

AMA District 11  
Meeting Minutes  
August 25,2009 at Lancaster, Ohio, Moose Lodge

President Jim Barnhart called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

The attendance list was circulated. 22 members were present:

<i>Jim Barnhart</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Sheryl Blum</i>	
<i>Joe Collins</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mary Hamilton</i>	<i>Road Chair/Congress</i>
<i>Mitzi Barnes</i>	<i>D-11 Office Mgr</i>	<i>Art Pickelheimer</i>	<i>Dirt Track Chair</i>
<i>Sibyl Hunter</i>	<i>HareScramble Chair</i>	<i>Shawna Bickley</i>	<i>FastTraxxPromotions</i>
<i>Amy Eastman</i>	<i>American Motosports</i>	<i>Bill Barnes</i>	<i>MX Chair</i>
<i>Marie Barnhart</i>	<i>Athens MC</i>	<i>Ruth Hughes</i>	<i>Hillclimb Chair/Pioneer</i>
<i>Norm Bickley</i>	<i>Fast Traxx GP Chair</i>	<i>Janet Fout</i>	<i>COCR</i>
<i>Dennis Deeter</i>	<i>Road Congress</i>	<i>Michael Schwartz</i>	<i>HVMC</i>
<i>Jayne Chrystal</i>	<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Tonya Carroll</i>	<i>HVMC</i>
<i>Marcie Wesselhoeft</i>	<i>5 Brothers</i>	<i>Henry Swartz</i>	<i>Reno Raceway</i>
<i>Bill Allen</i>	<i>Dynamic Promotions</i>	<i>Whitney Allen</i>	<i>Dynamic Promotions</i>

The Minutes of the July 28, 2009 meeting were read and approved with changes.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Collins. He reports that membership up a bit from last year. The newsletter revenue is up. We are close to what we had last year at this time.

OFFICE: Mitzi Barnes. She got in 325 memberships this month which puts us at 1,966 members as compared to 1912 last year at this time. Still have approximately 346 riders who have ridden in district with no purchase of D11 card. She will be sending out a new list of names to clubs and promoters soon. All races have been posted except the HS last Sunday. Proposals are ready to go into newsletter.

MX: Bill Barnes. There were 10 races in August. There was an average of about 226 riders with AMS having a turnout for the Buckeye Series of 450 riders.

Hare Scramble: Sibyl Hunter. There was only 1 hare scramble in the month of August with about 100 riders. There are only 2 races in September.

Road: Mary Hamilton. Treaty City had 42 riders which was really low for them. The outlaw rides are really hurting everyone.

GP: Norm. 4 GPs last month with about 260 average which is up from last month. No callback yet from Wildwood Lake regarding rider who rode in A class there but has been running C everywhere else..

Hill Climb: Ruth Hughes. Upcoming hillclimbs September 26 & 27 and October 17 & 18

Dirt Track: Art Pickelheimer. There is nothing to report at this time. The National is coming up next weekend.

Road Congress: Mary Hamilton. She turned in two proposals. One was on getting the full address back on AMA cards and another regarding road event insurance. Dan was absent but Mary reported he also turned in a proposal about AMA cards.

ATV Congress: Bill Kaepfner absent

Off Road Congress: Dan Knecht absent

Newsletter: Jayne Chrystal. She sent Thank you notes to all advertisers. She thinks we need to rethink changing printers right now as what it would cost to remake all ads was not taken into consideration. She thinks it would be best to wait till January to switch. She hopes to get everything turned in for current newsletter by the upcoming Friday.

Website: Bill Barnes. He has discussed with Jayne about her taking back website and she would be willing to do that. That will probably happen in the next couple months. The possibility of having advertising on the website was discussed.

Thrills in the Hills Committee: The fee for trophy sponsors will still be \$100 this year with payment being sent directly to Joe. We will be paying out 5 places for the Buckeye Series on Sunday motocross. No tshirts for the pros. We are going to get D11 riders to put on the tshirts possibly as bike and quad. Shawna is doing trophy sponsor flier and flier for newsletter. She will get it to Jayne to get in next newsletter. The committee will meet again next month at 6:30 before regular meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Dennis Deeter to rescind the motion made at last meeting to switch newsletter printers for upcoming issue. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. 9 in favor 1 opposed. Was decided we will stay with current printer until January. That will give us time to find out what it will take to get it all set up at new printer.

Jim read previous proposals and they were discussed. Will be voted on at next meeting on whether they go to October meeting for final vote.

### **#09-01**

Proposal submitted by William Kaepfner  
Policy Guidelines: Article: V Harescramble: Section A

**Reason:** Riding an age class is a personal statement made to every other racer, the promoter and the district by the rider. They are saying "I am no longer competitive in a normal displacement class in open competition". They are asking us to ignore their previous accomplishments. They are asking to ride "out of their proper displacement class" to race with riders of their "advanced age" and "diminished ability". The rider is telling us that to ride open competition would be unfair to them. Age class declaration must not be used as a tool to "enhance competitiveness" by turning it off and on "as needed" to win on a particular day.

