

**Referee's Meeting  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 20056  
Royal Motel, Vacaville, CA**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Dave Pickett

Roll Call: 13 of 30 Clubs in Attendance

Minutes: Corrections to October's minutes: John Davis declined Board nomination. Regarding Jennifer Bacosa issue on page 4, Bob Bacosa was not present at that event and did not sign up Mr. Curry.

**Correspondence:** President received correspondence from AMA regarding Bushwhackers MC event insurance. Insurance payment was received and everything is taken care of for this event.

**Guests:** Pat Steiner and Alan Schmidt from Hayward MC.

**Attention District 36 Clubs: 2006 Sanctioning Meeting and AMA Risk Management Workshop is scheduled for: 9:00 am on December 10th At The Best Western Inn 4219 Waterloo Road Stockton, CA 95215 209 931-3197 Remember to bring 3 checks: for AMA, District 36 and Sanctioning fee.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Cross Country:** Steward Duane Scott reported:

- 2 events the Lilliputian and the Sand Flea. The Sand Flea had a really low turnout only 124 riders which is even less than they had last year. Riders just must not like the sand. The Kiwanis Club will probably not hold this event next year.  
The Lilliputian had a total of 451 riders, a great turnout. Conditions were a little dry.
- Have not received referee's reports from the Primetime, Sand Flea and the Lilliputian.
- Final race of the year is coming up this weekend, Wilseyville. 2+2 contacted me with concern about the dry conditions, I went up there on Tuesday to check it out, I suggested that they get a water truck and the club agreed to make the arrangements.

**Youth Cross Country:** James Davis reported:

- Lilliputian had 183 riders 20 of those were beginner women. 1 injury, a separated shoulder rider is doing fine.
- Dave Pickett reported between AMA and District 36 301 cards were sold at the Lilliputian. Thank you to Wayne Halozan and Bret Eckert for their help.

**Women:** Ann Creson reported:

- 3 women riders made the trip to race at the Sand Flea, 1 C and 2 B women. The Lilliputian had a total of 32 women riders, 8 C, 4 B and 20 Beginner women. 2 of our B women placed really well in the overall, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> position.

**Enduro:** Steward John Davis reported:

- 2 events the Cowbell and the WFO. The Cowbell had 58 A riders, 65B and 116 C for a total of 239 riders. One injury was reported. No official protest but there was a scoring problem which will be brought up in the Competition meeting.  
The WFO had 62 A riders, 60 B, 89 C and 8 E for a total of 219 riders. No injuries reported. Both events had checks thrown out due to check placement or mileage errors.
- The flier for the 2006 Quicksilver National has been received and is in the process of approval.

**Youth Enduro:** Steward John Davis reported:

- 1 event the Crazy Miner held in Georgetown. Rain prior to the event made for great conditions on the 31 mile course. Total riders were 254 with 58 youth and 188 adults. No injuries and no protests.
- Next event will be the Barefoot on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Dirt Track:** Ralph Lee reported:

- Dirt Track series is finished for the year. Waiting on final points. Pre-sanction meeting is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lodi Clubhouse.

**AMA/Congress:** Dave Pickett reported:

- This coming Friday the AMA Board of Directors will begin to ratify the rules proposed and approved at this year's Congress meeting. There seems to be hope from the AMA on the Family/one day card package originally submitted by District 36 re-written this year and submitted by another District.
- Jerry Fouts would like to thank the District for sending Ed Santin, Dave Pickett and himself back east to attend this year's Congress meeting; it is definitely worth the expense to have this representation at the meeting.

**Newsletter:** Jill Patterson reported:

- Submission deadline is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Target mailing date is December 27<sup>th</sup>. Issue date is January 1<sup>st</sup>. Needed are Stewards reports, 2005 series standing- top 5 per class and short stories 300-500 words are best.

**Rulebook:** Randy Patterson reported:

- 9 rule proposals to be heard in the Competition meeting. The webmaster has made some changes that make it easier to download the rulebook and rule change forms from the District 36 website.

**Membership:** Jill Patterson reported:

- 530 memberships processed since last month. 4 new life memberships: Kenneth Heuser, Michael Rodas, Steven Rodas and John Travis Jr. 125 November renewal notices sent out. All event applications from September and October events have been received and processed.
- We are still having a problem with expired riders getting through sign-ups and participating in events with expired cards.

