

AMA District 11
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2009 at Lancaster, Ohio, Moose Lodge

President Jim Barnhart called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm.

The attendance list was circulated. Fifteen members were present:

<i>Jim Barnhart</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Bob Durrstein</i>	<i>Secretary</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>Hare Scramble Chair</i>	<i>Shawna Bickley</i>	<i>Fast Traxx Promotions</i>
<i>Bill Kaepfner</i>	<i>BDS, ATV Congressman</i>	<i>Bill Barnes</i>	<i>MX Chair</i>
<i>Marie Barnhart</i>	<i>Athens MC</i>	<i>Dan Knecht</i>	<i>Vice President</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>		

The Minutes of the June 30, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Collins. Situation unchanged. Membership up a bit from last year.

OFFICE: Mitzi Barnes. 1,681 members – up 52 from this time last year.

MX: Bill Barnes. 7 races in July. Average about 230 per event with a high of 284. 2 issues from past weekend may need AMA clarification about combining classes. Should Mini Senior and Junior be on track at same time even with double gate. Same for 80 Extra and Super Mini as well. Some riders commented about tires being place along turns. Each rider is responsible for their own safety and must decide for themselves if they should ride as is stated on yellow liability card that is read at the riders meeting at each event.

Hare Scramble: Sibyl Hunter. About 100 riders per event for the 2 in July. Buckeye Dual Sporters and 5 Brothers. Discussion about conflicting events and AMA promoters. Banquet set for January 30, 2010 at Eagles in Lancaster \$50.00 per bartender, we will need two. No charge for room and meals will run approximately \$16-18 per person.

Road: Mary Hamilton. 2 canceled due to rain. Capitol City had a two day ride with 11 riders on first day and 8 riders on second day.

GP: Norm. 4 last month with about 220 average. A couple of complaints from riders about too much grass track at gp. No real problem. Wildwood Lake uses a different than other tracks and a C racer accidently checked the A box and was shown in results as riding A class. A and C ran together, but the rider was seen starting with the delayed C riders. If Wildwood does not amend the report to reflect the error, the rider will need to file a petition and may not ride in C until this is resolved. Wildwood to be contacted by Norm.

Hill Climb: Ruth Hughes not here.

Dirt Track: Art Pickelheimer. No AHMRA sanction due to AMA legal issue. AMA now has more classes and awards. 200 plus at Ridgewood last week.

Road Congress: Mary Hamilton. Mary heard complaints that the new AMA cards only have the rider's name. Clubs and Promoters would like to have the full address of rider as they previously had. This is a common complaint. Mary will submit a proposal to congress. 1 delinquent report from Buckeye Beeners.

ATV: Bill Kaepfner. Letter sent to AMA about the Ohio organization getting 3 major measures passed. The three year tag was increased from \$8 to \$31, reciprocity is restored, and age

restrictions removed. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources was convinced to hold public meetings. It would be nice if AMA recognizes that state organizations can be effective and provide source / contact points for others. Progress in Van Wert in getting a major ATV hub with a commercial venture. 200 riders recently. Other cities are getting in the loop.

Newsletter: Jayne Chrystal. Not here. Mary questioned whether we will accept advertisement from non AMA event. The answer was no the event must be sanctioned by the AMA and non conflicting with another district event.

Website: Bill Barnes. Will continue to do web site until someone can replace him.

OLD BUSINESS:

TITH (Thrills in the Hills): Committee meeting tonight. Plaques are \$8 each. Decided were long sleeve T-shirts, medallions for 50cc riders and to run same classes Fast Traxx does for all of their events. Another meeting before next District 11 meeting.

Previous proposals read and discussed.

#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 race, 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 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 of and on "as needed" to win on a particular day.

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

#09-02

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

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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 base 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Mary Hamilton to hold sanction meeting Nov 7 at Circleville American Legion.
SECOND by Dennis Deeter. Vote: 9 for and 2 opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

New Proposals were read and discussed:

#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: 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 all 30+ currently which can ride the ATV Vet class and there are riders that would fall into a 40+ class.

Change: 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?)

Newsletter: Joe Collins reviewed cost reduction available by changing to NSP for the next issue. Average issue is 20 pages and 3,000 copies. **MOTION** by Joe Collins to switch to SNP for the next issue. **SECOND** by Dennis Deeter. Vote: 10 for and none against. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION to adjourn by Marie Barnhart. Second by Dennis Deeter.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Durrstein