



March 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Sportsman's Cycle

Call to Order by: Roy Ulrich @ 6:35 pm

Roll call

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

Approve Minutes – February minutes approved by Kat Ashley, seconded by Dave Heath @ 6:38 pm.

Officer Reports

- **President – Roy Ulrich:**
  - Darkside race was a great race, ran well, markings were great. Wild Bunch great race, great course, everything was a blast.
  - As a reminder, if there is an item to discuss send it to officers only, discuss between ourselves and then in the meeting.
  - With respect to the email communication regarding drones, with respect to our insurance we should not make a rule that we cannot enforce. If we set up another rule which we don't enforce then we are liable. As it sits right now if anyone flies a drone, the lawsuit sits between them and the person they hit. This is due to two reasons: it's public land, everyone has a right and access to it, enforcing a new rule would make us more liable. We can regulate, but if for whatever reason we aren't paying attention, and we had rules in place and something occurred then it would be the organization's responsibility. M. Collins called the organization's insurance company and Roy called his personal company's attorney to come to this decision. We can, however, politely say don't fly it over the crowd. Since the land is public access, so you can't regulate who the pictures are taken of by drones either.
- **Vice President – Joe Amey:** Not present.
- **Treasurer – Michael Collins:**
  - On behalf of Referee Dal Shemp (not present): For the month of February, we had 13 online big bikes and 2 minis, 107 online and 31 minis. Just upped our numbers, so we are at 85 big bikes, 87 for the year at races and 30 for the minis (61 minis for year), 14 one days for the year, total of \$5,597 brought in online. For the month of February \$4,805 for



the MRAN cards for the month sitting at \$4,975. MRAN owes the WB \$1,044, DS \$1,461 since online sales was \$3,816, online WB \$3,229.

- Taxes were done in February
- Racemran.com website has gone down twice due to lack of communication between the old web master and it was sending emails to the former MRAN Racing email provider which none of the officers have access too. It was determined that the notification indicating the SSL certificate which needed to be renewed was sent to the old email address. This issue has since been resolved and emails will no longer go to the wrong email provider and recurring payment has been setup to mitigate the issue.
- Purchased heater for scoring trailer.
- Transponder money has helped pay \$100 extra for the AA pro payback we are adding on from Purvines, still depositing some of it, but we have taken from that.
- Next meeting will have a total for banquet set up, cost at present is \$10,444, only brought in \$6,000. There's a list itemizing everything that has been paid out.
  - Wild Bunch has anyone reached out to the Gaughan's family and to possibly let us have the banquet room at Southpoint for the banquet?
  - Roy U. replied and said it's worth inquiring if someone can establish contact that knows them well.
- We purchased a backup router and cables, to resolve issues that occurred at the Darkside race with the cables.
  - Wild Bunch voting member inquired if we could be tax exempt on purchases since we are non-profit.
  - Michael C. stated that MRAN is not considered a non-profit like a church where we can write it off. We don't have a Tax ID number for use at Walmart, Lowes, 501-3 churches and schools. We have to show that we are non-profit, we reflect that we work 1 hour/year on the taxes. We don't have to pay taxes to the IRS, we have to pay sales taxes if we make purchases.
  - Wild Bunch member suggested a letter for a grant, including Tax ID number and exemption letter to provide when making purchases to prevent paying sales tax.
  - Bob A. suggested that we could take a tax break if we run as a dual organization with a habitat restoration side (desert clean up) to reap the benefits.
- **Desert Referee – Dal Shemp:** Not present, stats provided by Coach Collins (see above).
- **Asst. Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:** We have \$20 in petty cash due to overpayment for MRAN Card by unknown participant.
- **Public Relations – Gary Smith:** Darkside race someone brought it up, a lot of people on our flyers last year that wanted to be on it. Needs email/contacts, Clay Flippin, for example. If they give \$250 can be on the flyer every race.