**Change:** Age class declaration like every other class advancement declaration is permanent.

### **#09-02**

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**Change:** Age class participants are not eligible for overall amateur awards.

### **#09-03**

Proposal submitted by Conrad Wesslehoeft  
Policy Guidelines: Article V Harescrambles: Section A

**Reason:** To increase participation in the Mini Senior class by changing the class from Mini Senior to Mini Super Senior.

**Change:** Mini Super Senior (12-15yrs) 80cc-112cc 2 stroke, 75cc-150cc 4 stroke. Minimum wheel base 48in minimum rear wheel size 14in. Maximum front wheel 19in. Maximum wheel base 52in. (includes big wheel)

**#09-04**

Proposal submitted by Sibyl Hunter  
Policy guidelines: Article V Harescrambles:Section A

**Reason:** To eliminate the possibility of someone racing either Novice class after they have raced in any of the classes that are not designated A or B.

**Change:** Add the B classification to the following classes: 125, 200, 250, Open, 4 stroke. ATV 25+  
Add the A/B classification to the following classes: Vet (30+), Senior (40+), Super Senior (50+), and ATV Vet

**#09-05**

Proposal submitted by Sibyl Hunter  
Policy guidelines: Article V Harescrambles: Section A

**Reason:** To keep riders from competing in the Novice classes for several years. To make the novice classes for beginner riders since that is what novice means.

**Change:** Lightweight & Heavyweight Novice to state that they are for first year racers only. All others need to advance out permanently if they competed in 20% of the scheduled races.

**#09-06**

Proposal Submitted by Jim Barnhart  
Policy Guidelines: Article VII Grand Prix: Section A

**Reason:** Add an ATV 40+ class for senior ATV riders to race and be competitive

**Change:** add ATV 40+ A/B class (probationary for 2010)

**#09-07**

Proposal Submitted by Jim Barnhart  
Policy Guidelines: Article V Harescrambles: Section A

**Reason:** Change ATV 25+ class to ATV 40+ A/B. Riders in 25+ class are mostly 30+ currently which can ride the ATV Vet class and there are riders that would fall into a 40+ class.

**Change:** add ATV 40+ A/B (would not be probationary for 2010)

**#09-08**

Proposal Submitted by Joe Easter  
Policy Guidelines: Article III Motocross: Section A

Reason: To change the 65cc class by making it more appealing to kids that are trying to learn how to shift and ride a bigger more powerful bike. Right now the 65cc class is a very broad class being that it is ages 7-11. Most districts and national races have gone to the format of having a 65cc 7-9 and 65cc 10-11 and by doing so it seems as though they have bigger gates because you have more kids from the 50cc 7-8 class running in the class they should be instead of classing down to the 50cc 4-8 so they can run a second class. The 50cc 4-8 is a class that is designed for kids that are just starting out, but it is getting ruined by kids that are 7 & 8 yrs old that are too talented for the 50cc 4-8 class and too inexperienced for the 65 7-11 class. Every class has a JR and SR class except the 65cc class.

Change: 65cc 7-9 class and 65cc 10-11 class (would be probationary for 2010)

New Business:

Jayne is wanting any ideas for the newsletter for making it more profitable.

Jim brought up emails that have been going around regarding the Buckeye series and whether the district will allow them a free ad. The criteria that was set back in 1996 is where it was decided that the district would allow 1 free Buckeye Series flyer ad in the newsletter each year.

Dennis Deeter made a motion that District 11 only pay their portion (1/7<sup>th</sup>) of the cost of the ad for the Buckeye series with the other participating clubs and promoters also splitting the cost should an ad be ran. Joe Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Vote was 4 in favor. 7 opposed.

The district will allow the ad to be run this year at no cost to Buckeye Series but it will be discussed next year as to whether we will continue to allow free ad.

#### Nominations for 2010

Sibyl Hunter-harescramble chair/accept

Ruth Hughes-hillclimb chair/accept

Mary Hamilton-road chair/accept

Norm Bickley-GP chair/accept

Art Pickelheimer-dirt track chair/accept

Sheryl Blum-president/accept

Janet Fout-mx chair/decline

Bill Barnes-mx chair/neither accepts or declines

Jim Barnhart-president/accept for now

Bill Allen-secretary/decline

Tonya Carroll-secretary/decline

Mitzi Barnes-secretary/accept

Mary made motion to close nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie.

Jim announced that Bob Durrstein resigned as secretary. He would like to nominate Mitzi to take over for the remainder of the year. Voted 13 in favor 0 opposed.

Dennis Deeter made motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Barnes.

Minutes recorded by

Mitzi Barnes

D11 office manager/secretary