



June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Sportsman's Cycle

Called to Order by: Roy Ulrich 6:32 pm President

Roll call

MRAN Voting Members Present					
Bushwackers	1	Gamblers	2	SSTB	1
Camp Valley Cowboys	0	Groundshakers	2	Western Raceway	0
Coyotes	2	Jackrabbits	1	Wild Bunch	2
Darkside	1	SNDR	2	Yucca Chuckers	0

Approve Minutes – Motion to approve by Bob Adams, 6:34 pm, seconded by Joe Amey.

Officer Reports

- **President – Roy Ulrich:**
 - Decent month, had Coyotes race. Exceptional race, race times started right on time. As far as the race, it went spot on. Great job on the weather.
- **Vice President – Joe Amey:**
 - Night race setup June 22, if you have anything, list started. Will be out there on Thursday evening about 6 pm, will start with markings and reflectors on Thursday night if someone wants to come in and help out that would be great. Need people there on Saturday to do sign ups and hand scoring, have 3 checkpoints and possibly 4. Gamblers are doing 3 checkpoints; Brandon Hunt will do checkpoint or sweep depending on need. Passed around race set up sheet. If you can put your name, if it's someone in your club that will do a checkpoint put their number on there, so I have a contact number. We will have 8, maybe 10 check points. I will be in the pits and doing hand scoring if needed. I will also get the porta potties setup. Doing Jean 16-mile loop on June 22.
 - M. Collins – May be unavailable for assistance Friday morning.
 - R. Ulrich – Can do scoring and Joe can too
 - J. Amey – Prefers to have a lot of people hand scoring, he will ensure there are rovers and sweeps
 - M. Collins – Suggested to advise at riders meeting that the riders yell out their numbers due to the lack of visibility for the hand scoring
 - Clubs still needed on the list to assist: Camp Valley Cowboys, Yucca Chuckers, SSTB



- Most important for all 4 night races, need someone at end of the pits, and we have a stop sign that can be put at the end of the pits as well
- Joe has a map of the race course if anyone needs a copy
 - R. Ulrich – Reach out to your clubs, we need a couple from each club to step up and help out
 - J. Amey – Yes, if I had 2 members from each club that would help
 - Gamblers has 3 checkpoints and set up, as well as clean up
- Treasurer – Michael Collins
 - Webpage finally under our credit card, the renewal came in and then all of the sudden it went out for a day. Some weird thing about our credit card, webpage is fixed, will pay for whatever comes up
 - Business card for Bob, had a meeting for MRAN history, meeting with some old timers to do history.
 - AMA sanction for Camp Valley Cowboys, will pay it to cover it because they were out.
 - SNDR, Yucca Chuckers, and Coyotes, refunded for online sales, plus they got some money back
 - Race Fees – Finally worked it out, because of Scott, if MRAN turns in the AMA books, books for all the races, keep books and memberships in MRAN trailer. Got an \$80 check for selling memberships for everyone else, so now we are getting that money
 - Scott Weisheim (Darkside) – Will they refund that when we turn it back into MRAN, like Coyotes has their own book, so like at the night races Dustin has already done it for the Wildbunch for night races. We have the AMA book and all we will give you at the end is the post race report, we have all that in scoring
 - If MRAN turns it in then MRAN gets reimbursed, next year, M. Collins will give a post-race report, so MRAN can get the money back, clubs do not get anything back
 - R. Ulrich – Night race sign-up sheets, need to make some for MRAN, Coach will print them
- Desert Referee – Dal Shemp
 - Not present



- **Asst. Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:**
 - Groundshakers and SNDR turned that in
 - Coyotes – sold 4 big bikes, 2 minis and 25-day cards
 - Have money for Treasurer
 - Online sign ups - \$2,582.38

- **Public Relations – Gary Smith:**
 - Talking to a few people, trying to get a few more sponsors. Trying to get more people interested and their businesses on the flyer. Kyle Tichenor, asked how he gets his money for Honda that M. Collins listed at the beginning of the year for the contingencies; \$100 for contingencies if you win your class. Never received anything back from Honda. It usually is only for those racing within 2 model years and must have 6 within your class. Advised to notify M. Collins and he will notify Honda, need stats to post, share with Gary.