- Michael C. – Kenda sent 24 rolls of caution tape with Kenda on it for use. Also got a couple tear drop flags, banners, sent stickers on a sheet of 25 of all different sizes and catalogs, 3 sets per race, have not received any tires yet. Roy to get the Kenda contact to Gary.
- **Legislative Officer – Bob Adams:**
  - Refer to:*
    - *Legislative Report – Item 1a*
    - *Proposed OHV Rec Areas Map – Item 1b*
  - Update regarding the petition passed out at Darkside race, 105 signatures collected, 10 signatures count for 1 letter. Has additional petitions that can be utilized by clubs at the races.
  - Wanted to confirm that everyone saw the post with the legislative report and the letter to Trump.
  - Bob A. provided Exhibit 1, which reflects proposed multi use area being given to off roaders showing 100,001 acres for use out of 2.9M acres, they cut 7,000 acres off Nelson at the last County Advisory Board meeting. The one loop we have there, where they have the boundary set and don't want to move it, they take it off the 7,000 acres at the south end. This means we will be losing a significant area of what is rideable and usable. We have to work harder to keep open what we have. We are losing about 70,000 acres to wilderness...we are looking at 20% of public land designated wilderness, should be 2-5% max.
    - Blake Monk (Darkside) – In the Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board Meeting, locals complain about people going to Logandale trails and creating dust. Now they want to shove more people out there doing the same thing. Clark County Commissioners and Off Road Advisory members have not gone to any of the town advisory boards throughout the county. Why haven't they spoke to the locals that live on that road. Doesn't Clark County need to follow NEPA?
    - R. Adams – They haven't done it, but they are doing it where it has been required, they are doing NEPA (i.e. Nelson). The problem with Sandy Valley they are throwing us into some areas, but it's a route that are not raceable, similar to Laughlin, our loops are cut off by boundaries. Not sure if NEPA process is required when new trails are created, but it could take years. Was addressed in Feb. 19 agenda item, they are making promises they cannot keep. Spencer Gilbert was in CC meeting on Feb. 19.
  - Will add maps to website. Everyone needs to pitch in and do a write up for the areas they want to keep. We need a lot of participation, written history of how long we have been racing there and pictures too. Trail and map and pictures, shoot the whole thing, shoot the trail, show before and after shots. Then show it a year or two later. Clubs pick an area, get



history and a justification why we should continue to race there. Right now, we should concentrate on Clark County, that is the greatest threatened area. Let's do what the BLM did. Go to BLM main page, will provide you data for any county you choose to go to. The data is there, we have access to everything BLM does. Information links can be posted by R. Adams.

- M. Collins – BLM Rec planner Friday at WB ranch, told us, I hope that wash isn't wet, because if it's wet you can't race it.
- **OHV Committee – Steve Paxton:**
  - Look at the maps, just what Bob said, there's that one little notch at Nelson that I want to go to bat for. Whole thing needs to be rethought, lets come up with ideas. It's not fair, it's really not fair to trucks, they aren't listening to us. MRAN members need to stand up for what they want, there's a few more of us that should show up. It's going to get dicey. They told us to bring what we want to the next OHV Advisory Committee Meeting on March 27 – 4 pm-6 pm, at 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy. Each person will be allowed 3 minutes to comment.
- **Scoring – Tori Collins on behalf on Michael Collins:**
  - Did a great a job on asking for AMA/MRAN cards at the races. Reminder, two people are needed by each club for hand scoring at the finish line, one writing, one orating the numbers. Super imperative, they have to work together. Sometimes the writing is so fast, it gets busy and is back to back, really helps to have one person saying the number and the other writing. Then someone has to make the decision on how many laps they are going, a Race Director or Scoring Director, and when the flag is going out. Flag person cannot be finisher pin person. Clubs must ensure that riders and those distributing finisher pins move far enough down so the finished racers don't read again on the scoring transponder. Flag needs to occur further out from the scoring trailer. Scoring can show lap times, if something doesn't read, lap times are super imperative...need someone to make that decision. Tech inspection is crucial. An officer should be at tech inspection, needs to verify that it's completed. Tech should be closed at a set time to ensure everyone is inspected and last-minute sign-ups are not delaying the start.
  - Roy U. – Clubs and officers need to be more diligent about providing reminders regarding real numbers/backgrounds according to the rules. Temporary plates can only be used for 2 races maximum.
- **Website – Heidi Ulrich:**
  - Credit card is on file for SSL certificate expiration to ensure that there will be no further interruptions to racemran.com.



## Special Reports

- **Darkside Desert post-race report:**
  - Scott Weisheim, 179 riders, squaring up with BLM. We had a total of 3 injuries, 1 collarbone, 1 dislocated shoulder, broke tibia/fibula. Awaiting BLM clearance.
- **Wild Bunch Desert post-race report:**
  - Dusty, 157 riders less 9 for the #1 plates and officers. Had to move the first 2 races up due to cold weather. Reported 2 injuries, 1 mini rider (GoPro returned to Piper Wells), Drake Shaw broke his ankle approx. 17-20 miles into race, one of the oldest racers to date, 77 years old. BLM was great to work with. Next location will be selected closer to June. Mercury will be checked out again. Thanks to Coach for assistance.
    - Scott – Jimmy with BLM needs to talk to Dusty, reach out to verify for night race.
- **Yucca Chuckers pre-race report:**
  - Everything is same on flyer, same course as 2 years ago, tried to get rid of last 2 miles of silt. No changes, Experts/Amateurs/AA will have a 27-mile loop, 3 loops to finish; novices will need to do 2 loops to finish. Race 2, Min's, will be 80cc/65cc (Ex/Am)/Jr Women with a 16-mile loop. Pee Wees have a 1-mile loop for 40 minutes. Mini race, all 65s are only doing one lap, cut off the 65s after 1 lap.

