



November 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes - Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by: Joe Amey at 6:39 pm

Roll call

| MRAN Voting Members Present | | | | | |
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| Bushwackers | 2 | Gamblers | 2 | SSTB | 2 |
| Camp Valley Cowboys | 0 | Groundshakers | 2 | Wild Bunch | 1 |
| Coyotes | 2 | Jackrabbits | 0 | | |
| Darkside | 2 | SNDR | 2 | | |
| | | | | Total Voting Members | 15 |

Approve Minutes – October minutes to be distributed after this meeting.

Officer Reports

- **President – Joe Amey**
 - Biggest thing on the back burner, we have a lot of votes going on, be sure you are voting as your club not as a person.
 - Will nominate new officers for 2022 year, hopefully you have a few people to fill voids we have.
 - Mint 400 is still first weekend in December, they are excited to have us. We are excited to be a part of it. Will have meeting with Jason Pritchett on Thursday and hopefully Kody will join me, I’m still hoping for 3 solid crews to run 20 miles, it’s about 60-mile race. Pros will do 5 laps, and the rest 3. I will send out an email in next day or two, send contact info for families that want to be part of this. Many checkpoints are truck/car accessible, won’t need a SXS. I have 3 sweepers, if you are interested, let me know. I am going to take the Friday prior, the race will be Saturday am, will run at same time as truck race. They will be giving us markings.
 - MRAN is looking good, I wish we had more riders at SNDR. It was cool to see all the touches, costumes, etc. It was a lot of fun, wish we had more riders. Let’s get word out. Darkside is offering a large purse, hopefully we get more people out there.

- **Vice President – Kody Livreri:**
 - Piggyback on what Joe said, SNDR race was amazing, probably the best race, all the flags, decorations, free coffee. If we could get more people out there, great course. I know you were working up to last minute to make it all work out and I commend you on getting it going.



- Banquet - I reached out to Station Casinos, they won't have the Railhead available. They asked if we have an alternate date. Maybe a Friday, let me know what you think. My opinion is we just stick to January 8, that Saturday, that's how I feel about it. Maybe you think Friday would work just as well. They have other properties we could use; she hasn't got back to me with the list of available places. I will reach out to Opportunity Village again, it's the same thing, stage, catering, and it goes to a good cause. May try a third place. Coach looked at Sam's Town, hopefully I will have something by Darkside race. What would be the issue with us going to the 15th of January? I thought I asked about it, but I may not recall.
 - J. Amey – It used to be Gamblers complained about marking course and get to race, that's a 3-day weekend, we can still mark course, if that's your worry don't let that be your problem.
- I want to get a Google cloud account, store documents, data, and meetings can be held on there. Won't have to worry about zoom and email, if clubs wanted to load race files on there, BLM permits, etc., I think it would be easier if we could share some stuff on there.
- At the Mint I will be marking the week leading up to it. Hopefully we get another checkpoint. Looking forward to it.
- **Treasurer – Michael Collins -**
 - No changes in banking, except I charged Bushwackers for insurance and paid day of race. SNDR I have not done their race fee and paid them, because they had a lot of online sales. We'll owe them money from online sales.
 - Called Sam's Town, they released everybody, now someone that is at the Orleans is over everything. I think Kody has a better deal; this guy is not returning our calls.
 - Soon as this race is over, start contacting riders, for banquets. I am with Kody.
- **Desert Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:**
 - Don't have much. We did 3 one-day cards. Hopefully picks up with the Darkside race. Just took a look at points, looks like those got all taken care of, we had some emails and confusion on stuff. Thank you Coach for taking care of that. I have more, but we will come to that when it comes to nominations.
- **Asst. Referee – Greg Ashley:**
 - Don't have much. What Coach said earlier about the one-day cards, I think we touched on that last month. We can still talk about that a little later.
 - Question does anybody have a copy of an old rulebook? There's a lot of stuff, that is omitted in our current rulebook, don't know if anyone has a copy.
 - M. Collins – I will send you different years, will be word file, it will be like the various years.



