



May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes - Zoom Meeting

[Called to Order by: Joe Amey at 6:35 pm](#)

[Roll call](#)

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

[Approve Minutes](#) – April minutes approved by Joe Amey @ 6:37 pm, seconded by Dave Martin.

[Officer Reports](#)

- [WB Post Race Report \(Moved up due to Dustin Vasquez’s availability\)](#)
 - Race went smooth for being shorthanded. Big hiccup was NDOT delay for permit gravel pit received 7 pm Friday night. No injuries that I am aware of. We had 183 or 186 racers.
 - J. Amey – It was a lot of fun, marked well, I didn’t get lost.

- [President – Joe Amey](#)
 - Been getting some emails through the system into the MRAN officers, Coach and I. They are anonymous, they are of major concern, could change the face of things. I won’t go into what these emails are, some of them are quite personal, we have to be careful what we get as MRAN officials through the email. Be careful what you read, check with people before you start making decisions about what is going on with it. We could have done something different, there’s a lot of junk flying out there and we need to be careful.
 - I spoke to Erek Kudla at AMA, he would not give an answer about helmet lights from the AMA. He never got back with me. We are going to march alone; Night races will continue without AMA sanction.
 - Wildbunch has pulled out of the night race series due to permitting. Gamblers are getting their permits, we are hitting a few snags, due to COVID, so we have to turn in more paperwork, once turned in, we should be a go.
 - I did read something about the minutes, about Bushwackers. I am kind of trying to figure out something with theirs. Lights will still be put on helmets it is a safety measure. I asked Jarrod if he could do a Friday/Saturday, so we could still have four, he is unable too, so we are doing a three race night series. Maybe we can race on private property or areas outside of Vegas later in summer? Let’s see what you can do, I will



help mark if it ends up happening.

- Vice President – Kody Livreri:

- Had a fantastic race, really enjoyed it. It was a throwback. Glad you put us through the ringer, it was a lot of fun, you put in a lot of work. It's appreciated.
- Vernon Zerkle stopped for Ronnie Butterfield about 4 or 5 miles into the race. We previously talked about nominating people with sportsmanship, I think he should be part of that.
 - J. Amey – I thought we were going to use the MoTool things.
 - K. Livreri – I would like to nominate him, he stopped his race to help out someone.
- On behalf of Coach in his absence, getting more help packing up and setting up, with all the banners, we could just be a little more diligent to help set up.
 - D. Vasquez – I have radios in my trailer, will have them in the toy hauler in a few weeks in Ely, will keep it in the trailer.
 - J. Wheeler – Okay, I will be there.
 - D. Vasquez – Not sure which ones, they are not Wildbunch ones
- Race flyers, the Wildbunch did not have sponsors on it. I've compiled a list of items that should be on the flyer, I will send it around, to add or subtract from it. A format to follow.
 - D. Vasquez – I have an opinion, if we had list of sponsors from MRAN, each race, we should have stand-alone MRAN sponsors, when you add the specific event sponsors, that will take up a lot of room, maybe a pre-flyer to go with it.
 - K. Livreri – We have to have MRAN sponsors on the flyers
 - D. Vasquez – It's hard when there's a lot of information to have them all on there.
 - K. Livreri – We will have to look at the past to see how it's been done; I will work on compiling list of who should be on there.
 - D. Vasquez – It helps out to have individual sponsors.
 - J. Amey – We should do a bigger sized format, 11" x 14".
 - D. Martin – Maybe a standard ribbon around the whole page of the sponsors, and the actual race stuff in the center.
 - K. Livreri – I like that, we just need to get that formatted and then put the actual race flyer in the middle.
 - C. DiPonte – It works better on 11" x 14".
 - D. Martin – Can you post 11x14 on social media?
 - C. DiPonte – I believe so, that's how we've always done it.
 - K. Livreri – If we do the MRAN border, and then club sponsors in middle that work out great.
- Tech inspection, we were supposed to do it on the line.
 - G. Ashley – Did you try the things with the cards?
 - K. Livreri – We got a lot of them on there, signed up before sign ups opened up.
 - D. Vasquez – What is that card thing? I didn't know what it was.