**Sanctioning:** Steward John Davis reported:

- Dirt Track pre-sanction meeting Scheduled for 10:00 am on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lodi MC Clubhouse.
- Sanction Meeting scheduled for 9:00 am on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Inn 4219 Waterloo Road, Stockton, CA 95215.

**Director of Competition:** James Davis reported:

- We have several rule changes to go over in the Competition meeting.
- Received notice from the AMA regarding the Rick Hocking appeal. The AMA has disallowed our 30 day suspension.

**LAO:** Dave Pickett reported:

- Rock Creek/ Clear Creek area's concern with wet weather closures and Dust monitoring
- Cost recovery is a big issue were facing for the future. LAO is now a part of a Tactical review team dealing with cost recovery, this is an important step since BLM forest funding was cut 17% and they are looking at any ways to get resources.
- Attended Southern California Grant sub-committee hearings, there are 3 positions opening up on the grant committees one is for an OHV enthusiast.
- Route Inventory is receiving huge pressure, another important issue is the review of the endangered species act.

**Legislative Activist:** Ken Heuser reported:

- November 4<sup>th</sup> attended a meeting at the Georgetown Ranger Station, what has been happening up there goes to show what getting involved can do. For the couple years that I have been attending these meetings I have seen how the attitudes have changed. The management seems to want to work with us. District 36 is well represented by our President Dave Pickett and Rick Guidice, both Rick and Dave have shown them that we can be factors to deal with and or a source that can help them do their jobs, and are making sure that they do their jobs. The new forest maps are now available Monday through Friday at the Ranger station or you can call up there and have one sent to you. 530 333-5550.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> attending the Prairie City Improvement Group meeting where I was told that if I can get an area that has been set aside for Fairy shrimp opened up I can build a ½ mile race track on it. This is an important project to me that I will be working very hard to accomplish. Another project I am working on is a 3 race Vintage Hare Scrambles Series, stay tuned more to come on that.

**Old Business:**

- Ralph Lee reported on the possibility of the Amateur Dirt Track Nationals purchasing the ad space on the back cover of the rulebook.

**New Business:**

- George Keeran reported about not receiving the minutes as timely.
- Jerry Fouts posts question regarding Lodi Marathon flier not having a District 36 logo. Discussion regarding the event being a special event not part of the District. Also brought up was a rule regarding Clubs order of precedence at the sanction meeting if they do not put on exclusive District events.

**Good of the Body:**

- Nominations for 2006 Board of Directors, new nominees are: James Davis and Kraig Traum.
- Nominations for this years Hutzler award:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

### ***Competition Committee Meeting***

Meeting called to order at 8:41 p.m. By James Davis

Roll Call: 19 of 55 members in attendance

**New Business:**

- Duane Scott reported on a recent incident with a rider participating in an event without a shirt, which brought to his attention the absence of the rule outlining safety equipment in the District 36 rulebook. Rulebook chairman reported that it was removed due to the fact that our rulebook is a supplement to the AMA rulebook and the safety equipment is outlined in the AMA rulebook. Discussion on the need for a larger clearer statement on our rulebook declaring that the District 36 Rulebook is in supplement to the AMA Rules for Amateur Competition. Also discussed was adding a link to the District 36 website alongside our rulebook to the AMA rulebook, and adding a clause to our rulebook in the safety equipment section that says “For specific safety equipment refer to the AMA rulebook”.
- George Lowry has volunteered to help with Cross Country advancement points. ***Motion by Duane Scott to make George Lowry a Cross Country Committeeman. Second by Jill Patterson. Vote 10-0 in favor (motion Passed)***

**Protests:**

- Tabled from last month: Protest by Jennifer Bacosa against Robert Curry for directing fowl and abusive language toward her. Director of Competition has not received a formal protest, will send Jennifer Bacosa written notice informing her of the time deadline involved in filing a protest.
- John Davis reported on issue with the Sign-up/start line clock from the Cowbell Enduro. Pat Steiner and Alan Schmidt representing Hayward MC; the promoting Club are present tonight to request advice from the Competition Committee on the best course of action to be taken. After discussion. **Motion by James Davis: That the Cowbell results will be made official as they stand, with clarification of the problem. Second by John Davis. Vote 19-0 in favor (motion passed)**

