

MRAN Meeting minutes for Monday August 5th at Sportsman Cycle

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Roll Call of voting members in attendance: Bushwackers 2, Coyotes 0, Camp Valley Cowboys 0, Darkside 2, Gamblers 2, Groundshakers 2, Jackrabbits 1, Silver State Trail Blazers 1, Southern Nevada Desert Racers 2, and Wild Bunch 1. Total of 13 voting members.

Minutes for July were not approved because they were not received.

BLM started off the meeting rather than our officer reports. Lora and Carrie handed out apparel, trinkets and books about invasive weeds. She spoke about how good MRAN's effort have been about getting clean bikes to the races and inspected. Talked about what we should do coming up to a desert tortoise. We should not move them unless in eminent danger and should only be moved slowly and low to the ground with gloves on if possible. They ask us to understand our surrounding for other animals as well as ecosystems can change by leaving a simple pile of trash. Lora does the OHV portion of BLM as a contractor and Carrie is one of the plant specialists. Lora can help with grant writing for us to get dumpsters for clean ups and also drinks and possibly lunches for these events. Another style event would be maybe fixing or building trails and/or trail heads for specific riding areas. Applications are being accepted in August and will be awarded in November. Lora is paid through billing the contractors \$550 per acre of land that is under construction from BLM.

President: Roy Ulrich had nothing to report

Vice President: Joe Amey asked that all officers and club presidents and representatives need to know where to find answers for issues that arise at races rather than "knowing it all" and giving a wrong answer.

Treasurer: Michael Collins reported that no deposits were made, no bills were paid and there was not much else to report. Everything is on the up.

Referee: Dal Shemp gave many thanks to Jarrod Wheeler for his efforts. He will be less visible due to his work schedule and has asked Dal to take over for the remainder of the year. Dal made it clear he will be at the signups for the remainder of the year. He mentioned that he has enjoyed the duel effort referee that they have been doing this year.

Public Relations: Gary Smith reported the issues that AMA and all shops are fighting on heavy tariffs for motorcycle parts between 500cc and 700cc. Not much impacts us now but if it goes through then it could lead to tariffs on things that DO relate to us. Please make sure and go to the link in Facebook to comment. Get your letters to your representatives. Smaller dirtbikes could be next if this passes.

1. Legislative Officer: **100 % tariff on 500cc to 700cc Euro MCs and parts.** Even just 500 to 700cc, I'm concerned it's a foot in the door. It could be your bike

they're after next time. <https://cqrcengage.com/amacycle/app/sign-petition?2&engagementId=501480> HANDLED BY GARY

1. Support RTP funding. <https://cqrcengage.com/amacycle/app/write-a-letter?6&engagementId=500602>

1. New BLM Acting Director is William Pendley. He's a public land privatization advocate. Zinke and Bernhardt were pro-public use of public land. Pendley may be President Trump's greasing oil, gas, and coal interest's squeaky wheel. Nick Harris, Don Amador, and I have talked. AMA DC staff is setting up a meeting with Pendley. We don't have a position yet. I'll let you know.

1. Oceano Dunes, CA. We won. The less we have left, the more passionately more of us fight to defend it. Let's not make the same mistake Californians did waiting till there's next to nothing left before fighting to defend it.

1. Southern NV Economic Development and Conservation Act remains dormant on the desks of Nevada's 2 US Senators and 4 Congressman. If passed it will end offroad racing in Clark Co. as we know it. Lincoln Co. is next. I've posted talking points for members to personally write letters. Few have done it. Form letters don't have the impact of personal letters, but if it's all we've got, would you put your name on a form letter and send it and encourage others to do so?

1. **Land Use v. Legislative Advocacy.**

Legislative Advocacy is making government work for us.

A. There's enough of us to influence govt.

B. We have the tools to do it.

It's not working for us because,

A. Not enough of us participate in influencing government by sending letters (emails, phone calls) or attend meetings.

B. Those of us who do often don't work together. The officials we're trying influence hear a gargled message they ignore.

I bring policy decisions to the Competition Committee so they're MRAN's policies.

As Officers and Competition Committee Members advocate MRAN's positions.

Question, comments, observations I'm an email or phone call away.

Land Use is knowing what government officials are talking about, what other groups are proposing, and laws affecting our use of public land and what to do if government officials don't follow them. Our weak link is many of you don't tell me in time to do something about it. Legislative Advocacy is a lot more work for me. Work that only counts if all of you put an hour or two a week into influencing your elected officials. How can we make that happen? Rewards for letters?

