



April 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Sportsman's Cycle

Called to Order by: President – Roy Ulrich @ 6:31 pm

Roll call

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

Approve Minutes – March minutes approved by Roy Ulrich seconded by Joe Amey @ 6: 37 pm.

Officer Reports

- **President – Roy Ulrich:**
  - Yucca Chuckers race went well, everything went pretty good.
  - Got with Kenda, just sent in tire order yesterday, just confirmed tire sizes, bought big tires, mini riders will be awarded full size tires and can trade out tire sizes at Sportsman's.
    - Michael C. suggested providing gift card instead to obtain tire.
  - Received a lot of calls regarding video posted, need to discuss the 10-foot rule.
  - Groundshakers prepping for their race.
  
- **Vice President – Joe Amey:**
  - MRAN night race is coming along, sent in the old Bushwacker race course, changed about 1.5 miles, it took us off one whooped out trail onto a whooped out road, it's the southwest corner of it. Rest of it was good, 16.5 miles long, I will be around, but would like to race night races with son. We need everyone to pitch in. I will be out marking it and making sure it gets tore down. This race is June 22, it is the second night race of the series. Roy can do starts, etc., just want to make sure that every club has 2-3 members volunteer to assist. We will have 9-10 checkpoints, that includes in the pits, hand scorers, etc. I have race set up form to fill out. If anyone wants to help or can assist, call Joe. The race is at Jean Dry Lake.
    - Dave Heath volunteered to sweep or checkpoint as needed.



- **Treasurer – Michael Collins:**
  - Treasurer’s report provided.
  - We owe the Gambler’s \$500 on race refund, Mototally comes in \$1/rider. Total balance is not accurate, coach is writing Gambler’s check for \$500.00.
  
- **Desert Referee – Dal Shemp and  
Asst. Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:**
  - Start with sold: 15 big bike, 6 mini bikes at \$180, and 2 Day cards at \$40, for a total of \$950 for last race.
  - Discussed it with Jarrod Wheeler regarding the video posted, identified that course was cut numerous times, on a 27-mile loop, Pro, Jamen Littlefield, course was cut at 8 minutes, 8:18, 9:17, 13:20, 13:40, 15:15, posted on Youtube.com. Concern is that kids watch and feed off everything, Kyle Tichenor and Damon Bush all followed the course. Not even fudging the 10-foot rule.
    - R. Ulrich – Todd received a letter from BLM following the race requiring brushing in the areas, raking and reseeding those parts of the course taken by course cutters.
      - M. Collins – Todd’s race report states he received a letter from Blake with BLM, requesting that the club place dead brush on course that was cut, visible from the main route, and possible scattering of seed in these areas. Also, wanted to apologize for BLM employee that drove on the course after the 8 am race start.
    - Jarrod and Dal discussed what to do, both in agreeance, the rider is disqualified from the Yucca Chuckers race.
    - Joe – The Yucca Chuckers have a say, it’s their race.
    - R. Ulrich – Dal, it’s yours and Todd’s decision. Dal spoke to Todd, just waiting to have Dal call him back. Todd agreed to disqualification.
    - D. Shemp – I will contact rider and explain the reason and advise that he is being watched and that there will be a few people on course watching course cutters.
    - Roy – As a racer myself I am going to start wearing a GoPro, if I see anything like that happening, it will show everything. If clubs need additional check points let’s make it happen.
    - D. Shemp – Called Hagen Boyce, spoke to his father about his concern and what he witnessed. Saw Mcquin Hair, went off course but didn’t get off course that far. Hagen didn’t think McQueen exceeded the 10-foot rule. The sand wash was only 2-3 feet wide and moved out of bushes into the side there was an additional wash.
    - D. Shemp – Final decision, is to DQ rider. Coach will write a letter to cover BLM letting them know.