- **Legislative Officer – Bob Adams:**
 - *Refer to:*
 - *Legislative Report – Item 1a*
 - We need to organize
 - We’ve talked about a partnership with BLM on managing Jean area
 - State historic preservation office
 - Giving back
 - Computer storage, geo reference, want to make a record of these courses before the race and after the race, shows concern on our part, we want to know if we did damage and how resilient the desert is
 - This is the stuff we can get grants to do, but we have to do something to get the grant
 - The course library that hasn’t gone anywhere
 - We aren’t looking 10 years ahead like the preservationists, they are teaming together and going out there with their picks and their shovels; where will be racing from 5 years now?
 - Be sure to register and purchase your OHV stickers
 - There are people dedicated to closing the places where we ride, they believe they are saving the world by closing these places
 - We come together to put on races, but we don’t have the same passion as this other groups do about closing it
 - J. Amey – I don’t think they have more passion, they have more money, they have more pull



- Great Basin national monument there were 400 comments to keep it a monument, there were 40 to reassess it
 - It's just a matter if everybody wrote a letter, I ask you not to copy and paste, I lay out some bullet points
 - On this Clark County deal, at this point, we have 9 people that have actually participated on our side, we may not realize how hard this is going to hit us, we have the numbers
 - M. Collins – There are still papers in the scoring trailer for the kids, though they can't vote, they can put a letter out there
 - R. Ulrich – I don't have the answer, just like marking course, we only get the same people participating
 - Other off roaders are out restoring trailers and campgrounds
 - M. Collins – In the state of Nevada we cannot do that, we are told we are not allowed by BLM
 - Let's not wait until we have nothing left
 - H. Ulrich – If they send in a letter put them in for a raffle for a free race
 - Throw them in raffles, write a letter, give it to us, we will have an envelope for each one...we'll throw them in, free race, free tire
 - Now this has moved to the federal level; Congress.gov – know your representatives
 - The bill in which they put together, what they passed June 19, 2017 was for multiple use, when you are blocking people from use it's preservation not conservation, what they did is in conflict of 3361, 3363
 - Have to light a fire under us; we should be working to put together to put a committee together, and put together some ideas on what to do get people involved
 - Scott Weisheim and Dave Heath volunteered to meet over a monthly phone call
- **OHV Committee – Steve Paxton:**
 - The bill has gone to Washington DC, county is not involved
 - We need to update our website, we are not contacting our local officials
 - Contact Senate/Congressmen for our State of NV, hammer the communication out of them
 - M. Collins – During Facebook live, do I post the email, phone number?
 - S. Paxton – I will post the info, just received it Friday.
 - The writing is on the wall. We knew it when that meeting happened. Kirkpatrick decided to form the committee, and she claims one thing and doesn't show up. Look for my email, spread it to our clubs, we have to send to Washington our feelings, anyone in razors, quads, hiking, dirt bikes, etc.



- **Scoring – Tari Collins:**
 - Not present
 - M. Collins - Going through points, riders that say they are in clubs and not in clubs, and riders that say they are in but aren't in a club
 - Rusty Lindamood, his transponder never works, told get a new one, didn't read on Saturday. Told to get a new one at the next race, Camp Valley Cowboys.
 - Sign-ups, Roy put up the 3 signs, makes it nice and very smooth. Just need to be cautious during the Riders Meeting, when riders come near the scoring trailer it registers their transponder.
 - Auditing has helped to ensure that everyone is checking those riders and verifying they are at the riders meeting. One is to see if they have been teched, to verify they are there, and to ensure they have their numbers.
 - G. Smith – What are we doing for those pro riders don't have the letter F
 - That is part of tech inspection – verify it's clean, the number is correct, correct background and check spark arrestor
 - If you see something, say something
 - Need to educate clubs on how to perform the proper tech inspection and what to check
- **Website – Heidi Ulrich:**
 - Will update the Congress/Senate contacts on MRAN website

