Adam in reference to the other clubs

Why do we allow non club members to enjoy the same entry fee as members? We don't want to force people to join a club because they won't be productive members. We need club members who want to be there.

2007 Schedule

We need to start thinking about next year, getting permits, submitting requests for dates, etc. Should there be a timeline in regards to submitting requests? The rest of this year is Fast'r and possibly CTR.

OCMC wants January 7th weekend at Mile Marker 4. You can't control the weather but you can control the race format. Try different things to entice riders.

Fast'r's thinking that if the BLM falls through they'll go instead from mile marker 4 to the pit area and run Fast'r's A lop backwards.

Rockstars want to put in for February 17th in Mammoth. It's the same weekend as a Worcs race, but they're really not the same audience.

TRS wants to do a non-competitive "Geostash" event at Cherry Creek in August. With a "Geostash" you get a GPS course and have to find stuff that they stash, and team-building exercises, etc. 4 to 5 man teams, minimum of 2 C riders on each team. Not a speed event at all.

One thing that all the clubs are looking for is more non-competitive events so everyone can be involved.

Treasurer report
Trea forgot to bring it.

We should have red tshirts with white lettering that have AMRA logo and something about "supports responsible OHVers".

Also we need to get more merchandise to sell on the website.

Matt needs to ask to spend some money. Need more stickers. Give quote for trailer graphics to Matt.

Motion to release funds for stickers: Ben

Second: Don

UNANIMOUS

ATR is putting in for a National, probably in March. The kicker with the AMA is you can submit the dates but they ultimately pick whatever dates they want. If it doesn't fit their date, they are going to turn it down.

Todd needs to ask to spend some money to improve the trailer.

Motion to release funds maximum \$200 for brakes: Todd

Second: Ben

Third: Adam

UNANIMOUS

Consider putting graphics on the trailer. We have huge AMRA stickers we could use.

August 26th and if CTR has a problem they will call Todd and he will deal with it as duties of his new presidency. Kara will not be there.

We need to change the phone number on the website as of June 30th to Todd Davis' cell. 520-360-5264

Adam gives his farewell speech. Round of applause. Several tears.

Motion to adjourn: Adam
Second: Dave
Meeting ended 8:21 p.m.