- M. Collins – Need to revisit how we conduct rider’s meetings. We have allowed it to be too lax, and need to ensure that everyone attends to get information about the course. Some of the course cutting could be reduced. Rider’s meeting at scoring trailer should be reinstated. Should pull random numbers, to verify riders are attending, utilize speakers at scoring trailer.
- J. Amey - The only concern I have with that, is the fact that when we do that, we stay on the sign-up side. Anybody not racing that has a bike that wants to ride out to the start at the Groundshakers race has to go through the 2 flags, usually 2-3 guys cut through the wash and do not parade through the flags. Need people up on the north end of the wash...riders get a jump on the start, so someone needs to try and stage people across the wash to prevent riding where they shouldn’t.
- **Asst. Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:** (see above)
- **Public Relations – Gary Smith:**
  - Go Pro’s, would like to get some GoPro’s to help with course cutting concerns. Officers can wear them. M. Collins will call and see if we can cut a deal with GoPro. Maybe a dealer buy in, which is like 4. Proposing that next year if you run 100% payback, you wear a camera, and give the memory card when you get back. Tracking at the scoring trailer and middle of the pack people as well.
    - R. Ulrich – Ten-foot rule should be for passing not just for riding. We could provide pro riders old phones, to track GPS coordinates and use it for overlays on the courses. M. Collins will call Purdy to see how they do it for SCORE/SNORE (not sure which one). Strava is a running app that could be used to track GPS route. I will speak at all the rider’s meetings to clarify maintaining course. Dave Heath will discuss at the SNDR rider’s meetings and I will reiterate the importance. Would a wrist item be easier to put on people as well? Every pre-riders’ meeting. To reinforce, cutting course or riding off course is not acceptable, 10-foot either side and that is it.
- **Legislative Officer – Bob Adams:**
  - Refer to:*
  - *Legislative Report – Item 1a*
  - Going to same meetings, reading same backup material.
  - Bob – 3 issues want to take votes on for positions.
    - 1) Renew BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) Sharetrails.org memberships (we have the most at stake with the Clark County Federal Land Bill), look at casual clubs





everywhere that are members. SCORE just gave \$500, a premium membership is \$300, regular membership is \$150. We allowed this to expire about 1 year ago, when the organization was becoming irrelevant. Spencer Gilbert, BRC's new Executive Director has been to Vegas, knows how to influence, we can go along with what Clark County (CC) wants to give us or we can fight. If we are going to put up a fight we should not do it without BRC, we should support it. Should be BRC trail members, \$60 for 3 years, and we get a \$35 Rocky Mountain ATV gift card. Roy motioned to vote to sign up for premium membership for \$300, 8 in favor, it passes.

- 2) CC Federal Land bill in November asked for vote, unanimously we agreed to 2014 BLM revision, CC is giving us three riding areas, they seem to keep getting smaller every time. Goodsprings area, started out something that wasn't optimal, could make it work, they keep chopping it up making it worthless.
    - January votes to go with 2014 BRM, confirming stance. Motion to vote, 12 in favor, it stands.
  - 3) Did anyone read about the congressional designated trails? Generally, it's applied to adventure trails, or point to point, not loops like we need for racing. To actually put us on a few congressionally designated trails, would be a disaster, it would kill the sport. We would just be in silt, recommendation is to take the position that congressionally designated areas should apply to racing not congressionally designated routes.
    - Congressionally designated trails – applies to LV loop trail and Silver State trail, but should not apply to race routes, our position is that we will approve congressionally designated race areas but not race routes, except to connect to race areas. Motion to vote, 11 in favor, it passes.
  - R. Ulrich - Wants to hear Steve Paxton's version on OHV (see below).
- OHV Committee – Steve Paxton:
    - County Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick has made it quite clear, one minute is supporting, says I am an off-roader and I am supporting you and the next it changes. She likes to exit the door, she needs to be dedicated to what she started, she and Marci Henson (Director/Clark County Department of Air Quality) started this committee. She is not there when important votes are coming forth, then when there, stating that we need to provide what we use and putting deadlines on MRAN. She states that they may dissolve the committee. She's the Chairman of the Commissioners, she is actually against off road use...that's what it boils down to. I don't feel that they support it, they glamorize it. Like B. Adams says, they have shrunk everything down in Goodsprings. We had a nice trail



proposed, on the north side of the road going out to Goodsprings, including almost out to Sandy, that area, and now the other side of the hill. They sawed it all to pieces, B. Adams has come up with some good ideas. Gaining back some stuff around Nelson, Steve requested that. We will gain some more hopefully as we propose more. I see where we can get little gains, combined some items with SNORE, they overlaid with some of our stuff, we need those things. We got lead down a horse trail, proposed some areas, and came to an agreement. That was two meetings ago, there was such an uproar, we spoke at the March meeting, we know what we want. Then they came at us again, Kirkpatrick and Gibson were upset. MRAN hammered her with their statements and concerns.