Special Reports

- **Coyotes Post Race Report** – Was in the rain; we had fewer riders than expected, 94 Big Bikes, 45 Minis/Peewees, no complaints. Had 2 injuries, expert hare, 5th overall, got life flighted, for emergency surgery to fix leg, and a wrist injury, chipped a bone and messed up some tendons were the reportables. Got it cleaned up Sunday, will follow up and try and ride it and clean up when conditions dry up.
 - At least 5 people sent messages for Go Pros and goggles...found 2 Go Pros, and a bunch of hand guards.
- **Wild Bunch Nigh Pre-Race Report** – Dustin Vasquez, Roy needs Race Set up form, 14-mile loop, starts at 9 pm; 9 laps or 1 am whichever is first. Riders should be quick, going up or down Night Ranch Road...tbd. Scoring can't be under power lines when you put the antenna up. Should be pretty good, no drinking in pits from club members when you are done with your position. Rhett will be the lead, Dustin is racing. Chris S. will be assisting him as well. Need a few sweep riders out there, Jarod Wheeler will sweep and help in the pits.



- [MRAN Night Pre-Race Report](#) – Went through it, 16.5 miles, still have gaps, talk to your clubs, make sure we have everyone out there that can help out. Need sweeps, rovers, have quad or side by side to clean check point to next check point. Push on your club, so we have enough people for this race. Need everyone to commit at least 2, on June 22.
- [Camp Valley Cowboys Pre-Race Report](#) – M. Collins gave update. Going to CCV, 93 north to Pioche and east on SR 322, into Spring Valley State park, 35 miles from Pioche
 - Race 1 – Mini's 8 miles at 7:30 am going for 1 hour
 - Race 2 – PeeWees, 65cc novice and all 50cc's at 9:00 am, ½ mi course
 - Race 3 – Big Bikes at 11 am, 22.5 miles, 3 laps for expert, amateur, AA, 2 loops for novices
 - Tech at sign ups, can camp, no parallel parking, don't pull trailer sideways along course, it's a tight area, back up to the course
 - More 2 track roads, been out cutting trail, sand wash coming into the finish
 - Has permit in hand, had to move it because BLM Rep. Lisa was on vacation and BLM Rep. Blake was only one there with holidays and the Silver State, and BLM said they didn't have time to ride course, they tried to ride it earlier but couldn't due to the snow, it's a definite go for June 29
 - Online sign-ups open up June 4, will fix the flyer and repost
 - Elevation – 4900-9000, 5,551 at Eagle Valley
 - More on Facebook live on Wednesday, all about night race and R. Adams and S. Paxton's items as well spark arrestors
 - Purvines 100%, Camden Steihl decided to come race, he kept K. Tichenor honest, dad was excited he gave him money at the end of the race
 - Road is graded, Dwayne and them will make sure it's graded nice

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business

- Next month work on dates, will discuss at next race...BITD should be released in July.
- Since we only have 1 race next month, the 2 night races and the mini and the Big Bike Bushwackers, we can just do that or maybe have a BBQ night to come ask questions. We will be grilling hot dogs in the back getting people to come in. Come in and write letters, get with MX trophies, show up they get a koozie or something to give them. For the July race, we talk about the 2 races, and make sure that was in the minutes, so we knew what was going to be. Just do a meet and greet or ask competition committee. See what our turn out is.



