

AMA District 11
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2009 at Lancaster, Ohio, Moose Lodge

President Jim Barnhart called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm.

The attendance list was circulated. Present were:

President: Jim Barnhart	Vice President: Dan Knecht	Secretary: Bob Durrstein
Treasurer: Joe Collins (TBD)	Office Manager: Mitzi Barnes	Dirt Track: Art Pickelheimer
Hare Scramble: Sibyl Hunter	Hill Climb: Ruth Hughes	Road Chair: Mary Hamilton
Road Dennis: Dennis Deeter	Congressman: Bill Knaeppner	Sales: Jayne Chrystal
Henry Swartz	Les Wolfe	Brent Windland
Marie Barnhart	Sheryl Blum	Janet Fout
	Conrad and Marcie Wesselhoeft	

Bill Knaeppner had to leave, so he handed out an Ohio Motorized Trails Association paper and requested involving as many as possible in the effort.

The Minutes of the November 25, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Collins. The loss last year was almost \$20k. If this path continues, District 11 will be bankrupt in 2010. Newsletter expense is approximately \$2,500 per issue. We may need to go from monthly to quarterly. Banquet projections need to drop to \$100 per class instead of the current \$400. Drastic measures are required this year to discontinue this downward spiral. Cut expenses and / or increases revenues. Discontinue newsletter? Discontinue scholarship program? Joe is developing a spreadsheet program for banquets to be submitted at the next meeting. Extensive discussion of expenses. Newsletter expenses discussion led by Jayne included quantities per shop normally 10 to 25 with only two receiving 50 copies. Cost per issue varies with size, but the recent 24 page issue was \$4,300 for 3,100 copies including mailing and distribution. Possibility of delaying distribution until after mail copies have been received, but may not be practical as the printer would have to delay shipment and hold them instead of processing all at once. Dues have been dropping and the possibility of using Pay Pal via the website is being looked at. About 2,000 members in District 11. Mitzi noted the scholarship application in the paper and on the website may need the deadline for submission delayed until June 15. MOTION by Dennis Deeter to eliminate scholarship. Died for lack of a second. MOTION by Joe Collins to eliminate scholarship unless funds become available. Died for lack of a second. MOTION by Mary Hamilton to cut all 2009 scholarship funds in half. SECOND by Dennis Deeter. MOTION PASSED by a vote of 7 for and 2 against. The deadline for applications will be delayed until June 15. A letter from AMA about AHRMA was circulated for information. All Thrills in the Hills contributions in except for two with a \$200 total.

COMMITTEES

Road Riding: Mary Hamilton. Cold with no current activity. Bill Knaeppner advised of an Adventurer Ride and State Road Rally on June 15, 2009.

Hill Climb: Ruth Hughes. Banquet in March. All welcome. See flyer.

Moto Cross: Sheryl Blum. Banquet was nice with 89 attendees of which 79 were paid.

Hare Scramble: Sibyl Hunter. 300 at banquet.

GP: Norm absent.

Newsletter: Jayne Chrystal. If we cut the volume, the price break will go up and offset the savings. Bill Barnes stepped down and Jayne is now in charge. Discussion about the newsletter content, structure, responsibilities, and advertisers.

Website: See discussion above.

Congress Report: RPV was raised for 2009 season.

Mary met with AMA to see if groups can be set up to revitalize districts.

ATV: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Les Wolfe asked Mary about gifts. Mary will send information to Les.

Joe asked about finding a place where we may meet for free. If anyone finds a good place, they will contact Joe.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marcie Wesselhoft asked how we might bring in more riders. Joe Collins suggested we ask current members / riders to bring in others. How many were at the Dayton Motorcycle Club Hare Scramble? Discussion numbers of AMA District 11 events vs. outlaw events. We need promoters to help grow our sport.

Jim Barnhart appointed Joe Collins to fill the vacant office of Treasurer. The vote was 6 for and none against. Joe accepted.

Jim Barnhart appointed Bill Barnes as Moto Cross Chair. The vote was 5 for and 1 against.

Discussion about putting the newsletter on the web site. No action.

Possibly fee for links on the District 11 web site? Make sure all promoters have District 11 on their web site. Ask others to links to us with our logo.

Les Wolfe made motion for meeting to adjourn motion was 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

(Bungee)Bob Durrstein