**Rulebook:**

- Tabled from last month: Cross Country rule clarification regarding AA riders earning District points at the Hollister National event. This year Pat Garrahan did not receive District points because he started on the AA line at the Hollister National. It is not fair to A ranked District riders for AA riders to earn District points because they have the advantage of starting on the front row. However, riders such as Pat Garrahan who are nationally ranked are required to start on the AA row. Since Pat races both the National and District series, he would like to earn points for both. It is agreed that our District riders entering the AA race will receive District 36 Rank points. A change to the wording in the rulebook will be submitted (tabled to next month.)
- Rule Proposal # 1 & 2 submitted by Mike Anslemi: Proposal # 1 is to change the heading of section 11.6 from Dirt Track Scrambles- Formula 100 to Dirt Track Scrambles Formula 125. Proposal # 2 is to change section 11.6.1 to read as follows: 11.6.1 Formula 125: All machines entered shall be manufactured as a 125cc or less four stroke mini-cycle. Maximum wheel size shall be 19-inch front and 16-inch rear. Modified machines may use a maximum of 17-inch rear. Wheelbase requirements of class 1 in the schoolboy equipment category (max 52 inches for 1996) Engines must be normally aspirated and no exotic fuels are allowed (high octane race gas may be used) Modified engines may be modified in any manner to achieve total displacement of class. Reason for proposal: To align with 3.1.4 (D) Also to allow the use of after market parts which are more affordable thus helping the class. **Motion by Randy Patterson to deny rule proposal # 1 and 2 rule. Second by James Davis. Vote 13-1 in favor. (motion passed)**
- Rule proposal # 3 submitted by Ralph Lee: To change rule 4.2.6 to read as follows:  
0-125 cc  
0-156 cc four stroke only  
126-250  
251-505  
505- open  
500- open twins  
Veteran  
Vintage  
Youth  
Reason for change: Eliminates engine classes that have not been used in many years, aligns more with AMA. Recommendation by Rules Chairman: the Veteran, Youth and Vintage classes do not belong in the Sportsman class section. **Motion by Ralph Lee to accept rule proposal #3 as written. Vote 6-9 against (motion failed)** Amendment to rule proposal #3: Remove Veteran and Youth from the proposal. Remove Vintage from the proposal and add it as rule 4.5 **Director of Competition requests approval from the Competition Committee on the above amendment. Approval granted. Motion by James Davis to accept proposal #3 as amended. Vote 8-2 in favor. (motion passed)**
- Rule proposal # 4 submitted by Ralph Lee: Change the heading on rule 7.4 to read as follows: Dirt Track Championship Point System. Reason for change: section 7.4 describes championship point system and how it works. **Motion by Rich Fern to accept proposal # 4 as written. Second by Jamie Williams. Vote 13-0 in favor (motion passed)**

- Rule proposal # 5 submitted by Ralph Lee: Change rule 7.4 after the points distribution schedule to read as follows: In combined events where classes are scored separately overall finish position will not have any bearing on advancement/championship points. There must be at least 2 “A” riders entered to receive championship points, i.e. “A” scored against “A”, “B” scored against “B”, “C” scored against “C”. Advancement points must be awarded per 7.1.5. Championship must be awarded per 7.4. Reason for change: To clarify when different rider classes are on the course at the same time and scored separately overall finish does not matter. **Motion by James to accept proposal # 5 as written. Second by Duane Scott. Vote 11-0 in favor. (motion passed)**
- Rule proposal # 6 submitted by Ralph Lee: Change rule 10.4.1.1 to read as follows: Two starting lines two (2) feet apart will be plainly marked for each row. Rows shall be 8 yards (24 feet) apart. The penalty line is to be 8 yards behind the last starting line. All riders will face in a forward direction. In the event of 2<sup>nd</sup> row or more starts, a line judge will be used on all lines past the No. 1 row. Reason for change: Align with AMA rulebook. **Motion by James Davis to accept proposal # 6 as written. Second by Kraig Traum. Vote 11-0 in favor. (motion Passed)**
- Rule proposal # 7 submitted by Ralph Lee: Change the heading on rule 11.7 to read as follows: Vintage Rules. Reason for change: Vintage rules were originally written for all venues. When we changed to AHRMA rules the heading was changed to Dirt Track. Vintage is a defined group of motorcycles and could be entered in all disciplines. **Motion by James Davis to accept proposal # 7 as written. Second by Kraig Traum. Vote 10-0 in favor. (motion passed)**
- Rule proposal # 8 submitted by Ralph Lee: Delete entire section 11.7 except 11.7.0 and replace. (Proposed rule was handed out in it’s entirety to all Committee members.) Reason for proposal: The entire Vintage section was replaced with AHRMA rules to entice AHRMA riders to participate. This has not happened. The present rules are cumbersome, wordy and difficult to understand. This will simplify and shorten the rulebook while still doing the job. **Motion by Ralph Lee to accept proposal # 8 as written. Vote 6-7 against. (motion failed)**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