- K. Livreri – It made lining up bikes and class easier, writing the rider number on the proper colored background. When a rider has a white number card and black numbers, he has to get temp plates and line up on the correct line, and then the clubs can use it as well. We need to make sure the number is correct and has proper backgrounds.
- D. Vasquez – I had no idea what it was for.
- K. Livreri – Going forward we will keep trying to push it, these should make life easier on the start line.
- Social Media – I don't know what I was thinking about the wrong number checks, I took that down.
 - Any written race reports, smaller posts are fine, not sure who has access. Photos and write ups are great. Written correspondence representing MRAN, has to be sent to Kat, to be proofread and then sent back to be posted.
 - P. Swolensky – Who is doing Instagram?
 - K. Livreri – Ashley, Gary, Coach maybe?
 - P. Swolensky – What about Facebook?
 - K. Livreri – Coach, Ashley said she doesn't have access.
- Looking forward to Coyotes race, if I can make it.
- Night series should be fun, in the past SSTB only got 16 teams before, maybe later in the summer if we did put one on.
- Treasurer – Michael Collins (not present) – report not provided
 - D. Vasquez – How do we find out how much we get paid after our race?
 - J. Amey – You ask Coach directly. Shoot him an email.
- Desert Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:
 - Wildbunch did a great job getting race off and dealing what was dealt to him, we had several conversations the week leading up to the race. My boys had fun on the Big Bike course and had a blast, said nothing but good things about it.
 - Trying to do a good job watching classification on people, if you have anybody that needs bumped or moved, or moved down, get with me or Greg and we will talk about it. I had a few in my club that I know for sure I am going to move, including Steven. Busy getting our race ready. If you have anything, just reach out.
- Asst. Referee – Greg Ashley:
 - Thanks for taking control of and charge on the fender cards. I do think it will work, just have to keep pushing it until everyone understands it. Hopefully soon we can show up.
 - J. Wheeler – I want to add on, I try my best to run through lines, the fender cards did work, when walking through, glance down and see where they are at. I think it's a start in the right direction for sure.



- J. Amey – I agree, so you will be using them at your race?
- J. Wheeler – Absolutely.
- J. Amey – I think you and I should be more present, before during and after, I know I was at the race, I was too busy being a part of my club. If we are up there and helping out with tech inspection, I think all of us officers should be a part of it.
- D. Martin – Wish we had them at my race. I think we should order stickers, I know it's old school, sometimes those papers get hit by a tree.
- G. Ashley – It was meant for tech inspection, so tech inspection, would know what number they should have and what color plate, that's really what it was intended for. We really didn't want to take it much further, just take it to tech inspection, and sort out the line easier.
- D. Martin – I think it would be easier on the rider, just slap a sticker on.
- J. Amey – I think we should go back to stickers [temp plates] we had lime green, yellow, and white. If the rider does not have correct numbers, then they will get a 7" x 4" over their number plate, and we will charge them for them. When we got the new white ones, I couldn't see it and I would make them stop to see it. I think we need to get back to that. We are asking them to do two things. Tech should be checking for spark arrestor and making sure right rows.
- D. Martin – Joe, on that note, the tech guy does not know what number or color they should have.
- J. Amey – Probably could have solved 1N, at Gamblers race. If we would have slapped the right numbers on his bike right off the bat. I like the fender cards to start the race off right. There should be a MRAN official at Tech, or if there is someone running the race, like a Blake, someone on the Competition Committee that is running the race. If I would have said at my race that this is an important job, after 10 years, we shouldn't have to be checking, they should know. But because we have to, let's make sure they have the right numbers on, and then we charge him for them.
- B. Monk – I think what Dave was saying, make a sticker like WORCS.
- K. Livreri – With the sticker, you have to get someone to operate it, \$500-\$600, who will operate it, who will run that? I was covering for sign-ups for a while, it gets busy. Will we have a fourth person printing stickers? A fender card is a little dash, we sold a lot of number plates, if we had tech to verify, it would be fool proof.
- B. Monk – It's small, and you can put the number on it.
- K. Livreri – If it's simple to type it, I'm all about that.
- D. Martin – Buy blank stickers, black, white, yellow, pink.
- G. Ashley – They have to have it at tech and can't get through.
- J. Amey – Make them take their cards to sign ups.
- D. Martin – most people don't show up with their MRAN cards, if they do online sign ups.