- B. Adams – Follow up on Kirkpatrick, she gave them a lot of false information, 300 applications a day, for rooftop solar account, she was telling us how she was helping us keep our land. They were house solar, not solar fields, nothing to do with federal public land. We are supporting the BLM, Forest Service, and NDOW as they are better at managing the land.

- **Scoring – Tori Collins on behalf of Michael Collins:**

- Regarding points for a finish if rider exits the race. In the MRAN rulebook before Holftfretters took, Article 5, Sect. 9(c-e), minimum lap finish...read it out loud...if a rider does not declare a minimum lap finish, the rider will be considered full distance, the rider will be scored as a DNF if that rider does not, is not in the scorebook no more, it was in there in 2013, 2014, and now it's not, if a rider does not declare a minimum lap finish then when they enter the pit area.
- Rule change was proposed by Gary Smith in the event if you attempt to fix bike and go back, the whole thing came about when Krista Conway came in gassed up and her bike caught fire, so that was the reason we did it. The reason Jarrod Wheeler and I made the call we did, it states clearly in rule book, once you determine, you go back to scoring and let them know.
  - J. Amey – The safeguard was that they only receive 50% of the points. It's about going the distance, in order to save people from the championship, so if you come in with a flat and have full intentions to fix it.
  - R. Ulrich – If I pull into pits, and my tire didn't get fixed. Still frustrated about whole the whole thing. At the Yucca Chuckers race did 1 lap, got into my pits, and Tucker Norman needed parts, so I took parts off my bike to use.
  - M. Collins – It's not scoring's responsibility, it's on the club to have a chute and someone at end of pits, and hand writing or someway of tracking it.



- D. Shemp – Going to suggest it goes back to what Joe said, just an idea, the way rulebook reads now, what if we give them 1 per year, each rider, that you can go into pits?
  - R. Ulrich – Can't change rulebook in the middle of the year.
  - M. Collins – Scoring it as a DNF if they didn't tell us, WB and Darkside, wants 50% of points, if he came to tell you, he is following what was written. Then they get a DNF if they didn't notify scoring.
  - R. Ulrich – At this point the clubs say they are going to give Dave Martin points, they will give him points, though they advised they had to finish 2 loops to get a finish.
  - M. Collins – Will allow Davey 50% points based on that and moving forward, it will be up to Roy's discretion. Roy agrees.
- Website – Heidi Ulrich:
    - It's great!

### Special Reports

- Yucca Chuckers post-race report:
  - M. Collins on behalf of Todd Parker – Course cutting has added work to the Yucca Chuckers. They have 2 weeks to fix the course. It is possible that this will lead us to not have races at Pahroc or Hells Half Acre if they don't clean them up. Ashley Ross and Tori Collins conducted sign-ups. We were back up to 180 sign ups. Todd felt that it helps on the kid's course to do anything you can do to allow the parents to see kids once in a while and contributes this to the increased amount of kids sign ups.
- SNDR pre-race report:
  - Dave Heath (SNDR President):
    - The race is on:
    - Reminder, 5 mph by houses
    - Race 1 - 8 am; Sign-ups - 7 am; 7:45 riders meeting – 50s amateurs/experts and 65 novices; 50-minute race time. Approx. 25-minute travel time from Race 1 to main pit.
    - Race 2 – 9:30 am, 65 amateurs/experts, 85 experts/amateurs/novices, Jr Women experts/amateurs/novices; 2 laps to finish, 23 miles, alt gas at 18 miles in, 1 club member per club for alt gas, gas in truck by 9 am
    - Race 3 – 12 pm start, 11:45 riders meeting at trailer, mass start by class, dead engine start, 2 min between lines, 55-mile loop, 22-23-mile first loop to alt gas,





novices 1 lap, Super Seniors 1 lap, 1 lap with ½ points but must notify scoring for all others.

- Certified EMT will be a sweep rider
  - Finisher pins, Marc @ Metroprint
  - Port-a-potties are ordered
  - Race checklist, to turn in
  - AMA membership (club members)
  - Map out course – Bill O’Hara
  - Ambulance – EMTs, Eric Holt
  - Scoring will be marked for trailer
- [Groundshakers pre-race report:](#)
    - R. Ulrich on behalf of Dave Martin (Groundshakers President) – Big bike is 37-mile loop, 18-mile first loop, 2 loops, first 5 miles is raced 2x in each loop, will have fender cards, will come through pits 3 times, and through alt gas each time. Mini race is 12 miles for 1 hour, Pee Wees are 1.5 miles for 45 minutes.

