

# July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes - Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by: Joe Amey at 6:38 pm

#### Roll call

MRAN Voting Members Present					
Bushwhackers	1	Gamblers	2	SSTB	2
Camp Valley Cowboys	0	Groundshakers	0	Wild Bunch	1
Coyotes	1	Jackrabbits	0		
Darkside	1	SNDR	2		

Approve Minutes – June minutes approved by Joe Amey @ 6:40 pm, seconded by Greg Ashley.

# **Officer Reports**

### President – Joe Amey

- Mint 400 organization is looking for help for putting on their bike race, planning on running a race at same time as truck race, it will be a different loop. I have been asking, have a few takers, so if you are interested and want to be a part of this, let me know. They are looking for the first weekend of December to help them this year, contact me.
  - Coach Will the Mint supply the arrows/lathe and we would only supply staple guns, etc.?
  - J. Amey Yes, they will give us supplies, mark course and man checkpoints.
     They want motorcycle people involved. If we could get 4 families from each club, it's 62 miles. What if Jason [Mint] was on the agenda for next meeting?
- MRAN business Gambler's Post Night Race Report We wished for more at the Gamblers night race, had a good turnout for changing the venue in the last month of the permit. We didn't want to put the flyer out without the permit. Did have good showing of MRAN families, lot of fun to put race on.
  - We had 26 entrants, 1 injury, who received help outside of our medics. Had a few crashes, nothing too bad. Thank you all for coming out that did.

#### • Vice President – Kody Livreri

- Nothing much but banquet stuff, called most everyone in top 3, missing 40s and 50s to call, will get it done tonight. Capacity is 130 people, with the price per person we will lose money on each person that attends. Can send a quick list to everybody in the meeting as well.
  - It's at Boulder Station Railhead room, July 24, doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm.
     Trophies at 7pm, room until 10 pm, bar in the back. Menu of stuff, that will be



served. After calling, many didn't answer, maybe ½ aren't going to come, the other half bring 3 ppl, probably looking at 50-60 ppl plus officials.

- J. Amey Biggest thing we need to do, we go there, we set out a dinner, set the trophies, let's have dinner together, shake hands, can go to the backdrop for pictures, and maybe a do FB live field to celebrate; we know it's not the same as usual. We don't have to pay for DJ and Mic/Stage setup, room that's open, seat them where trophies are at.
- M. Collins Each club brings a representative to grab trophies of those that aren't picked up.
- o K. Livreri We will eat these costs and do it better next year.

#### • Treasurer – Michael Collins

- Groundshakers owes us race fees for 2021, everything else is good.
- Banquet's already paid, we are ahead, haven't paid the trophy bill, have not received that yet from Metro.
  - J. Amey Motion to approve the Treasurer's report @ 7:13 pm seconded by Kody Livreri.

#### • Desert Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:

- O Good races, having fun. Not really issues, did have some emails floating around and some concerns about mini riders racing in the Big Bike races. I tried to reach out, never heard back from anybody. I know we all talked about allowing this to happen, it seems like those that are concerned, are competitive. The reason we did it and allowed it is to bring them up
  - M. Collins Financially as a club, you are getting 2 full entries, so it is beneficial.
  - J. Moore We should amend rule book if we continue to do this.
  - K. Livreri I agree to bring up the rule.
  - M. Collins Look at the kids that are doing it.
  - J. Moore They are fast, capable not slowing anybody down if the rule book says 21" wheel, then we should modify the rule.
  - J. Wheeler That's why we discussed it with the competition committee. I think we
    can do an emergency amend due to safety.
  - M. Collins Leave the rulebook alone and the asterisk with referee's discretion; they know what kids are fast. As MRAN officers we have to have the talk about the rider's ability, but leave asterisk with discretion of MRAN referee for approval.
  - J. Wheeler I've had the conversation to, but there's been kids' parents approach me, it's not them, the ones I've told no.
  - M. Collins The ref has the final call.



- J. Wheeler Yeah, I think add referee discretion. I will pull the rule book, write it, get with Greg and present it at the next meeting.
- Asst. Referee Greg Ashley:
  - I have nothing.
- Public Relations Gary Smith (not present):
- Legislative Officer Steve Paxton (not present):
- Scoring Tori Collins (not present):
  - o Michael Collins on her behalf. Will be at the night race Fri/Sat in Searchlight.
- Secretary Kat Ashley:
  - O What time do we need to be there for setup of the banquet?
    - K. Livreri Not sure yet, I will let you know.
- Website Patricia Swolensky:
  - Don't have anything for the website.
  - o Officer shirts, I emailed Marc at Metro, sent them the correct logo.
    - K. Livreri Marc was working on the shirts, he's making stickers and a couple things
    - J. Amey I asked him to make me 12 shirts, me personally, and stickers and some sweatshirts, out of my own pocket, and was going to bring them and show them and then go from there. Just want to get our name and logo out there. I was hoping he would work on it a little quicker, I will get everything buttoned down, hopefully by August I can show you what it looks like.
    - K. Livreri I Emailed last week about photos, I would like to get photo of each of the champions to display on the screen, like 39 photos, I will look through social media, help me with that and email me photos. That's the only thing I would need.
    - P. Swolensky I have a bunch of photos from races, email me what you need, it's probably like 7000 pictures.
    - J. Amey All officers and club presidents, make sure that you go back to your clubs and asking them for pics for that. That would help us out rather than shuffle through.
       Take a look at the list, get them together and send them to Kody.
    - K. Livreri Send them by end of Saturday.



