

District 11 meeting:: July,2008

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Barnhart with 22 in attendance. Those attending were: Jim & Marie Barnhart, Norm & Shawna Bickley, Jayne Chrystal, Art Pickelheimer, Bill Barnes, Mitzi Barnes, Dennis Deeter, Sheryl Blum, Dan Knecht, Janet Fout, Mary Hamilton, Bill Kaepfner, Henry Swartz, Ruth Hughes, Kurt Mosher, Joe Collins, Brian Wood, Mark Shafer, Bob Murray and Jeremy Osborn.

Minutes were read by Jim, and approved from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported that we did receive our AMA subsidy. Dues are down. We show a negative cash flow for June, but a positive cash flow for July. This is mainly due to the AMA subsidy.

Office Report: Mitzi Barnes reports that we have 1589 memberships, which is fairly close to the year prior. She also reports that all proposals must be in by August 2008 to make it to the October meeting.

Motocross Report: Sheryl Blum reports that there have been issues with a rider paying other riders to take opponents out at the races. In another similar incident there has been assault charges filed against a rider. Beyond that turnouts have been about normal.

Hare Scramble Report: Marie Barnhart reports that on July 20th Athens had 112 riders; Constitution Ridge had 110 riders, which is average for right now. For the Athens race, a lot of bike riders commented that it was the best track all year.

Enduro Report: Charlie Kline was absent.

GP Report: Henry Swartz has resigned. He just does not have the time to get to the races reports Jim.

Road Report: Mary Hamilton reports that turnouts are low, even in the outlaw events. "We are still going" she adds.

Hillclimb Report: Ruth Hughes reports that they have over 400 riders pre entered for there next event on Aug. 9th & 10th.

Dirt Track Report: Art Pickelheimer has nothing at this time.

Congress report: Mary reports that the AMA is late getting papers out, and that we need any proposals by August 12th to get them in by August 15th.

ATV – Bill Kaepfner reports that he and the OMTA are fighting to gain access to abandoned township roads in Vinton Co., but are meeting resistance from the township trustees & commissioners. If something is not done, this could set a precedent in the area, and lead to miles of future abandoned township roads with no chance for them to become recreational trails.

Newsletter: Bill reports that we have some options with the newsletter. We can add a more attractive cover to it for a minimal fee. This will hopefully attract more advertisers and bring back some companies. He will continue to research how advertisers feel about it.

Website report: Bill Barnes reports that he is working on switching to godaddy.com. This should save the district some money.

Old Business:

Thrills Committee is busy working on sponsorship. We currently have 10 sponsors. Mike Jenkins has stepped up as the Ironman trophy sponsor. Jim added that we can run GP/HS riders together and give them their respective points. We only need 1 sanction for this as well. Norm made a motion to charge one fee and pay HS & GP points, 2nd by Dennis, motion passed 10-0.

Tracking points on the respective series within the district was brought up for an update. Mitzi reported that everything was fine.

New Business:

Bill K. made a motion for the District to contribute \$250 to put toward the attorney fees of fighting the trustees in Vinton County over the abandoned township roads. The motion was seconded by Bill Barnes, it passed 4-1. If he does not get enough donations the district will not have to pay.

Jim motions to appoint Norm Bickley as new Gp Chairmen. The motion passed 9-0.

Marie brings up the topic of kids taking each other out in the woods during an event. The majority agreed that it was something that should be dealt with at the event on the day it was held. Beyond that the parents should call the AMA.

The topic of the rescheduled race at Briarcliff on July 20th was brought up. Jim read the policy delivered by Ryan Holliday, which specifically states that the District cannot withhold a points paying event, when two events conflict and the there locations are more than 50 miles apart.

Jeremy Osborn made a proposal that the district change ATV A/B to just ATV B.

Meeting adjourned by Jim Barnhart

Recorded by Jeremy Osborn, Secretary

C petitions approved:

Shane Wilson
Mike Hilliard
Cody Spencer
Camron Cooper

C petitions denied:

Ronny Gillispie