

8-24-08 AMRA Competition Club Meeting

9:32 am – meeting called to Order

Roll call – (Geoff Brownell has sign-in sheet/all clubs were represented)

Don Shields and Dave Willett were in transit, had issues, could not attend. GB took the lead

GB introduced Tim Wussow as new FAST'R Prez.

Approval of June, 2008 meeting minutes:

- Trailer to stay at Deans, roof to get fixed, issue done and will be removed from further discussion, ever.

Motion to Approve: Hutch
2nded: Frank Staley
Vote: Unanimous

Officer's Update:

- Kara still needs AMRA Prez letter for the web-site
- Need to send out an AMRA e-mail reminder Re: Oct National
- Need to re-define who is comp'd entries
(Answer: all 8 Officer positions)
- Need to develop rider survey
(Action: Todd Davis remains the champion on this)
- need to develop a postcard for the '09 race calendar
(Action: TBD)

Treasurer's report:

- Vance is now signatory on the account
- 1 activity since June
(Milewski noted that this was likely Rockstars paying the \$100 + late fee)
- It was noted that TRS still owes their fee as well.
(Action: TRS to pay \$100 fee and late fee)
- Vance adjusted some of the account structure, plans to have a financial report develop for each AMRA meeting
(Action: Vance to present financial report at future meeting(s))
- Milewski noted that he will present receipts for reimbursement for trailer roof repair materials.

Points /Scoring Report:

- Vance has been trying to coordinate with Andy Stanley to transfer ownership of this role. 6 month window to get trained before Jan-09 is dwindling.
(Action: Vance said he would call Andy again within the next week)
- Utah results are done and up on the website.
- Move-up tracking list is done (thru Page) and is up on the web-site.
- Final pass for 2008 move-ups is now; once you race in October – you stay.

AMA Report:

- Don/Frank noted that the AMA risk mgt training module is now on-line.
- AMA will still do the regular meetings, they do have valuable info.
- Discussion of AMA Pro Racing Shift to 94 db.

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(Action: take this 94 db update to clubs and garner feedback; 2009 AMRA series will test for 94 db and educate only. 96 db will pass for AMRA racing for 2009. Likely shift to 94 for 2010 race year. Final determination will be at 2009 rules modifications meeting later in 2008.)

(Action; Frank will research to see if any other club-based series adopts this requirement)

(Action: add this question to the rider survey that Todd Davis is championing, see below).

Old Business - Strategic Planning (8-2-08) Recap

- Milewski noted that majority of clubs attended.
- Bob Theobald from RS's moderated the group, that added great value.
- (3) things that came out of the meeting:
 1. an Updated Vision Statement: It's on the .pdf notes from the 8-2-08 SP meeting.
 2. Three Tiers of Sponsorship; Series, Event and Rider.
Series; cash is always good, their name is on everything.
Event: this could be AMRA based or clubs based, their name is on everything.
Rider: This is the chain lube, socks, goggles, swag level.
Their name doesn't have to be in flyers and t-shirts.
 3. Revisions to the calendar cycle (move to later discussion)
- New question: E-mail list, give it out or not ? Stu requested clear definition
(Action: need "opt out" checkbox on AMRA application)
(Action: pose this question on the rider survey that Todd is doing. Meaning ask the racers if the e-mail list should be given to sponsors; re: "is AMRA moto-spam ok")
- Really need to drill down on sponsorship with Stu in attendance.
(Action: Milewski to host SP # 2 – Saturday 9-13 at Kitchell office; time 9:00 to 11:00 am again)

Old Business – AMRA Corporation status update

- Todd need update
(Action: Todd Davis to finalize)

Old Business – AMRA Rider Survey

- Todd need update
(Action Todd Davis to finalize)

Old Business – AMRA Course Markings

- Geoff prepped and discussed a rough draft of proposed standards.

(This is not complete or accurate, just an over-view, need Geoff to post draft)

Turns –on outside of turn, single at braking point, double at turn.
Have ribbon at turns to avoid short-coursing.

Dangers – double staked with single down arrow on each to warn of upcoming danger. Double staked with double down arrow at danger.
Intent is to eliminate bright colored, AMRA made danger markers.

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Road Crossings – per Geoff's description, preference is too many all road crossings. (can't remember what was said, everyone was cool with this.)

Wrong ways – have in middle of trail, if possible just past the entrance to the wrong way.

General – talked about ribboning, try to keep to orange and pink ribbon, have no more than ¼ mile apart is at all possible.

Stake size – discussed 4ft vs 3 ft. general comments were 3 ft makes transport a lot easier, all agreed 4 ft is nice if they can be used.

Action: Geoff Brownell made a motion to accept the proposed standards.

Mark Buckholz: seconded

All in favor: Unanimous

New Business

A. OCMC suggestion:

Doug E. with OCMC proposed that AMRA conduct the 2008 banquet the same weekend as their likely 2009 race. OCMC race on 1-17-09 and have the banquet on 1-18-09. Banquet could be at the Ft McDowell Casino.

