

MRAN Meeting minutes for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Sportsman Cycle

Call to order at 6:31 pm by President Roy Ulrich

October minutes approved by Michael Collins and seconded by Ashley Ross. Bob Adams asked that we make sure that his Legislative agenda be included in full to the minutes as well as his spoken agenda at the meeting.

Roll Call: Bushwackers 0, Camp Valley Cowboys 0, Coyotes 0, Darkside 2, Gamblers 2, Groundshakers 2, Jackrabbits 0, Silver State Trail Blazers 2, Southern Nevada Desert Racers 2, Wild Bunch 2, and Yucca Chuckers 0. Total voting members was 12.

### **Officers Reports**

**President** Roy Ulrich spoke with Danny Cooper about getting a possible deal with Kenda Tires to see what they can do as a partnership with MRAN.

**Vice President** Joe Amey spoke about having to change venue for the race as to build a partnership with other racing entities around southern Nevada. Gamblers is joining forces with Daryl Folks of Best in the Desert to try and keep some courses open in the Searchlight/Nipton area. Also, the MRAN joint night race permit will be filed but clubs need to step up to put on this race.

**Treasurer** Michael Collins talked about raffle sales at the Monster Energy Cup. We set up a booth at the pit area of the race and sold approximately \$900 more in tickets. We have had a total of \$1190 for online tickets as well (minus the \$101 in fees). This brings a grand total of \$3389 made for the Beta 300 that MRAN is raffling off. Also, Erek Kudla, the Off-Road Manager for AMA, has put the information for our raffle up on the AMA website. We also got a new laptop, which I believe was discussed in the October meeting. MRAN has 4 new flags and an Easy Up for display and usage at the races, 2 of which are start line flags. Clubs that still owe fees are the Wild Bunch Race Fees and Coyotes Club Dues for 2018. Ashley Ross motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Dave Heath seconded it.

**Referee** report. Neither Rob Holtfretter or Ashley Ross had anything to add as October did not bring any races.

**Public Relations** Ashley Ross stated we have another \$265 for the raffle and the box at Sportsman Cycle bringing the total over \$4000 for the Beta to be given away at the MRAN banquet on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Legislative Officer** Bob Adams attended training with the AMA. The Air Force released areas they want around Tonopah test range and none of that will affect MRAN courses that we are using at this time. He also attended the Nevada Commission OHV

Summit with several different entities attending as well. Some in attendance were US Forest Service, BLM, White Pine Sheriff, Dean Heller's office and our very own Metro department. Other OHV groups have attended and have written grants which they have received funds for. Noticed a bunch of people at Jean riding area and mentioned we should be logging the time we put in to pick up trash and travel time and expenses. Shaun Rupp added that we should join forces with some of the side by side groups that are using the area to increase our numbers. We need to be letting our representatives know we are out there and doing a great job as ambassadors for the area. We need to be seen as stake holders. If we are not looking at grants we need to be. Please make comments and stop using the letter generators or petitions as they go directly to SPAM folders. Garon Burwell spoke about a race his uncle was putting on in the Midwest and how difficult it is there and how we have it good with having public lands even though we need to deal with BLM. Steve Paxton talked about the Good Springs area and how we are not be threatened to lose it at this time. Steve still needs tracks from both sides of Jean riding area. Send them to [stevepaxton58@gmail.com](mailto:stevepaxton58@gmail.com) in GPX format.

### **Added from Bob Adams**

1. Encourage Issue Advocacy Participation: Decisions we could win often go against us because too few of us participate in government. There were 4000 Basin & Range Nat'l Monument comments received, 100:1 in favor of the monument. There's 4000 some members of the MRAN family. If all of us gave a few minutes to our cause by commenting there would have been 8000 comments split down the middle. Why do so very few of us participate in our government for our own good? How can we encourage more members to participate?

2. IMAGE. There's 2 kinds of public image. How other riders/racers, retailers and manufacturers see us. And how the general public and govt. officials see us who have no personal knowledge of motorcycles or off road riding.

2.1. Be seen as public land being better by our being there. 2019 Nat'l Public Lands Day is Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Plan now for an event then?

2.2. JOIN Treadlightly as MRAN, clubs, and individuals. Post Treadlightly logos on our webpage. Treadlightly provides educational material that we can see terrain as BLM employees see it. <https://www.treadlightly.org/join-tread-lightly/>

3. Legal Defense Fund:

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4. UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

4.1. BRC Sharetrails Annual Membership Meeting in Las Vegas on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Westgate Hotel. Look for the signs to conference rooms 7 & 8., Las Vegas, Oct. 28.

4.2. Nevada OHV Summit, Ely, Nov. 1 – 3. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-nevada-off-highway-vehicle-summit-tickets->

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Consider moving Nov. mtg. date.

