

AMA District 11  
Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2009 at Lancaster, Ohio, Moose Lodge

President Jim Barnhart called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.

The attendance list was circulated. 25 members were present:

<i>Jim Barnhart</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Dan Knecht</i>	<i>Vice President</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>Drew Wolfe</i>	<i>Action Sports</i>	<i>Bill Barnes</i>	<i>MX Chair</i>
<i>Marie Barnhart</i>	<i>Athens MC</i>	<i>Bill Kaepner</i>	<i>BDS/OMTA/ATV Con.</i>
<i>Norm Bickley</i>	<i>Fast Traxx GP Chair</i>	<i>Janet Fout</i>	<i>COCR</i>
<i>Les Wolfe</i>	<i>Pioneer MC</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>Sheryl Blum</i>	
<i>Brent Windland</i>	<i>Wildwood Lake</i>	<i>Buffie Smith</i>	
<i>Dwight Voltz Jr</i>		<i>Greg Smith</i>	
<i>Dale Ringwald</i>			

The Minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting were read and approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Collins. He reports that membership is up a bit from last year. The newsletter revenue is up. We have less money than we did this time last year.

OFFICE: Mitzi Barnes. She got in 128 memberships this month which puts us at 2094 members as compared to 1912 last year at this time. Still have approximately 480 riders who have ridden in district with no purchase of D11 card of those she was able to confirm that 192 riders definitely live in the district and should of purchased cards and 143 are from out of district. The remaining 145 are unknown as she does not have their address to verify. Loss of possible revenue of \$5,055.

MX: Bill Barnes. There were 10 races in September. There was an average of about 178 riders which is down from last month. He got a call from one racers father because his son was disqualified from a mx event for riding a 250 2 stroke in Schoolboy 14-16. Bill says according to AMA rulebook that is permitted and the way it is worded in district rulebook is correct.

Hare Scramble: Sibyl Hunter. There were 2 harescrambles in the month of September with 80 riders at one and 87 riders at another. Only 2 races left for this season.

Road: Mary Hamilton. Treaty City had 258 riders which was the last ride for this season.

GP: Norm. 3 GPs last month with about 200 average which is down from last month probably due to some weather issues.

Hill Climb: Ruth Hughes absent. Les Wolfe reported Pioneer had 113 riders Saturday and 112 riders Sunday of their last event. Next Hillclimb October 17 & 18.

Dirt Track: Art Pickelheimer. There is nothing to report at this time.

Road Congress: Mary Hamilton. Few proposals were turned in for Congress. District 34 posed the question on how to get clubs to join the district. She will be meeting with some of the representatives of other districts to discuss.

ATV Congress: Bill Kaepner talked about upcoming Congress meeting and how it will be a lot different this year due to the deletion of some of events that take place during the meet. Bill also

questioned how voting for congressman was going to be handled this year. Mary thought the AMA would send some information to main contact. Mitzi hasn't gotten anything so she will check on it.

Off Road Congress: Dan Knecht talked about some of the proposals to Congress for MX one of which is a proposal for district to be able to decide if a rider can go back in classification. There is also a proposal to make Helmet Removal System mandatory.

Newsletter: Jayne Chrystal. Last newsletter was 20 pages. 10 of those were ads. Got some interesting feedback on last issue. Hard time getting ads. She had extra newsletters printed to pass out at Thrills in the Hills.

Website: Bill Barnes. Bill will continue updating website for now. He is going to add a spot in schedule on home page to indicate if we have gotten results yet or not so riders will know why they haven't been posted.

Thrills in the Hills Committee: Shirt colors were decided on. Plaques are taken care of. We will have 3 district riders on T-shirts. Volunteers would be appreciated. Norm suggested having a bike show/poker run next year to make road more a part of Thrills. He also suggested that if we did that we would want to schedule earlier in season to insure better weather for poker run.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Votes on proposals on whether they go to October meeting.

### **#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.

**Vote: 1 in favor , 10 opposed. Does not go to Oct Meeting for final vote.**

### **#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.

**Vote: 2 in favor , 10 opposed. Does not go to Oct Meeting for final vote.**

### **#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)

**Vote: 0 in favor , 9 opposed. Does not go to Oct Meeting for final vote.**

#### **#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

**Vote:** [5 in favor, 2 opposed. Goes to Oct Meeting for final vote](#)

#### **#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.

**Vote:** [2 in favor, 6 opposed. Does not go to Oct Meeting for final vote](#)

#### **#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)

**Vote:** [9 in favor, 1 opposed. Goes to Oct Meeting for final vote](#)

#### **#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:** Change ATV 25+ to ATV 40+ A/B (would not be probationary for 2010)

**Vote:** [10 in favor, 0 opposed. Goes to Oct Meeting for final vote](#)

#### **#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)

**Vote:** [0 in favor, 6 opposed. Does not go to Oct Meeting for final vote.](#)

New Business:

Mary Hamilton gave an update on Wayne Olson after his recent motorcycle accident.

Mitzi talked about making an error on contingency results she submitted for AMS Buckeye Series race to contingency sponsors. She marked a box incorrectly which did not give them the correct overall. Kawasaki at first told her the \$5,000 they already paid out incorrectly would have to be reimbursed then they could pay out to the correct riders. After review it ended up not having as big an impact as it could have. She has been working with them to reduce amount

overpaid by recouping some of the money on riders who have won again that were overpaid on AMS race.

They have it down to under \$200 and there is a good chance Kawasaki will not expect it paid back but if they do it will need to come out of the Buckeye Series account. Having this happen has made her realize the liability issue for herself and the district and since it is not a requirement of her job as office manager, she will not be taking care of getting the contingencies for the next season or tracking the points for the Spring Series or the Buckeye Series. She will pass along the information she has to whomever the Series committees appoints to handle these task.

#### Nominations for 2010

Dan Knecht- Vice President/accept

Bill Barnes-mx chair/declines

Sheryl Blum-mx chair/accept

Joe Collins-treasurer/accept

Shawna Bickley-mx chair/accept

Bill K made motion to close nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> Les.

Marie made motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet.

Minutes recorded by

Mitzi Barnes

D11 office manager/secretary