Action: TBD as discussion of the 2009 calendar ensued, see below.

B. 2009 Calendar

1. OCMC: Jan 17, 2009 (Ft McDowell)
2. RS's: Feb 20 and 21, 2009 (National or not) (Globe)
3. TBD potential for a FASTR/WeBe/CTR co sanction in Page. (need to determine if WeBe primary or AMRA club primary)
4. ATR: April 18 and 19, 2009 (CampWood)
5. TRS: October – TBD
6. FASTR December – (Speedworld GP)

Action: continue refining calendar, need this done by Oct 1, 2008

C. Webe Proposal:

Brett Craig contacted AMRA to see if AMRA was not returning to Page, WeBe could pick up as part of their geographic area.

No true decision at this meeting, discussion lent to AMRA returning there.

If WeBe is primary, WeBe sets the rules across the board.

Action: AMRA to decide if Page stays as AMRA primary or let WeBe take it.

D. Loss of venues

Mammoth, someone needs to pick up Mammoth so as to prevent loss of future venue. Staging is BLM land, majority of course is State Trust Land.

Buck talked about having something at the Cinders as well.

Action: determine which club can utilize Mammoth and/or the Cinders.

E. Series Flyer

Need to check with Kara to see if goal of end of Sept is plausible.

Action: need update from Kara

F. Dual Sport Events / Non-Competitive Events

ATR requested these be added to the AMRA calendar to enhance distribution and exposure. Group seemed ok with this. Just need to titled as AMRA/ATR - non-points paying event.

Action: Add 10-24-08 and 10-25-08 GPS Only Dual Sport Event – Payson, Az

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On next year / 2009 calendar:

04-04-09 GPS Only (Bike Week) Dual Sport Event – Phx, Az
10-25-09 and 10-26-09 National Dual Sport; GPS/Roll Chart
Event

- G. 2009 Banquet (as in next season)
Buck suggested having it outdoors, in Flagstaff in association with 2009 Flagstaff / CTR Riders Gathering.
Action: Determine 2009 season and banquet timing.
- H. 2008 Banquet (as in this season)
Start planning effort now. OCMC has connection at Ft McD casino.
Need activities for the kids, keep family based.
Action: Determine 2008 banquet timing and such.
- I. AMRA Race discussion forum
Attendees asked if AMRA web-site has ability to host a forum. This might assist new racers with help regarding semantics of racing AMRA. Could be structured to mimic RMEC site. They seem to have a decent effort of 'cleanliness' to their format. Everyone was ok with the thought, provided it was moderated.
Action: Motion put forth to inquire with Kara as to the options to pursue such a venture.
Motion by: Don Hood
2ndd: Milewski
Vote: Unanimous
- J. Additional events
Gary C at Grindstone MX has asked if AMRA would entertain a series within a series. He would like to have a 4 race series at Grindstone, is planning on adding some mileage to the loop, and needs committed manpower for race days if this moves forward.
Grindstone preference is AMRA. They have considered 6-8-or more hour endurance races. Gary is also trying to define what AMRA would get in return.
Action: AMRA to answer Gary as to viability of supporting this. He needs a yes/no.
- K. National Enduro AMRA Pit Row
At this Oct National, OCMC has proposed designating parking/camping areas for each AMRA club. Additionally, if accepted; each club would be obligated to put up and maintain an informational booth to distribute/solicit/entertain/etc prospective members and future AMRA racers. Generally the crowd was receptive to this consideration. It seemed no final decision was proposed.
Action: Need to get this proposal resolved as next meeting will be too late.
- L. AMRA Charter.
It was discussed about why we dropped AMRA charter. This could assist with hosting an AMRA based event. Not much discussion on this topic.
Action: ?
- M. AZ Moto Dirt Diva's
Megan A. announced she was coordinating and hosting a womens only riding clinic on Oct 25/26-2008. She will provide more information as the event nears.
Action: Megan to update on 2008 Dirt Diva's.

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N. Season format shift

Milewski proposed initially at the 8-2-08 Strategic Planning Effort.

Shift the AMRA season to run (essentially) Sept to May; meaning across the Arizona fall-winter-spring seasons as summer is a dead riding time anyways.

The net result of this will shift the current requirement of:

- Banquet venue and planning for same.
- Year End points tabulation
- Trophy ordering
- Impact on family commitments around the holidays.

Proposal well received. Megan suggested great method to implement.

Overlap the end of 2008 and the start of the (08-09) season. Racers could points in both years. Have a 2009 banquet next June.

Action: Take back to clubs, use forum to resolve NLT 9-1-08. (this year) ASAP.

Post-script: one complication would be those folks that planned on shifting divisions. Example, 2008 season in 40C, yet in 2009 wanted to go to Open B. Per the current rule book, there would be a points loss.

Also publication and finalization of any proposed rule changes to the rule book needs to happen along with implementing this season change.

O. Next meeting

October 11th, hosted by ATR at Red Devil, 9:00 am

P.: Meeting adjourned – 11:30-ish am