



September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Sportsman's Cycle

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

Roll call

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

Approve Minutes – August minutes approved by Heidi seconded by Rob @ 6:34 pm.

Officer Reports

- **President – Roy Ulrich:**
 - SSTB went really good, busy but good. Everything went well. Most that were stuck got out quick.
 - Kody Livreri – 4 Injuries
 - Did not make it to the night race, unable to provide an update.

- **Vice President – Joe Amey:**
 - Nothing to report

- **Treasurer – Michael Collins:**

Refer to:

 - *Treasurer's Report – Item 1a*
 - Not present, report provided by R. Ulrich
 - All paid to date
 - Action Item – Need to follow up with M. Collins to determine where the Legal defense fund is at [monetarily] and ensure that its reflected on our treasury report moving forward.
 - Scott Weisheim, motion to approve treasurer's report, Dave Heath seconded @ 6:37 pm

- **Desert Referee – Dal Shemp:**



- Not present
- R. Ulrich – D. Shemp called in report to R. Ulrich, everything went good, got everything to M. Collins that he needed, so he is dialed.
 - No count for most recent race will obtain from SSTB.
- **Asst. Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:**
 - Not present
- **Public Relations – Gary Smith:**
 - Obtained sponsor: FirePower for banquet – They provided 5 batteries for giveaways, at about \$100/piece.
 - Have to get logo from them to put it on the flyers and for the banquet.
 - One of the things, M. Collins has been helping me, I said before I needed a team to do this.
 - I need videos from racing, I need help with that stuff for our sponsors
 - Please submit to me
 - I never got a list from last year’s people of the official sponsors so if anyone has someone that they want on a flyer let me know, we did pretty good last year by giving away a bunch of stuff, coupons don’t work as good however. I had sponsors tell me that they never had anyone purchase anything from them for the coupons that were distributed.
 - We will stick with our pricing on what we sent out for the cost of sponsorship.
 - Previously we gave everyone an easy ride with coupons, I am asking for tangible goods.
 - Maybe Rocky Mountain race gas cash or do it local, stock in store the items that we set up for giveaways.
 - Anyone that wants to be on the flyer and ensure they have company logos on there needs to get with me.
 - Kenda tires we received (approx. 30+ sets) will be used at the end of the year at the Banquet for giveaway as a sponsor.
- **Legislative Officer – Bob Adams:**
 - *Refer to:*
 - *LIR – Item 2a*
 - Message as usual, really need to act as a group. We can’t assume public land will remain open, others are fighting hard to take it.
 - *Refer to:*
 - *Letter to Rosen – Item 2b*
 - - Jackie Rosen’s office called me, I asked them to, we are setting up a meeting



- What are we willing to give up?
 - S. Paxton – Nothing
 - Maybe Ute Road. The writing on the wall for Ute, because they closed off Hidden Valley, that might be something we could let go of. They are looking at giving that to the Paiutes and disposal all around it for builders. We've fought battles for years and years, might need to let go.
 - Next will be Crescent Peak, the enviros really want it for Wilderness area. I don't see why there should be anymore expansions of Wilderness area. As far as something they could give us of the remaining 3 areas. They should give us Bitter Springs, and it's not close to anything like commercial development. That's something to take back to them.
- Also, it's a Red Flag Fire Alert through September 24, we should let BLM know that those attending Bushwackers race, we as an organization will be enforcing no campfires, no barbeques, mandatory spark arrestors, and no smoking outside of an enclosed vehicle.
 - Maybe we should provide an acknowledgement letter to BLM for provisions of we are taking due to the Red Flag alert?
- When you are told you can't race a place that you have before by BLM, let me be the bad guy and represent, also be sure to ask them for the code book.
- Reminder, make sure you get comments out!
- Federal Recreational Trails Program – I personally was able to get them to replace gates with cattle guards on the Pahrump Trailhead, portion from Pahrump to Tonopah Trail.
- Southern Nevada Economic Develop Act, let's keep the pressure up on this, kill this before it goes through. If it passes, it will end off-roading in southern Nevada as we know it. The best comment you can make is a personal comment or phone call to an elected official that will be handling it.
- S. Paxton has been working with me on open area in Wheeler Pass and the travel mgmt. plan, there is like 12-13k OHV miles in Clark County. There's a lot of trails, how many will we have left with this travel mgmt. plan going to existing roads and trails...if it's not marked it's not designated and can't be ridden.



- I put up a thank you to Pres. Trump, through Facebook. Here so often we are asking politicians to do something for us, and here we are thanking him.

Refer to:

➤ *Letter to Trump – Item 2c*

- How can we put these comments in front of you, that you can find them, and that you'll act upon them? We really don't have the technical background to do a letter generator, but something we can do is to copy and paste...I'll write them, copy them, and maybe change them, and always add a paragraph about yourself and how it betters you. Our experiences are more than just a race.