Also Added to legislative report. Bob Adams reported that there is now a link on racemran.com now to see the issues that he is working on and will be trying to get a letter up so it can be copied and pasted and used to write letters to your representatives. Pay attention to new issues coming up from BLM like the Ocean Dunes area. Bob is going to start working on a grant that needs to be turned in by August 25th. We need to stake claim to where we ride. We discussed that part of the SSTB course was cut due to the fact we could not cross established mountain bike trails around Panaca. Bob will be attending a grant writing class on August 13th @ 2pm in Beatty. We are the only group at the table that does not have any money and Bob is proposing we continue putting money in our fund to hire lawyers. The group discussed how do we fund from our races?

OHV committee representative: Steve Paxton told us that each month they are trying to get so many objectives done that they were asked by the chair to limit and prioritize the list. Lora from the BLM was in attendance and told us to write more grants and she is willing to help out. Can we ask for money to do biological opinions or mapping? We need a state trail system that is equal to the system Utah is using. Renewable companies like Switch and Gemini are putting in applications at a fevered pace to put in solar and windmills. Crescent Peaks wind farm was shut down by BLM. BLM would like to keep Primm area the way it is being managed now. We need to keep our lands open and keep fighting. Kirkpatrick was more open-minded at the last meeting. Steve felt that they were making headway and things were happening in a positive direction.

Scoring: Michael Collins reported that the computer worked great at the last night race after Tori had blown and excessive amount of dust out of it.

Web Administrator: Heidi Ulrich reported that a new link got put up on racemran.com for our legislative position. A new letter will be posted soon to copy and paste from so every member of MRAN can write their own letters.

Bushwacker night race post race report: The race went well. There were 24 race teams on Friday and 39 teams on Saturday. There were 3 injuries on Friday one consisting of a broken ankle and 2 injuries on Saturday. One was a shoulder injury and the other was dehydration.

SSTB Night race post race: 14 teams total with 1 injury to both wrists of a rider. Medics and Jarrod did a great job! Weather was perfect.

SSTB/NHHA Desert race pre race: 2 flyers are out. One for MRAN \$60 and one for NHHA \$70. Please use MRAN mototally to sign up for the race or see Tori at signups. This is their 9th year with NHHA as a joint venture. 6 pm – 8pm spaghetti dinner with the pros on Friday night. Signups will be in the blue building at the Lincoln County fairgrounds. Race 1 is at 8 am is for the peewees. Race 2 are the Minis. Race 3 are all big bikes. Big Bike loops are 34 for lap 1 and 39 for lap 2. No alternate pits. Big bikes will start in 4 waves (Pros/AA, Experts, Amateur and Novice). The start is across the highway from the fairgrounds.

New Business: Tentative dates for 2020 MRAN Banquet 1/4/20, Gamblers 1/25/20 in Crescent Peak, Darkside 2/8/20 Ute, Wild Bunch 2/22/20 Mercury, SNDR 4/11/20 Panaca, Coyotes 5/2/20 Ely, Groundshakers 5/16/20 Caliente, Wild Bunch 6/13/20 Night Race, CVC 6/27/20 Camp Valley, Coyotes 7/10-11/20 Ely night race, Bushwackers 7/17-18/20 night race Searchlight, SSTB 8/29/20 Panaca and Bushwackers 9/12/20 Pioche.

GP's for this year: Joe Amey reported that both Yuccachuckers and Darkside have cancelled their race dates. Gamblers will be moving their GP to September 28th which was the date for the previously mentioned cancelled Yuccachucker race due to a scheduling change made by WORCS as we would rather not compete with them or ask our racers to pick.

Primm is a decent GP location that Big 6 (Now National GP) is looking at and they are asking to team up with us to put on some of our GP's next year.

Monster Energy Motorcross is looking for flaggers and is willing to pay any flagger as well as give them 2 free tickets to share. They will be paid \$120 per day for work. They need flaggers from October 19th-21st. They will only need 5-7 flaggers for all three days but many other positions will need to be filled. They will also be on the top of the list for call backs the next time the circus comes to town. Need names by October 1st and the applicants must be 18 with valid ID. Must wear dark pants or shorts and bring ear buds. Please speak with Michael Collins (Coach) if interested.

The Jackrabbits club will be disbanding at this time. They are selling their trailer and giving away their markings and other course working items. They will continue to pay yearly dues and are asking if

anyone wants to step up and restart the club they speak with Steve Jones or Jay Livingston. We are at a loss for losing one of the longest standing clubs in MRAN.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Roy Ulrich and Seconded by Dave Heath.