- J. Amey – Looks like we have some work to do, we will use the fender cards, I do think we need something uniform at all the races. Maybe we do decide at the end of year for rules. Let's use the fender cards for now.
 - G. Ashley – Can we make a large poster board, explaining what they need to do, when they come to tech inspection for their race?
 - D. Martin – I do a three-page information sheet at our race, and we still will have people that don't follow rules.
 - J. Amey – They won't read a three-page info sheet, they barely read the flyer and it's only one page.
- **Public Relations – Gary Smith (not present)**
 - **Legislative Officer – Steve Paxton:**
 - Been pretty busy. Clark County has reconvened their meeting again. In between meetings, I put out some concerns about some of the things going on with the National Monument. There's a lot of info out there, what I posed to County Commission Advisory Committee was to look upon that with some serious importance because of the fact that they are putting together another push for the Land Use Bill and want to get this to be a part of it. I was tasked with organizing and working with those putting the request in for the National Monument. They held a meeting with myself, had some good info, had some good input on both sides. I let them know our concerns as OHVers, MRANers. The Clark County Committee advisor, was very informative. After that meeting, I reached out to co-committee members as well as the MRAN President/Vice Presidents and gave an invite for the second meeting. J. Amey was able to make it, not many were in attendance, we were 2 out of 10 that attended. To be honest, J. Amey had better input than anyone there, with valid questions, and concerns. It grabbed their attention and set them back on their heels. The point was made we are concerned, we need more info, we let them know we need access to our lands. We as competitors also want to still compete, SCORE/SNORE/MRAN, have also made their feelings known about Crescent Peak being encroached upon by another attempt by the wind farm again. They are up in arms the company is pushing for it again, two companies are doing it. There will be quite a loud voice against them. Right now, I have no indication which side is winning that debate. The talk brought forth by Monument proposal folks, they are hearing about the solar between Searchlight and Laughlin They don't have enough info about where that could land. They were willing, they listened to BITD, and are willing to shift the boundary by Laughlin to come to some sort of agreement down there. They are asking us from MRAN, of our GPS routes, I would ask some email me that, couple files of races in Laughlin area. They want to be able to help, and assure their intentions are not to close existing routes, they want to stop industrial taking over, then we do totally lose out. I know J. Amey was frustrated, he made his feelings known, as a MRAN rep, we want to compete and stay on those lands, we don't leave a footprint, we are good about clean up. They had comments about a great deal of effort of



southern racing organizations, as they are keeping things to a bare minimum. When they state there's a windfarm going in at Crescent peak, it will take a huge swath of land and destroy it to put it in. There's general support of what we do, having met with them, and understanding their goals. What kind of clout will this have with Masto and Titus at governmental level, they hope we will support them, and give them our blessing to move forward with along with it like any other entity.

- B. Monk – Did you see the letter from Sierra Club about the land bill they are opposing?
- S. Paxton – I have not seen it.
- B. Monk – Lisa put it out the other day on their site.
- S. Paxton – Send me the link.
- Maps should be provided as soon as possible to Steve.
 - J. Amey – Most Laughlin maps will be Wildbunch and Darkside.
 - B. Monk – Scott Weisheim has most of those maps.
 - J. Amey – Steve, maybe shoot him an email, call Rhett from Wildbunch and Scott from Darkside.
 - D. Vasquez – I am sure that Dave Wilson has older format that can be converted.
 - S. Paxton – Wouldn't hurt to have night races for Searchlight.
 - J. Amey – That would be Gene and Chris
 - B. Monk – Might want Nelson.
- Scoring – Tori Collins (not present):
- Secretary – Kat Ashley:
 - Reminder, just want to reiterate what Kody said, all Final Draft correspondence representing MRAN must be sent to the Secretary for review and then approved by the President and Vice President.
- Website – Patricia Swolensky:
 - What about the newsletter's I send out with the race info, then I put a flyer. I send to everyone that sign ups on website.
 - K. Ashley – All written correspondence that represents MRAN has to be submitted for approval.
 - J. Amey – Anything that represents MRAN.
 - P. Swolensky – There's postings on Facebook, don't know who it is, IGMRRACING.
 - K. Livreri – If it's posted on Instagram, it will post on Facebook as well. They are linked.
 - All the club president's send the flyer to me, I would appreciate that. I had to ask for it.
 - J. Amey – I couldn't agree more.