#### **Special Reports**

- Camp Valley Cowboys Post-Race Report (No club members present)
  - M. Collins on behalf 120 signed up; race was June 19, Race 1 had 29 minis, Race 2 50 cc novice was the biggest class, Race 3 Pee Wee's had 13, and Race 4 Big Bikes had 63. They had 110 paid riders, MRAN charged them \$100 they needed sanction paperwork. BLM was very pleased with them, course wise.
- Gamblers Night Race Post-Race Report
  - See J. Amey's report above
- Bushwhackers Night Pre-Race Report
  - D. Tanguay Got 90% new course, almost brand new. 85s is about half new. Everything is pretty simple, 45 min on race 1 and 2 on mx track. Race 3 is adult 50s race on Fri night after 85s are finished, had a big turn out like 3 years ago, and 2 years ago it was terrible, we did it on the fly. The adult race is 90% new, tons of feedback on social media, probably cheated a little last year, with being the first race back. There are bad rain ruts out there as usual. We will release riders 1 min apart, to keep it safe. Big Bikes will be 12 miles, 85s 1.5 m, peewees/minis 1/3 mile as usual.

#### New Club

- O Chris Garnett Raced MRAN from 1999-2007 stopped racing, got a bike last year, and so I showed up to Gambler's race, just want to get more involved, start a new club and put on races of my own. Got in touch with Joe and Kody to see what it takes and what's involved, will need some guidance but I think I can pull it off. Working on the name, maybe Sidewinders MC.
  - M. Collins Chris the area you are looking to race...do you have an idea.
  - C. Garnett I grew up in Laughlin, I know some areas other than the gravel pits. I've been in contact with Jenna with BLM, it is not in their approved area. It's so frustrating sticking to the same trails. Is there a process to have them consider a new area? Looking at Feb/Mar, it was actually Clark County land use, some were BLM controlled but not in approved trails. Is there a process?
  - D. Martin You have to submit them, then they do an environmental impact assessment.
  - J. Amey This is why I said maybe hop in with a club. Jackrabbits hasn't been able to
    put on a race, but they do have trails, but have someone lined out.
  - C. Garnett I personally don't want to jump in and take over someone else's stuff.
  - J. Amey Your biggest hurdle is getting trails through BLM that aren't already taken by another club in Clark County.



- C. Garnett BLM rep sent me every single approved trail, kind of wanted to make it big and help promote it, was thinking about joining and having those interested helping me. I would need a list for costs for insurance, and then how much for course markings, ambulance, etc.
- M. Collins Call me, I will tell you costs, the club dues are \$100, I will email you all of
  it once we talk.
- B. Monk You don't have to stay in southern Nevada. You might have trails over there being near Bullhead?
- C. Garnett Wasn't sure if that was the same.
- M. Collins Fee with BLM would be the same, permit fee and the \$6/rider fee, and the cost. Let's say you have 130 riders, it's maybe \$700 you pay BLM when you are all said done.
- B. Monk Down there are people with big blocks of land, you can run it on private land.
- C. Garnett I am open to all of that.
- J. Amey With a small course you could run a euro scramble, or do a sprint endure, there's different options if you have shorter courses to do it on.
- C. Garnett Been in the MRAN rulebook, I think a desert scramble, 10-25 miles.
   Probably doing a shorter course, from people I talk to, where spectators can come in.
- B. Monk SNORE put on a race last year on Rhodes Ranch, they have a big farm, Kingman farms, they put on a race down there, like 30-mile loops out of it. May want to look at it and see if you can get in there. It's between King and Dolan Springs over by Mead view.
- M. Collins BLM is usually wanting something in advance, allow 180 days minimum in advance.

# **Unfinished Business**

- MRAN Banquet 2020 Champions Dinner
  - J. Amey Covered that pretty thoroughly.
- MRAN Swag
  - o J. Amey Let's see if you like them, when they come in.
- Race Flyer Checklist
  - Bushwhackers has DDC on it
  - Maybe we should make one generic banner that goes on the flyer, so we always have the right info.
  - J. Amey Metro Print has his list.



- K. Ashley Bushwhacker's flyer, we did not receive a copy of it, it has to be reviewed and approved.
  - K. Livreri I will try to forward it.
  - K. Ashley I will send out an email to all the presidents to remind them of the flyer process
  - M. Collins I will send the Ely flyer if anything needs to be changed

## **Open Discussion**

- J. Amey September meeting every club needs to have Pres/VP/Secretary attend the meeting to be
  on the same wavelength on the sanctioning etc. Also, course markings, start getting a little close on
  the same way.
  - M. Collins Also, discuss club sanctioning and club dues.
- J. Amey Trophies, what clubs have not done their trophies for the year?
  - M. Collins Groundshakers, Wild Bunch, Coyotes, Camp Valley (has their order in with Marc), Coyotes from Bunkerville 2020 does not. We are getting lackadaisical
- K. Livreri Let's get all the new rules in.
  - M. Collins Use our example, Zach does not come to our meetings, Zach does BLM permits and all that. If I ask who needs to be on the insurance, don't tell me same as 3 years ago.
     Every club has a different person doing different work for them, I know I deal with Dustin for night and Chris for regular.
- M. Collins ask your clubs what they are upset about. Compile a list of things, what can we do to get better. Someone I look up to, made some comments. They are not involved as much, they're upset about something, people think we know everything.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by 8:19 pm by Michael Collins, seconded by Dave Heath.

Next MRAN meeting will be held on August 2, 2021 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom Meeting. Subject to change.



# **Sportsman Nominees:**

Vernon Zerkle (May) – did not pick up Jayden Settles (June) -(July) – we'll double up next month