### **Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 10:50 p.m. by President Dave Pickett.

Roll Call: 8 of 9 member present. Missing member is Al Fitch.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- (Tabled from last month) The ISDE fund needs to be split between the riders who went to the ISDE this year. We would like to deliver the money to these riders as soon as possible. We will need some exact numbers in order to vote. Treasurer reported on approximate funds. Three District 36 riders participated in the ISDE: Eric DuCray, Ryan Powell and Richard Jung. **Motion by Duane Scott to divide funds, paying each of the riders \$400.00. Second by Jill Patterson. Vote 5-0 in favor. (motion passed)**

#### **Banquet:** Duane Scott reported:

- Deposit has been made on the facility. Question regarding Announcer, James Davis is contacting Brian Butler. Jill will be editing the banquet program this year. Its time to really start the planning and arrangements.

- Dave Pickett reported: On ideas for the raffle. Also, The Dirt Diggers North MC have communicated to him that they were not happy with the bar location last year, they would prefer the bar be located inside the auditorium rather than out in the lobby.
- Dave Pickett proposed that we place an ad on the back of the banquet program thanking Kawasaki for their 20 years of support.

**Newsletter:** Jill Patterson reported:

- Expense report for issue # 10 passed out for review.
- Discussion regarding marketing ideas for District 36.

**Membership:** Jill Patterson reported:

- Problems continue with Family membership add-ons. Do we want to change the rule or enforce the current rule? ***Motion by Jamie Williams to enforce the current rule 2.5. Family memberships must be purchased at one time. No add-ons are permitted. Vote unanimous. (motion passed)***
- Discussion regarding riders signing up and participating in events with expired or no membership cards and how we can remedy this. Regarding the Honeylake card issue, President and Membership chairman will follow up.

**Old Business:**

- Concern with missing event paperwork from the Wild Horse and Wild Pony Enduro's has been resolved. Western States President checked into the problem and will be sending the paperwork by Fed-EX overnight.
- Discussion regarding Rick Hockings appeal and AMA's decision.

**New Business:**

- Discussion regarding raising the \$25.00 protest fee and the \$25.00 appeal fee as outlined in the District 36 rulebook 9.1 and 9.8. ***Motion by Dave Pickett to raise the protest fee to \$50.00, the appeal fee would remain at \$25.00. Vote 3-4 against. (motion failed) Motion by Randy Patterson to leave the protest fee at \$25.00 and raise the appeal fee to \$50.00. Vote 7-0 in favor. (motion passed)***
- Duane Scott reported for 2006 the Youth scoring crew will be scoring the adult races and Sharon Scott will continue to handle the adult transponder sales. Do we need the Boards approval to make this change? Consensus is that Board approval is not necessary. Because Transponder sales will be separate from the scoring we will need another generator to be used at signups for adult transponder sales. ***Motion by Jill Patterson to purchase a generator for Sportsman transponder sales. Vote unanimous in favor (motion passed)*** Jamie Williams will look into purchase.
- Dave Pickett reported: Clubs have voiced concern with Youth Scoring crew requesting that their family members race for a \$10.00 fee. The District 36 rule states that Committee members shall pay a maximum of \$10.00 to participate in any District 36 event, but there is no provision for family members. More research is needed as to how and why this was put into place. President will follow up.
- Dave Pickett discussed the need to provide Sanction Binders for the Clubs at the sanction meeting. A sample of a Binder was provided for each Board member. ***Motion by Dave Pickett for the District to fund the cost of materials to assemble Sanction Binders to be distributed to Clubs and promoters at the Sanction meeting. Vote 8-0 in favor (motion passed)*** Board members were asked to review the contents of the sample binders and send any changes or additions to Dave prior to the Sanction meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Pickett reported on KTM's offer of sponsorship for the LAO. In addition to a contribution to the LAO KTM has offered a contingency for riders. Discussion on what KTM should receive in return. (Tabled to next month)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Scott