- Maybe when new legislative issues come up, a new flasher?
 - K. Ashley – Suggested a Tickler (Kat will follow up to see what can be done in the current Web platform)
- How can we award people? Recognition, for commenting:
 - Did write a [proposed] rule a change maybe asking for a lot.

Refer to:

➤ *Proposed Rule Change – Item 2d*

- Maybe give 10 points, or make it 5, so easy to comment, that if you are not doing it; it's just so easy to do.
- The rider can take a screenshot of the CFM and forward that with the email acknowledgement they receive, take that and email it. I will volunteer, we will put it on a spreadsheet to send to scoring. It's so easy to do.
 - Gary Smith (Gambler's) – Better suggestion, what if we do something in the form of gift card instead of points, like a Rocky Mountain [ATV] thing through the shop...like a \$5 extra gift card?
 - R. Ulrich – Rule change will be voted on next month after discussed with clubs.
- Legal defense fund – We don't have anything to join a legal fight with, maybe \$5 for an entry for 1 year or after that go back to \$2. Is there any interest before I write the [proposed] rule change?
 - R. Ulrich – Put something together for the clubs to vote on.
- SNPLA – There's a class this winter at the BLMs SNDL office.



- You have to stake a claim to it, the fact we race an area doesn't stake a claim together. We have to do that with these grants, trails are deteriorating, we just make a wider trail, that's a big issue with the enviros. Let's look at some of our PBL routes, let's identify what needs to be repaired, some of it, maybe, a matter of a simple thing. Just pulled out of my hat, changing the gates to cattle guards? GPS areas so the damage they say we are doing, can be substantiated that it's not occurring. If you see a trail disappearing, get out there and ride it. What's happening here is the same stuff that was happening in California, making the same mistakes here that we did there...they lost a lot before they had to realize they had to fight to keep it, let's look at that as our lesson.
- OHV Committee – Steve Paxton:
 - Like Bob mentioned I am working on a grant for the OHV area in Wheeler Pass.
 - Bob approached me last month, pleading last month with everyone with ideas
 - I liked Bitter Springs, maybe a nice place for a trailhead or some type of something. I'm working on a trailhead at Wheeler Pass; I put together images of an open area, like a parking area. Nice and open it's a perfect place for parking and signage. It's off Wheeler Pass road, maybe 3-4 miles back in there, park and then you have a starting point, then it's marked, using Bob's help and Ross Williams from the committee, the three of us converged. Nevada State parks required a pre-application. I proposed for this grant that they make a zone to park in it, campground parking spot, phase 2 would perhaps include a shade shelter, grade, get the boundary established and signage, designating that spot. Then it's established.
 - Dave Heath – Once it's established who maintains it?
 - R. Ulrich – once created, they [BLM] have to maintain it.
 - Clark County is open minded, they will be at the meeting again, let's get some possible things going with grant money.
 - County pays 5% for labor, we are using their money to stake our claim.
 - I have requested the grant money from our government, the first step has to be our step, hopefully get the grant money approved.
 - November 18 is when grant application is due.
 - They have replied back and acknowledged they received the pre-application.
 - I want to go after Bitter Springs and get it marked too.



- Scoring – Tori Collins:
 - Not Present
- Website – Heidi Ulrich:
 - July's meeting minutes will be posted, received today, K. Ashley had firewall issues when sending to Competition Committee.

Special Reports

- Bushwackers Pre Race Report:
 - Chris DiPonte – New Race Director, not a voting member, will be voting member next month.
 - The upcoming race will be in the same spot at the gravel pit (Stampede trailhead), 36-mile loop, 1 loop for novice, 2 loops for all others. It's a little bit in the trees; changed up it up a bit. Elevation is 8,600' drops about a 1,000' right off the bat.
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 - Race 1 – 85cc, 65cc Ex/Am, Jr. Women
 - 7:30 am – 11-mile loop, 3 laps to finish for Ex/Am, all others 2 laps
 - Race 2 – 50 Novices
 - 9:30 am – 40 minutes, 1/3-mile course, same as last year
 - Race 3 – 50cc Ex/Am, 65cc Nov
 - 10:15 am – 45 minutes, 2-mile course
 - Race 4 – Big Bikes
 - Noon, 1 loop for novices, all others 2 loops to finish. Has not been hot lapped, there a lot of high speed sections, should be pretty quick.
 - Change the start, years past, we have gotten some bad responses from a lot of the riders, the way we're taking them off the start line to the gravel pit. This year we will take them around a hill and then send them out, instead of a crazy right hand turn right off the start, 1 minute interval possible between classes. Start by class.
- SSTB Post Race Report:
 - Kody Livreri – 277 Big and Mini bikes combined
 - 4 reported injuries, 1 ambulance transport.
 - New course markings from Hare & Hound, the blue dangers; we had reports that you couldn't see them in the dust.