#### [Unfinished Business](#)

- N/A

#### [New Business](#)

- N/A

#### [Open Discussions](#)

- N/A

#### [Adjournments](#)

Motion to adjourn by Dave Heath at 8:33 pm, seconded by Scott Weisheim.

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

AMA D-35/MRAN Legislative Report for April 1, 2019 by Legislative Officer Robert Adams

March 27 Clark County OHV Advisory Committee (CCOHVAC) voted to endorse Clark County's recreation plan that gives OHV riders/drivers 3 areas (current total just over 100k acres) for racing OHVs.

MRAN's position by unanimous vote of the Competition Committee is we endorse BLM 2014 RMP alt 3 recreation plan (with edits noted in MRAN comments on public record submitted Dec. 17, 2014) with 8 areas for racing (total approx. 400k acres) on federal public land in Clark County.

I believe CCOHVAC members made a bad decision based on misinformation leading them to believe they had to accept what Clark County offered or get nothing. MRAN's position being out of step with CCOHVAC's position, I recommend at our April 1 Competition Committee meeting we reassess our position to change it or affirm it.

CCOHVAC at their next meeting will be asked to approve (or not) congressionally designated trails. Congressional trails are excellent for point to point adventure routes. But applying it to racing could be a disaster if the same minimalization applied to race areas is applied to race routes. Devil's in the details. We have no say working out the details beyond asking and advising. What soured me trying to work out details is Clark County decision makers listen to what preservationist want while telling us what they'll give us, we're lucky to have it, and they can take it away. We're not partners in this process. We won't be until we show we'll stand our ground.



There is precedent for congressionally designated RMAs (Recreation Management Areas) for racing. Having congressionally designated RMAs, what's the point of congressionally designated trails beyond for connecting RMA? Connecting RMAs for racing is better addressed by corridors than specific trails. For your review here's link to MOUs for congressionally designated trails:

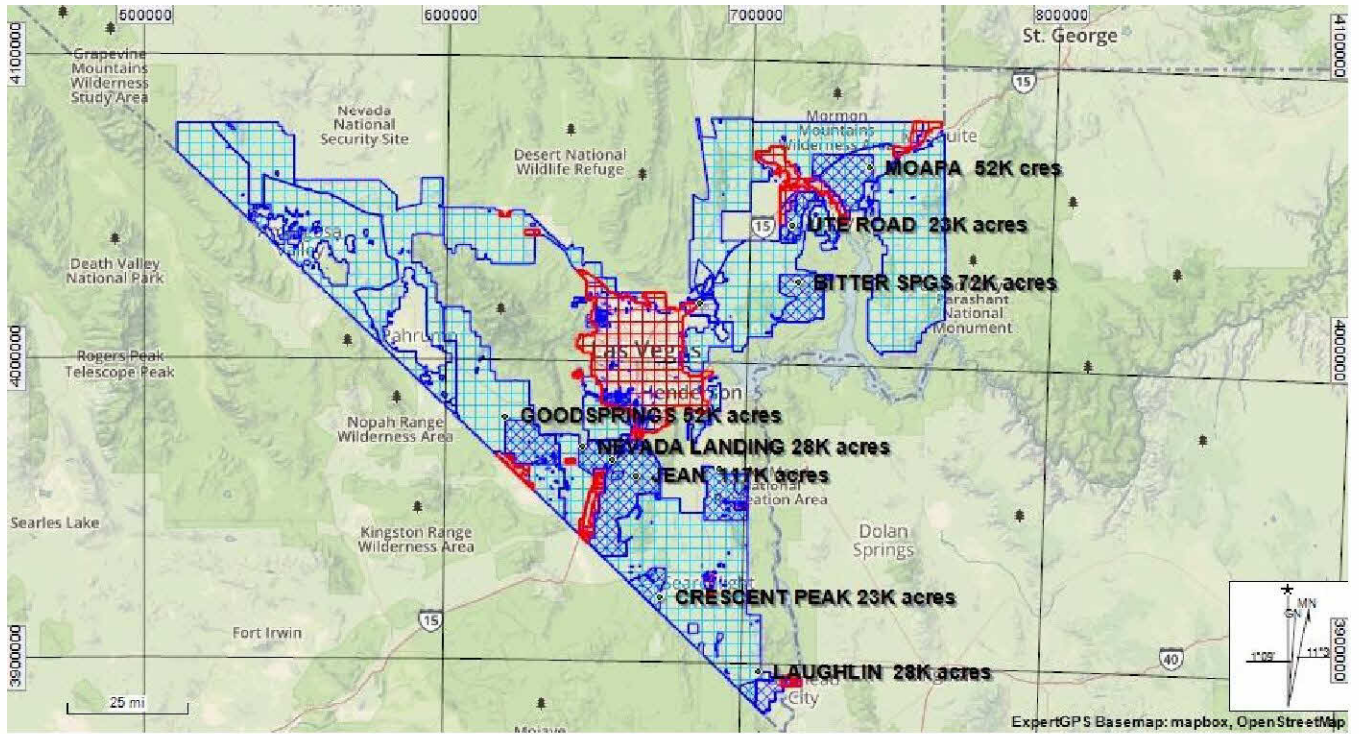
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MRAN should have a position on congressionally designated trails. MRAN members should persuade CCOHVAC members to support MRAN's positions.