- There's just some things like, race speeds in the pit, distance from the course, little things like that we need to look at getting back in there.
- **Public Relations – Gary Smith (not present):**
 - J. Amey – He told me at the Bushwackers he won't be our PR any longer, if anyone wants to do our PR, please put your name in the voting. I don't want to assume anyone wants to do that. Does anyone have any PR things? I realized we were making some mistakes, we updated some of the logos and names. Next year, Task Racing will remain as a sponsor. If you call the guy from Task, you receive a discount. We will leave him on there, no matter what happens. We have discussed getting flags, we don't feel like we are giving our sponsors a true service. We have had some really great sponsors, Local 88, Sportsman's Cycle, not sure if that will continue, I'm not good at that all. If anybody has anything for PR, please chat.
 - K. Livreri – I think Patricia made a couple things.
 - P. Swolensky – Trying to put some stuff together.
 - Flags were really messed up. I organized and put it all in a bag.
 - J. Amey – Darkside make sure sponsors on flyer are the flags we put up.
 - M. Collins – Do we go back to where we just put them on the website and the flyers? The one year, we made, \$200 or \$250, all these construction companies were giving us money, where we made money, rather than doing the banner.
 - J. Amey – We streamline it, and we don't have someone to put the flags up.
- **Legislative Officer – Steve Paxton:**
 - Enjoyed SNDR race, that tunnel of markers at finish line was really neat.
 - Couple weeks back I was contacted for a special meeting with Senator Cortez Masto's head Administrator, Debbie. It was a small meeting, Legacy, Darryl Folks, MRAN, Jeep Off-Road and Debbie. Senator Cortez Masto wants to come to the table with the Land Use Bill to get it finalized, it will be voted upon. Because she is being open minded enough to listen, it is hopeful. The national monument and all the adjustments to our riding areas designated by the county even expanded behind Sandy Valley and Goodsprings, they also adjusted Nelson to include enough backside of radio tower mountain and some of our routes would not be messed up, should we have a race out there. They are small, but what they were doing, during COVID, they were expanding Wilderness area all over Clark County. We have to discuss it, send emails, and call to say you do not agree with what is on the map, it's too massive, it needs to be talked about and adjusted. Not just accommodating land developers and conservationists. We still have an opportunity to speak, so we need to do it. Now is the time. Act upon it.
 - M. Collins – Can Steve give us something to put on FB/Instagram, to post on social media, her contact and maybe a map?
 - S. Paxton – You bet ya.



- J. Amey – Steve get that to Coach.
- Scoring – Tori Collins (not present):
 - M. Collins on behalf of Tori – If we sell a MRAN card at the Darkside race, do we carry it over to 2022? We'll work on that, we've had probably 10 people going online asking for numbers, joining MRAN in the last 15 days. Online is open for Mototally. We have people signing up. Regarding scoring for race, Garrett and Scott with your pay out, because we have a list, and I can hand it to you, and we can talk privately. We have it so it takes out the fees, it has the amount for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, we need to chat so when we write the check, we put the bigger amount so they can see it on there. There's a list on the MRAN trailer that tells you the Pro [Premier] payout and I can send it to Garrett and Scott, and we can email it and chat about it.
- Secretary – Kat Ashley:
 - Sportsmen nominees –
 - M. Collins – Tori and Ashley took EMT training and are certified. Ashley did stop for Axel and rendered medical care, I think Ashley, but also the Lincoln County Ambulance, Eric Holt, stepping up and working. The Kays, or Darrel and Patricia, that allowed Eric to borrow side by side to take Eric out to Axel out in the race.
 - J. Amey – Your race Dave, anyone you would like to nominate?
 - D. Heath – It would be Eric Holt and EMTs, he was riding course and cleaning it for us, they assisted with multiple people. Okay so we have the following nominated:
 - Ashley – pulling off course rendering first aid and didn't finish race
 - Eric
 - Darrel
 - J. Amey – All sound like decent nominees.
 - K. Livreri – Ronny Butterfield was stopped as well as Otto with them, if we need anyone else.
- Website – Patricia Swolensky:
 - 2022 Calendar is up on RACEMRAN.com
 - Few clubs I don't have dates or location, if someone knows, email me. Night races are there, but no locations for Night Races.
 - J. Amey – We don't have our location set yet. Everyone please look at the calendar, verify date, and make sure location, if you know where you are having your race, that is set as well. We only have 8 desert races for next year as of right now.