**Scoring** Michael Collins reported that most of the Wild Bunch will be working with SNDR to receive their club points for the 2018 race year. If they have not worked a race then they will not receive club points because their October race was cancelled due to difficulties with BLM. Night race and GP standing are both finalized. Make sure to check for your club members and make sure they are listed with your club.

SNDR pre-race report. They have an added \$1000 for the AA riders and Bombard Mechanical added \$1000 in gifts for the youth riders. Cycle Gear may be hopping on to give away some tires. Local 88 Sheet Metal union threw in an extra \$500 towards MRAN as well. Minis are 1.5 mile course and will race for 45 minutes. The 85 plus and junior women is a 5 mile loop and will race for 1 hour. The big bikes have a 40 mile loop. Novice and Super Senior will do one lap and the amateurs, experts and AA riders will do 2. There will be a parade in Logandale so be prepared with the traffic. Thanks to all Dark Side Members and families for their help.

**Unfinished business:** There was a discussion about having table sponsors at the MRAN banquet. Michael Collins will put together a proposal. It could include raffle tickets for the Beta and other tickets for door prizes. The deadline will be December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 so talk to possible sponsors now. Gary Smith brought up doing the prize raffle where anyone can buy tickets for any donated item and the item will be raffled off at the banquet.

**Desert schedule for 2019:** Gamblers 1-26-2019, Dark Side 2-9-2019, Wild Bunch 2-23-2019, Yucca Chuckers 3-23-2019, SNDR 4-6-2019, Groundshakers 4-27-2019, Camp Valley Cowboys 5-18-2019, Coyotes 6-1-2019, Silver State Trail Blazers 8-24-2019 and Bushwackers 9-14-2019.

**GP schedule for 2019:** Groundshakers 1-19-2019 and 1-20-2019, Yucca Chuckers 9-28-2019, Gamblers 10-12-2019, and Darkside 10-13-2019

**Night race schedule for 2019:** Wild Bunch 6-8-2019, Mran 6-22-2019 and Bushwacker 7-19 and 20- 2019.

**Officer Nominations:** President Roy Ulrich. Vice President Joe Amey. Secretary Kat Ashley. Referee Dal Shemp, Jarrod Wheeler, Frankie Villegas, and Shaun Rupp. Assistant Referee Dal Shemp, Shaun Rupp and Frankie Villegas. Public Relations Gary Smith. Treasurer Michael Collins. Website Admin. Heidi Ulrich. Legislative Officer Bob Adams. Scoring Tori Collins.

Rules Changes:

**#1 Results being posted consistent with Moto tally. 12 in favor and 0 opposed**

**Proposed by:** Coach

**Proposed New Rule:**

**SECTION 16. RESULTS**

- a. Every rider's lap time will be recorded. Each rider's finish will be recorded in minutes and seconds. Once the sweep rider gets back to the MAIN checkpoint, scoring will stop. Moto and class results will be posted for viewing upon completion of each race. Each rider has a responsibility to ensure their lap time is recorded by the scoring team
- b. A complete set of results can include:

1. Position over-all
2. Rider's MRAN number
3. Rider's AMA number
4. Rider's name
5. Rider's club
6. Rider's Sponsor's (50 characters)
7. Rider's bike brand
8. Rider's class

**Purpose of New Rule:**

To be compatible to the computer scoring system

**Affected Sections of Rule Book:**

Pg 21 in the Rulebook Article 5 Section 16 Results

**Rule Change #2 12 in favor 0 opposed**

**Proposed by:** Coach

**Proposed New Rule:**

- m. To be eligible for series awards, a rider must compete in half of the total number of events. If event totally is an odd number, the total will round down.

**Purpose of New Rule:**

A rider is not awarded something they did not deserve

**Affected Sections of Rule Book:**

Pg 12 in the Rulebook Article 5 Section 1 COMPETITION RULES

**More unfinished business:** Scott Weisheim showed us a log sheet that we need to start using a volunteers. Need to take them back to our clubs.

We are taking a table count for the MRAN banquet on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Gamblers 2 tables, Darkside 2 tables, Groundshakers 4 tables, SNDR 2 tables, SSTB 4 tables and Wild Bunch 3 tables. The other clubs still need to get their counts in.

Sportsman of the year nominees: Groundshakers- Ashley Family (I know them), Darkside- Blake Monk, Gamblers- Ashley Family (I know them), Wild Bunch- Dave Heath, and the other clubs still need to nominate.

Task list for races also proposed by Scott Weisheim for all clubs to use when they are putting on races.

Open discussion started by Joe Amey about getting race dates back after vacating them for a year and possibilities like doing a Novice only race was okay but you snooze you loose was the consensus. Stake our claim for Logandale and Crescent peak riding areas. Robert Dallenbach motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm and seconded by Ashley Ross.