- G. Smith – I could see the blue, I went in thinking I was going to have to complain about it, but I could actually see it. I will say this, there was no consistency in the markings. You could tell when someone else had marked it different sections.
- K. Livreri – They have the new system, 3-2-1...
 - G. Smith – Could we do 1-2-3, instead of 3-2-1?
- Probably in 2020, we are looking at Aug. 22, since the AMA is shut down for the ISD. So, we are shut down from the Aug. 25-Sept. 3, 2020 and cannot have any AMA events. The date isn't set and we are looking to have it either before or after that, need to discuss it, see if we could have it a couple weeks later.
 - J. Amey – Will it be attached to national next year?
 - K. Livreri – Yes, we think so. Should go smoother next year, stuff where MRAN and AMA and the races come together, more defined stuff, expert/amateurs, etc.
- **Gamblers GP Pre Race Report:**
 - Joe Amey – It's September 28, at Mesquite Motocross Park, got everything settled with them, we are good to go. They have built an endurocross section on the arena area, there's an area north of it and use a little desert stuff, 3-5 miles, not more than 5 miles, too difficult to clean up after each moto.
 - Same GP format used for last year's GP.
 - May change times, after we see the course.
 - Everybody will get an info sheet coming in the gate.
 - R. Ulrich and M. Collins will be present for scoring, over by concession area, which will also be open.
 - There will be several camping spots, they are having an event in Mesquite, if you know people coming they are having a Harley event, it's a big motorcycle weekend, so if you are planning on getting a room, get it now, or camp.
 - I will be going out Friday to camp and put on the race.
 - We will have a team race at the end of the afternoon.
 - We may have quads at our race...we have time, however, last year we watched one quad race.
 - For this Round 1 GP series, call Joe Amey with questions, my name and number is on the flyer.



- None

Open Discussions

- Night Race Changes (G. Smith) – We get a lot of people that race and come into Sportsman’s Cycle and complain – they post complaints on FB and suggestions. One suggestion is get rid of 4-strokes for night races, doing like an AA, Open, Vet and Ironman, and doing a new class, riders have to swap every lap, 1 expert, 1 amateur, and 1 novice. It might bring people out that don’t do any night races. As soon as this gets out, experts will be hunting out the fastest amateurs and novices, to bring them out, to get a bigger turn out with that. First race is big, then dwindles down, if they have some issues, we see them trying to do a fun race.
 - J. Amey – Two things: 1) we don’t want to set up ourselves with a bunch of rules and try to man them, there needs to be a fun way of doing it, 2) each rider has to ride 2 laps.
 - G. Smith – We could track each rider based on their barcode on their helmets.
- J. Amey – I want to point out that Bushwackers is the only club, to have night race on the calendar
 - Scott Weisheim (Darkside) – I’ll ask our club.
 - Daven Heath (SNDR) – I’ll ask our club.
 - R. Ulrich – I will try and lock down MRAN for a night race,
 - J. Amey – I will pull a permit, but I can’t commit until March/April at this time.
 - Also, want to let you know that Yucca Chuckers is gone as a club and so are Jackrabbits. We almost lost SNDR and Dave Heath stepped up, need to find new blood to take over these clubs...those are the things we can take back to our clubs, if we want MRAN to stay put and keep doing what it’s doing.
- R. Adams – I would like to request that we posthumously award a legend.
 - R. Ulrich – Send it to me, that’s something the President determines.
 - I feel Maxwell Thom should be awarded it, he would be 21 yesterday, he was a fast desert racer, everybody loved him that knew him, especially if we are doing this posthumously to make him a legend;
 - R. Ulrich – It’s the president’s nomination. Write me a letter, with his accomplishments, etc.

New Business

- R. Ulrich – 2020 Race Dates
 - Any changes to race dates?
 - Chris DiPonte (Bushwackers) – I may have to, we have this insanity going on in Lincoln County, called Storm Area 51, if it occurs annually that’s the date of next year’s BW race. We will wait to see what happens this year and try and see what happens.



- J. Amey – Gamblers may change their date to accommodate for Best in the Desert – will go back to club, we need to confirm with BLM if we can change the date on the permit we submitted to January 18 possibly.
- R. Ulrich – Is anyone else adding dates, GPs or Night races?
 - No
- J. Amey – Take that back to your clubs, we have only 1 night race, and 0 GPs
- 2020 Officer Nominations – Not addressed, not all clubs present.

Adjournments

Motion to adjourn by Joe Amey at 8:08 pm, seconded by Dave Heath.

Next MRAN meeting will be held on Monday October 7th, 2019, 6:30 pm at Sportsman Cycle on Boulder HWY.
Subject to change.