Special Reports

- SNDR Post Race Report – Dave Heath
 - Race was pretty good. We had 56 big bikes, 21 peewees including 65 novice/amateur, 24 minis. Everything went okay, we had a rider go down, don't have a hospital report. Also had a leg injury, checked out by EMTs, and not transported. AJ Flooring contributed to the riders \$100 for top Expert, Amateur and Novice. Course markings were a little sketchy, we could have used another 300 arrows, we didn't have enough markings to do that this race, for the 3-2-1. BLM is happy with us. Will try the same thing next year, we will do Halloween again theme next year.

- Darkside Pre Race Report – Garrett Darr
 - Race is November 13 [in Laughlin], it's the Breanna St. John Memorial Scramble, she was a club member we lost through the summer, this is in her honor. Ron Purvines decided to give us \$5,000 AA purse for the top 3 riders for men and women's rider, and the top men and women will receive a jacket with logos. Blake was explaining how starting order would work out for the races need to get with you Coach.
 - M. Collins – It goes by last race by finishing order, first expert would be 2-Stroke, AA is always up front, you go by finishing order of experts, then you don't change it, you can combine lines at your discretion at any time.
 - G. Darr – I will have to call you.
 - M. Collins – I will write one up looking at results.
 - G. Darr – We are ready for our race, hopefully it's a good send off. Want to thank Patricia for help with Flyers and Pins.
 - J. Amey – This is his first race, if you see something, please help him out.

Unfinished Business

- 2022 Calendar
 - Desert Races
 - January 22 – Gamblers @ Bittersprings
 - April 23 – Groundshakers @ Caliente
 - May 7 – Coyotes @ Ely - confirmed 11/1
 - May 21 – Camp Valley Cowboys @ Camp Valley
 - September 10 – SSTB @ Panaca
 - September 24 – Bushwackers @ Pioche
 - October 8 – Wildbunch @ Mercury
 - October 22 – SNDR @ Panaca

 - Night Races
 - June 4 – Wildbunch Night @ TBD (Maybe Pabco)
 - June 18 – Gamblers Night @ TBD (Jean/Pabco)



- July 15 – Bushwackers Night @ Searchlight
- July 30 – Coyotes Night @ Ely

Clubs with No Race Dates

- Darkside date – Not a set date will be in Laughlin
- Jackrabbits no date
- Yucca Chuckers no date

● 2022 Officer Nominations

- President – Kat Ashley nominated Joe Amey; Jarrod Wheeler seconded.
- VP – Joe Amey nominated Kody Livreri; Dave Heath seconded.
- Treasurer – Joe Amey nominated Michael Collins; Jarrod Wheeler seconded.
- Desert Ref – Joe Amey nominate Greg Ashley as Desert Ref, and Jarrod Wheeler as assistant. Seconded by Kody Livreri.
 - J. Wheeler – If we could push MRAN cards online yearly, to take the load off being at the trailer all the time. Stuff like that would help.
- Asst Ref – Joe Amey nominated Jarrod Wheeler, seconded by Kody Livreri.
- PR – Joe Amey nominated Patricia Swolensky, seconded by Kat Ashley.
- Legislative Officer – Joe Amey nominated Steve Paxton, seconded by Greg Ashley.
- Scoring – Joe Amey nominated Michael Collins; Kody Livreri seconded
- Secretary – Jarrod Wheeler nominated Kat Ashley; Joe Amey seconded.
- Website – Joe Amey nominated Patricia Swolensky; Scott Weishem seconded.
- J. Amey – The only changes then are Greg and Jarrod, who two will swap, you can decide how you want to play this out. Plus, the addition of Patricia as PR, since she has been doing the flyers already. Everyone remains.

● Rule Changes

- M. Collins –
 - Arrows Size (*Item 1a*) – If we reduced size, it makes it cheaper. 5-1/2"x8-1/2", the previous size is grandfathered in for those that already exist. All new arrows will be 5-1/2"x8-1/2".
 - BW – 2 no
 - Coyotes – 2 yes
 - Darkside – 2 yes
 - Gamblers – 2 yes
 - Groundshakers – 2 no
 - SNDR – 2 yes
 - SSTB – 2 yes
 - WB – 2 yes
 - Passed - Rule will be added to rulebook with corrected size.