- K. Ashley – To that point I agree, I never saw the Wildbunch flyer at all. It should go to all the MRAN officers and not necessarily the Competition Committee before being posted for review.
- J. Amey – I agree.

Special Reports

- [Wild Bunch Post-Race Report \(see above\)](#)
- [Coyotes Pre-Race Report – J. Wheeler](#)
 - Race is on June 5 at Jake’s Valley, about 20 miles from Ely, if coming from Vegas, turn off at 318 onto Hwy 6; it’s about seven miles on the highway and will be marked from there. Turn left on the dirt road, go approximately three miles north, there’s a water tank that out there, pits set up there. Typical race format.
 - Race 1 – 7:30 am, 85s, Jr Women, 65 Ex/Am – 14 miles – 2 laps or 1 hr. Same course as 2018 with a few additions, it will be more fun than it is going the way it originally did.
 - Yes, there will be camping in the pits. Probably have typical restrictions to campfires, it’s super dry out there already. Where pits will be there’s not a lot of vegetation out there.
 - Race 2 – 9:30 am, 50cc Novice – 35 min - Will be around the pits, couple real little sand washes.
 - Race 3 – 10:30 am, 50 Expert/Amateur, 65 Novice - 45 min - Couple hills, should be fun.
 - Race 4 – Noon – Big Bikes - 38 miles, 2 laps, Expert, Amateur, AA, and 1 lap for Novices.
 - Trying to get water truck for start, when we did it in 2017 we did it in the flats and headed west. This year we will start in the flats and head SE. Sounds like we will have a water truck and some chicanes, at least a mile of start should be watered. Hopefully, we will get people broken up a bit before getting in real stuff.
- [Race Dates – J. Amey](#)
 - Wildbunch night race is canceled in June (remove it completely from the MRAN website per Joe).
 - J. Amey – Bushwackers, are you still on for the Searchlight night race?
 - D. Tanguay – Yeah, we are still planning on it.
 - J. Amey – Be ready for it, BLM is looking for a mitigation plan.
 - D. Tanguay – We are not even 10 miles south of Searchlight and we don’t plan on being near Cottonwood Road, we have to be north or south of Cottonwood.
 - J. Amey – Luckily your race is later in the summer. I will send you our mitigation report, so you have it.
 - SNDR - I received word from D. Heath, he was unable to attend, but has submitted his SRP to Lisa, and paid her the fee. He still needs to pay Lincoln County and then should be good to go in Panaca on October 16, 2020 for the SNDR race.



- CVC is in June.