In closing, advisory committees don't make policy decisions. They only advise decision makers who do. Sometimes decisions makers work with advisory committee as stakeholders and partners. Sometimes advisory committees are just optics of public participation. Should the latter occur, committee members should not let decision makers exhort them into making bad decisions to keep their committee.

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**BLM 2014 RMP alt 3 map**

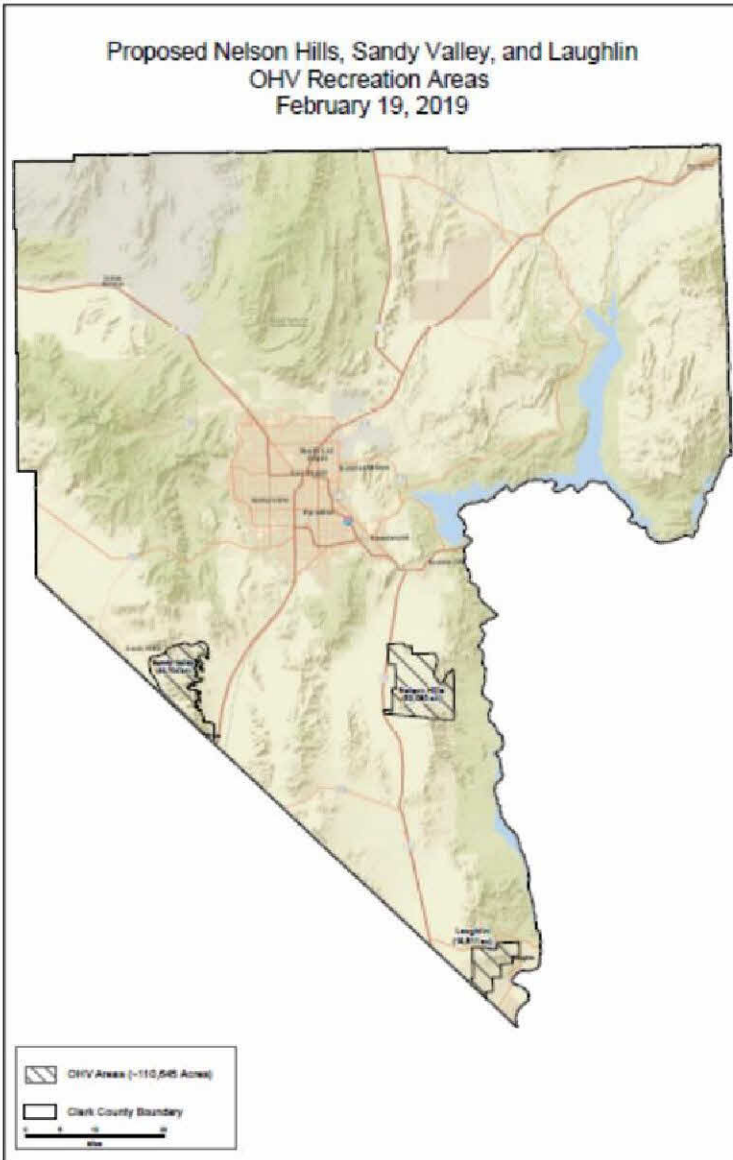
RED is disposal areas

LIGHT BLUE SQ. HATCH casual use riding areas

DARK BLUE X-HATCH are RMAs for organized competition

11K acre Apex is there, but too small to appear at this scale

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Clark County's map of 3 areas for people to race OHVs

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