- Desert Series Drop Race *(Item 1b)*– Intended to improve attendance by dropping a race. We have a 9-event series, best of 8 used, more than 50% on year end award to be in for end of year awards. If you are club member you will drop your race another one,
 - K. Ashley – In reading the rule that was submitted it does not say anything about paid entry.
 - M. Collins – They will drop their highest race if they are in not in a club, lowest race if they are in a club. Worst finish can't count if you don't race. You have to participate to drop. It's in your benefit to pay an entry to show up.
 - J. Amey – In order for us to put that rule in, the only way people will truly accept it, is if you participated into the event, then you can truly drop it.
 - M. Collins – Can't use the one you didn't race, can only drop races. If you're a club member, it's your worst/lowest finish. Those that don't come to our races won't get high enough in the points. It will help if you have a DNF or poor finish. End of year I will delete one race on everybody.
 - J. Amey – Is that difficult as a scoring officer to do?
 - M. Collins – I can hide the points standing, but everyone likes seeing those.
 - D. Heath – Does participation mean that you pay and don't show up?
 - K. Livreri – Would be a DNS, is how I previously proposed it, but maybe it will pass if it is that you have to show up.
 - K. Ashely – Coach, I think you have a lot of valid points, but the big thing is, a lot of these items are not clarified in the proposed rule.
 - J. Amey – Do we table and fix it for next month or do we vote on it?
 - K. Livreri – Wanna do an unofficial vote.
 - M. Collins – Kat can share it with me and I can get the info. Club members drop your lowest finish, if you earned a DNS, that can be your lowest. If you are not a club member, they would drop their 2 highest finishes for the year, and they are not getting the 5 for start and 15 for finish.
 - S. Weisheim – I would say you don't say finish, maybe say lowest participation.
 - M. Collins – Should I try to reword or say no and drop it.
 - D. Martin – I would like to see the wording refined.
 - J. Moore – It will help clubs late in the season.
 - C. Diponte – I think it's a great idea, details a little tighter. I would like to see points standings, but good idea to bring points up.
 - Gamblers (K. Ashley) – I think it would be good, be careful to ensure wording is tight to prevent issues for scoring.
 - J. Amey –Table it, figure out wording, until next month to be voted on. Most would like to see it refined.



- J. Moore – Other racing orgs that have a throw away and see what they are doing for wording.
- Holding at Finish (*Item 1c*) – Remove section 6, may designate area of holding or wait for finish, we now have a chute finish. Voting to remove it from rulebook the holding area. Update, remove portion from rulebook, housecleaning to make it match with what we are currently doing at the scoring chute.
 - Bushwackers – 2 yes
 - Coyotes – 2 yes
 - Darkside – 2 yes
 - Gamblers – 2 yes
 - Groundshakers – 2 yes
 - SNDR – 2 yes
 - SSTB – 2 yes
 - Wildbunch – 1 yes
 - Passed unanimously
- Team (*Item 1d*) – Team consists of 2 members, 1 expert. Rider may ride own bike, sign up and tech together, exchange transponder every lap, will be eligible for even trophies. Entry fees \$100, better sport by improved participation. Letter “T” will be the designated letter.
 - M. Collis – We talked about how we couldn’t use “T” it’s in the GP series.
 - J. Amey – We can use “T” we haven’t had a GP.
 - G. Ashley – We pick another letter, then we will have to have another rule change to get rid of the “T”.
 - D. Martin – Even if we do use “T” we don’t use it in the Team race anyway.
 - J. Amey – Are we doing Expert, Amateur, Novice, or is it considered Amateur since there’s only one Expert.
 - M. Collins – It’s like Sportsman class but giving them a trophy.
 - K. Livreri – Why is it not \$120, instead of \$100?
 - G. Ashley – How will you police bikes?
 - M. Collins – They can ride the same if they wanted too, you just get that transponder ABS pipe, have them in the trailer, put the transponder on the PVC pipe and it slides over you shock between your triple clamps and change it every lap, pull it off their shock and then push it on there.
 - J. Amey – They will do whole race, trophy at race but not at the end of the year. Where will they start?
 - M. Collins – Back of the Amateurs.
 - J. Amey – We have a few items to fix on this one.