Unfinished Business

- MRAN Banquet – 2020 Champions Dinner –
 - Brought it up, our best bet is to do a champion's dinner. Go to a facility, anyone who gets a trophy, goes to dinner with families. Just racers families and officers, take pictures, and celebrate. We are now in May, if we did it in June/July at the latest, facilities are opening up, mostly at 80% capacity. we don't have a lot of open weekends. What are your guys thoughts?
 - D. Vasquez – What about Boulder Station, like BITD had there's.
 - J. Wheeler – As soon as award was received and ate, they were asked to exit quickly.
 - K. Livreri – What weekends work for us that we don't have a race? I can call a few venues.
 - J. Amey – June 10, and in July the 3, 10, and 24 is available.
 - Darrel Swolensky – White Pine has a lot less restrictions. Is there a banquet hall up there that can be in conjunction with the Ely race?
 - J. Wheeler – We do have a lot less restrictions, for some reason, like the Bristlecone Convention Center where they do most stuff, they still have us shut down not available to even do MSHA training for Mining.
 - D. Vasquez – What about Kingman?
 - D. Tanguay – Bullhead, maybe look into it.
 - J. Wheeler – I can make some calls this week about doing something for the first night of our night race, since our two- day event got squashed, everyone come up for Friday and see if we can do something there?
 - J. Amey – I like that, let's put that as our second choice.
 - K. Livreri – I will call Opportunity Village and Boulder Station, not well versed on venues, or any other locations. I will make a call, if we have a rough idea.
 - B. Monk – What about the fairgrounds?
 - J. Wheeler – If we could do it out there, and do barrel racing, and BBQ and there's lights and all that.
 - J. Amey – I like that idea, it sounds great to do it that way, look for things in town, if it gets too difficult. Maybe we can put some shade tents, get a nice banner to take pics in front of it. Just some thoughts.
 - D. Martin – Caliente has a few venues.
 - D. Martin – Maybe the blue building, parks, or fire stations?
 - J. Amey – That's option three, let's check for a few places here in town. We have another meeting in three weeks.
 - K. Ashley – Email info if you checked it out, so we can all discuss.
 - J. Amey – Put MRAN officers, club presidents on there and we will go from there, communicate with each other.



- MRAN Swag –
 - J. Amey - Who's in charge of it, when it's bought and sold? Someone has to be in charge. If someone wants to be in charge at the races, and give those proceeds to Treasurer, we can do it. Marc from Metro Print can print that up for us. Or we give out MRAN stickers, and MRAN foots the bill? Otherwise someone be responsible. It's hard to have someone responsible for something for a year. Unless we have someone to step up. I think the website is a great tool, and an order bar, where they can purchase items and Marc prints and sends them out for a cost, but we need to talk to Marc. I will talk to Marc and ask him how he feels.
 - P. Swolensky – We can pay him directly.
 - J. Amey – Advertising is our weak point. We are solid, we have a great web page, we have a lot going out digitally, I don't see MRAN hats/stickers anymore, they are gone, and nobody sees them. I am open to ideas, or we can pay Marc to make 500-1,000 stickers.
 - K. Livreri – If we got shirts made, I can sell them during the mini's races, and I can store them, and keep the stickers and bring them to each race. To sell them, I am still racing, I can hand out stickers and sell shirts, a simple shirt couldn't cost too much.
 - J. Amey – Lets' chat about that this week and go from there.
- Race Flyer Checklist
 - All races are supposed to be formatted the same. We spoke to Marc at Metro for him to build it and put all the logos on it and then you throw in your specific details.
 - K. Livreri – I have a list to send to everyone after the meeting for everyone to look at and then we can finalize it.
- 2021 Officer Shirts –
 - K. Ashley - Just added back to agenda, because we didn't finalize this.
 - J. Amey – looks like I need to call Marc.
 - G. Ashley – Jackets are good, because when it's cold outside, shirts don't do any good, they get covered up.
 - J. Amey – I don't think name and officer title should be on there, so we should just have a generic MRAN officer emblem.
 - K. Ashley – Keep it consistent from the past, so people know what to look for when they are at the races.

Open Discussion

- Brandon – How about point standings? We are in May now. I think it's important. Someone told me Coach is in charge of that.
 - J. Amey – Actually it's Tori, she is the Scoring officer, but Tori is Coach right now. Brandon, have you emailed Coach by chance?
 - Brandon – I will tonight.



- J. Amey – I agree with that, we will go from there. I will follow up.
- K. Livreri – The race report, I have not received one from Wildbunch. As I was scrolling through MRAN on social media. Someone has done it throughout the year, posted the winners all that.
 - J. Amey – I think that was Ashley.
 - K. Livreri – I will email her.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dave Martin @ 8:08 pm, seconded by Steve Paxton.

Next MRAN meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom Meeting. Subject to change.

Sportsman Nominees:

Vernon Zerkle (May)