Open Discussions

- Gene (Bushwackers) – Can we waive Friday night race MRAN card fees for Friday only, because we don't make any money off from it, will remain same as last year. Still have entry fee
 - R. Ulrich – Will carry forward for this year.
 - Who is doing scoring? Roy and Heidi will be there.
 - R. Ulrich – Minis, if they do a lap within a minute, will do hand scoring. If you can spread them out over a minute, then it's easier. If you do Mototally it's easier, and results can be up and posted and then hand scorers are just back up.
 - Sponsors for our flyer, need to know the logos and PDFs.
 - M. Collins – MRAN has been making the flyers, if you have extra sponsors just send the logo. Need to know the classes, to make up in MotoTally. Check what the classes were that was used, names of them, was it Mini and PeeWee. Gene will verify what they did previously.
- Dustin Vasquez (Wild Bunch) – Speaking to Dan Richardson, the guy has been running SNARE, if MRAN would do a joint Night Race series.
 - R. Ulrich – He has to be associated with AMA; it's only Quads within SNARE, has he gotten through any permits for any races. He can come discuss it with Roy.
 - Jarrod Wheeler – Itching to do a night race Ely
- R. Adams – Something that came up, OHV committee takes \$22/yr, they are handing out bad grants because good grants aren't being applied for, some ideas off the top of my head. The fair grounds at Panaca, put a permanent pit in Pahroc...in Ely district they will grant RMPs, I am thinking trailheads would be great. Motocross tracks are great, Caliente looking at industrial park...lets come up with ideas how our money can be spent.
- Cook July 1 – invite anybody to come in
- Greg Ashley (Gambler's) – Porta potty minimum, 4 for the night races.
 - R. Ulrich – we should make rule on it

Adjournments

Motion to adjourn by Dave Heath @ 8:32 pm, seconded by Joe Amey.

Next MRAN meeting will be held on Monday July 1, 2019, 6:30 pm at Sportsman Cycle on Boulder HWY. Subject to change.

Why we're losing our access to public land.

THEM – Preservationist, anti-accessors, etc. They join orgs to work together to close public access to public land by influencing government. They generously give their time and their dollars because they see themselves fighting for a Cause. The power of Cause requires only believing it's true.

US – We join to race. Many or too many of us see planning for the future as hoping things stay the same. And keeping them the same is somebody else's job paid for by membership fees.

Court battles cost tens of thousands of dollars. Our fees times members doesn't make us a major player. But by paying ahead we can have a war chest that says we're serious. We've talked about a legal defense fund. What we have doesn't say we're serious. Would you pay 1% of what you pay to ride and race to protect your access to places to do it?

Other ideas we've talked about:

1. A BLM Jean Management Area Partnership based on proven models would have put us at the table as a Stakeholder. Our stake could have been reported in dollars.
2. SHPO (State Historic Preservation Officer) partnerships monitoring old cabins and mines. It's a little bit of work, taking pictures, and keeping records that turn play riding into positive public image reported as dollars.
3. Monitoring courses before and after year by year with video geo-reference technology proves the desert's resilience and says, "we care" reported in dollars.

4. A Course Library backed by SRPs originally intended to fight PBO deletions could have been used when Clark County asked for OHV trail maps. We would have looked on top of our game instead of scrambling to put trail maps together.

All of the above would put us in a better position fighting Clark County's preservationist bill. All but a legal defense fund qualify for grant funding. We didn't do them because they take teamwork. We know teamwork is the only way we can put on races. But we haven't realized yet teamwork's the only way we'll have places to ride and race.

Despite a favorable political climate in DC, preservationist have us on the ropes and dam near down in Clark County. The Clark County Federal Land Bill will shut us down in Clark County and push the events per year limits in Nye and Lincoln Counties. But only 7 MRAN members have written letters, emails, made calls, or attended meetings.

Not buying a Nevada OHV registration isn't making a political statement. You're shooting yourself in the foot. If you're buying another states sticker instead you're shooting yourself in the knee. Nevada OHV registration says I live here and ride here.

What you can do is attend meetings. There's a Clark County OHV Advisory Committee meeting this afternoon. If you don't have time to attend meetings you can give 10 minutes making phone calls and sending emails. Sign up for AMA and BRC Sharetrails Action Alerts and follow both MRAN facebook pages for issue summaries to participate in your governments. In government of, by, and for the People, the People are the ones who participate.

MRAN Legislative Issue Report for June 3, 2019 meeting

Our having places to ride and race shouldn't be this hard. But because there's people dedicated to closing public access to public land, we have to work harder to keep it open. Possession is an assumption if you're not willing to defend it.

Bob Adams, MRAN Legislative Officer.