## Unfinished Business

### New Business

- Michael C. had a rider call regarding the Darkside race, 2 laps to get a finish, novices were 1. Expert came in attempted to change his tire it did not work, comes back says he is not going back out. Questioned why he did not receive points. Is it in the rule book when it is 2 to get a finish...just verifying, no portion points.
- Roy U. reminded to send your emails to Washington.gov as posted by Bob A. on the MRAN Racing Facebook page. Be sure to touch base (includes link).
- Roy U. – Reminder to Yucca Chuckers and all clubs that the race checklist form needs to be turned into MRAN Prior to the race to ensure uniformity and that all gaps have been covered.
- Blake Monk reminded all clubs to have someone stop vehicles and sign insurance form at entrance of your race.
- Roy U. – Mini class starting order should be the same every race. When we do the minis, it goes in the order of experts, amateurs, then novices. For example, 85 experts, Jr. Women experts, 65 experts, then 85 amateurs and so. Just like in the big bike races all experts are



ahead of all amateurs, and all amateurs are ahead of all novices.

### Open Discussions

- Michael C. – Riders in a multi lapped race, minimum lap finish needs to be identified. Also concerns about our organization not having anything on MRAN history, who the first president was, first officers, including Jack Johnson’s mom (Betty), and Bob Michaels has always been around. Kept a legend list and lifetime member list, need to ask to have lunch with Roy Ulrich, Jeff Phillips, Darryl Folks, and sit there with a recorder to log the history. We have nothing on our webpage of the history. As an organization, we need to work on club history, so we can build a page with that information. Roy has a box from Betty that Kevin held and it needs to be gone through and a biography compiled. We may have to rent a storage unit to store historical items or buy a Connex type storage container to store it in.
- Gary S. – Inquired when we are going to do the new markings?
  - Roy U. – Will send it out in an email. With the new markings you can run any markings, you can print books, and show people how to mark. Different people mark different sections, it’s the worst thing you could possibly do, causes inconsistencies. MRAN needs more consistency with the markings, and everything across the board. MRAN flagging will all be one color. Don’t substitute, carry enough with you.
  - Gary S. – My only thing with looking at that, don’t necessarily agree with the dangers. Ensure that dangers are marked appropriately.

### Adjournments

Motion to adjourn by Dave heath at 9:14 pm, seconded by Kat

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

Legislative Report for March 4, 2019 MRAN meeting by Robert Adams

Last month was not a good month.

Congress passed an Omnibus Public Lands Bill adding 700,000 acres of designated wilderness. Presidential Veto is our last chance to stop it. What you can do is go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Comment I sent:

*Dear President Trump. Please veto the Omnibus Land Bill. Some good stuff in it that should be implemented with bad stuff that shouldn't. And please, NO MORE WILDERNESS. A few percent of every state should be protected as special and unique. Protecting 5, 10, some states over 20% as special and unique defines the definitions. Conservation for sustainable use v. preservation closing public land to public access is the heart of the urban-rural divide. Rural America is Trump Country.*

Southern Nevada our public land access is threatened by Clark County's Federal Land Bill. 2.9 million acres of BLM administered public land in Clark County. Clark County proposes giving OHV riders 103,323 acres comprised of 3 OHV areas. That's 7,332 acres less than January because of cuts preservation groups demanded be made to Nelson OHV area. This is going the wrong way.

We lose because we're up against people dedicated to protecting public land by restricting public access. They join groups to increase their strength by teamwork. Their obligation of membership is contacting government officials again and again to close public access to public land until its all closed.

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We join clubs to race. The obligation of membership of most is working their club's race. Our having places to race is seen as someone else's job covered by annual dues. I hear "What's the AMA doing?" a lot more than "What can I do?"

AMA tracks and researches issues. AMA contacts officials making factual logical arguments based on that research. AMA notifies members explaining issues, offers talking points/comment ideas, and ask members to write/call their elected officials and how to contact them. Our strength is our members. But our members who government officials never hear from are our broken link. That's most of us. Government works for the people who speak up. The squeaky wheels. Our side is drowned out by the multitude of squeaks from the other.

If you haven't stepped up yet, why haven't you?

OHV area boundaries are attached in gpx format to load into GPS units to ride trails that make loops to send me tracks. I'll redraw area boundaries that split trails as a counter offer. I need the track to do that. I don't have any tracks within the proposed Sandy Valley OHV area boundary. Nat'l Wx Service says Sunday will be sunny.



# Proposed Nelson Hills, Sandy Valley, and Law OHV Recreation Areas February 19, 2019