- M. Collins – I will table it. I will change it up and have it done by tomorrow and email to everyone and Kat and we can vote on it.
 - S. Weisheim – How does that work with BLM? They charge us for one...so if it's one, then does that fee work.
 - J. Amey – I think \$100 is fair, it's only 1 bike on the course at a time. The clubs would make money if more teams came out, it's considered one rider, because there is only one rider on the course at a time.
 - M. Collins – I would change it before we vote, to use a letter we don't use.
- Course Markings – Arrows are for directional.
- M. Collis – Don't talk about it, I'm done. Might have attached that accidentally.
 - J. Amey – Just to discuss, down arrows are only used for top of a hill going down, make sure we are using pie plates. Down facing arrows are only to go downhill. Corners should have, 3, 2, 1, we should be following this rule. Please for the last 2 races of the year, 3, 2, 1. I've heard a few comments, make sure you mark it 3, 2, 1, SNDR and Darkside, do you understand that rule?
 - D. Heath – Yes.
 - J. Amey – Garrett do you agree?
 - Garrett - Yeah 3,2,1 is norm for us. For race flyer for our race, how do I go about getting that done?
 - J. Amey - Let's talk to Patricia. Do you have a schedule for your race? I will call you and we will have Patricia get something rolling.

Open Discussion

- Scott Weisheim – At some point, fee adjustment, it will continue to catch up with us. Never a good time to talk about, but some added value that might go along with it or explain where it's going. Especially right now, port-a-potties are up, BLM fee per rider went up. Every year we talk about it, if it's going to happen it needs to happen, otherwise all you will do is talk about it.
- J. Amey – We talked about raising cost, we are the same as all other racing entities, we are spot on with other entities comparable to us, including MRANN and District 67. I wish I would have written rule change for night races, and I did not make that change. Did you make that change?
- S. Weisheim – No, but just wanted to bring this up. We have to start thinking about it, everything is a year behind.
- M. Collins – I like what we talked about. If we raised it, we are tagging where the money was going on.
- G. Ashely – Yes, I think it's been omitted, there is no transparency where it's allocated, since we are a nonprofit it should probably be in there. I think every dollar should be allocated, not sure where that should be.



- J. Amey – Scholarship fund and part into land use fund, we need to put that, what do we actually do with it. I would love to call it the Mint 400 Scholarship fund, and we call it that, that's us bringing in our organization, and feel like they are buying into it more. I agree completely, we should be talking where that money goes, at the end of our race last year, we had 180 participants and we had to use some of that money to cover our race. We had 179 bikes had to use that for night race, we had a decent amount leftover, like Bushwackers, wouldn't have that much left over, and SNDR has to deal with that also. I agree with some type of format to have that.
- G. Ashley – So what do I need to do, we've talked about it with the scholarship fund and land use fund, \$1,100. How much per rider goes to that? None
- M. Collins – Nothing is written in minutes most of our money goes to the banquet.
- S. Weisheim – Still \$10/rider to MRAN and \$6/BLM, and all I'm bringing it up, if someone is going to think about or change, if we do a fee adjustment, we should consider and do it before year starts, or we have to wait.
- J. Amey – I like where we are at with our fee, if we change it, we have to allocate to different effects, just in case. Maybe some comes out of our dues.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourned by M Collins @ 9:02 pm, seconded by Jarrod Wheeler.

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

Sportsmen Nominees

Vernon Zerkle (May) – Did not pick up

Jayden Settles (June) – Received

Pending (July) – We'll double up next month

Pending (August) –

Dustin ? (September) –

Axel Pearson (October) –

Ashley (November) –

Eric (November) –

Possibly Darryl (November) –

Possibly Ronnie Butterfield (November) –



***Proposal updated on Nov. 2 to reflect 8-1/2"x11" total paper size, cut in in half, as discussed and passed in meeting. Rule is attached as "Rvsd Item 1a" on following page. The revised rule will be the one added to rulebook accordingly.*

Rule Book Change Request Form

Proposed by: Coach

Proposed New Rule:

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Purpose of New Rule:

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Proposed New Rule:

Desert Series

10 event series, best of nine and six needed for year-end awards
Non-club members will drop two races, there two highest finish.

Purpose of New Rule:

Improve attendance late in the season. Schedule conflicts

Affected Sections of Rule Book:

Would needed to be added

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m. A sponsoring club may designate a "holding" or "wait for finish" area. Racers entering this area will be scored in the order in which they arrive. Riders waiting for leaders to finish will be required to wait in these areas until released in an orderly manner by host club officials. There will be no racing to the finish line from this area. No protests from those entering this area will be allowed.

Purpose of New Rule:

Correct the rulebook. Passed several years back

Remove Riders waiting for the leader

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Purpose of New Rule:

To better the sport by improve participation.

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