

**Referee's Meeting
January 18th, 2006
Royal Motel, Vacaville, CA**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Dave Pickett

Roll Call: 10 of 26 Clubs in Attendance

Minutes: Corrections to December 2005 minutes:

Rich Fern submitted 3 items: Spelling error in the referee's meeting under Good of the Body: should read Chicken Ranch Racing. In the Women's report complete statement "Two of our B women placed in the top twenty overall" by adding: in the C Sportsman Class. In the Board Meeting where Committeeman status for Brian Butler was discussed: add clarification that Brian Butler will be paid for announcing at the banquet rather than receive Committeeman status. Jill Patterson submitted 1 correction: page 2-membership report, lifetime member's name misspelled should read Paul Toth.

Correspondence: President received several items:

Received from District member Eric DuCray and Family a note in appreciation of the support funds received from the District for the 2005 ISDE.

Received from the AMA notice regarding missing member information on our Charter form, this will be filled in tonight and returned to the AMA.

LAO donation check received from Chicken Ranch Racing in the amount of \$137.42; these funds were collected over the year in a peanut jar on the counter of the race shop.

Membership Chair received a kind response from a renewal notice mailed out. This member with a birth date of 1927 sent back a reply: end of the line and it's been nice, give my number to someone.

Guests: David Stainbrook from the National Motorcycle Patrol came in to speak to us about a new recruiting program for the National Motorcycle Patrol. In discussing this program it came to the patrols conclusion that it may be more successful to train motorcycle riders in first aid as opposed to training First Aid Providers to ride motorcycles. With that in mind the National Motorcycle Patrol would like permission from District 36 to do a mailing to District members offering this training and inviting them to join the National Motorcycle Patrol. We thank David and all of the National Motorcycle Patrol for providing their services at District 36 events.

Committee Reports:

Cross Country: Steward Duane Scott reported:

- Prairie City Grand Prix- 202 A/B riders, 333 C riders Total= 532. Down a bit from last year (579) Riders liked the course layout. Conditions were very wet and muddy. Injuries reported were a broken leg, broken arm and a couple riders were treated for hand and wrist injuries. No protests. The Polka Dots did an excellent job as usual. Thank you to Gas Gas for providing the Stewards bike for the day.
- Thank you to Liz Fitch and her Scoring crew they did a great job with their first effort at scoring a race this large. I have a couple issues: The C results need to be fixed on the website, the start is off 12 hrs causing all riders to have a really long first lap. There was quite a bit of confusion for the riders with the new Sportsman classes. I want to use the same name for the classes consistently, so it will be less confusing. Entry forms, Results, event fliers and anything else pertaining to the classes should all use the same name.
- Concern with the Mustang Scrambles. Western States spoke to the promoter in charge of the land for the first time today. They are working out the details to obtain permission to use the facility.

Cross Country report continued:

- There has been a lot of concern with safety in the pits, I would recommend that Clubs/Promoters if possible set up the pits one sided to avoid extra traffic and people in the pits.
- Next event will be Marysville E Street February 4th & 5th.

Youth Cross Country: Steward Al Fitch reported:

- Prairie City GP was an awesome race, kind-of wet. There was a problem with the scoring equipment and the first 2 races had to be done manually, Liz and the girls did a good job dealing with the situation and getting results posted. It was nice to have the extra equipment from the adult scoring which was used the rest of the day. Rider count was 24 50's, 26 beginning women and vintage, 25 A riders and 108 C's for a total of 183 riders. Thank you to the Polka Dots it was an awesome track and the kids had a great time. One injury reported: a slight concussion, the rider was not transported and left the facility in the care of the parents.
- Next Race will be Marysville E Street February 4th.

Women: Steward Heather Wilson reported:

- Rider count at the Prairie City GP was 16 C, 2 B and 1 A woman. No injuries reported. Lap times are good and the women's class is doing well.

Enduro: Steward Kraig Traum reported:

- The Quicksilver National is coming up February 19th, there are some issues with the new District 36 classes for scoring at the National.
- There will be an Enduro Summit meeting for Clubs on February 11th the location is yet to be finalized. Rick Guidice is one the speakers scheduled to discuss the designated trail inventory process.
- Working on a system to make sure that the clubs putting in the most work receive their earned drawing for event dates.

Youth Enduro: Steward Bill Zakareckis reported:

- First event will be the Wild Piglet on March 11th.

Dirt Track:

- The season gets under way April 8th at Lodi Cycle Bowl.

AMA/Congress: Dave Pickett reported:

- Received news that Robert Rasor will be stepping down from his current position of AMA President.

Banquet: Duane Scott reported:

- Everything is going as scheduled.
- Please check the Worker/Officials and VIP/Invited Guest list and let me know if someone is missing. List was passed around.
- If you need a spot in the program for a special presentation be sure to get that information to me so you will be included in the itinerary. We are working on a coregrafted presentation and don't want surprise last minute presentations to get us out of order.
- Trophies are done. Matt will deliver to my house by Friday. One of the Eagles wings came broken we can repair it for presentation if a new one does not come in time.
- Dirt Diggers confirmed that everything is ready for the bar. James Davis obtained the liquor license.
- Discussion regarding the raffle. Dave Pickett presented an idea of making up raffle prize packages, each with its own ticket collection bag. Everyone agreed we should try this.
- Jill Patterson volunteered to pick-up a ticket drum for the LAO raffle bike.
- We have plenty of helpers for set-up etc.
- Banners are needed to decorate the auditorium.

Newsletter: Jill Patterson reported:

- Issue 12- April 1st issue date. Submission deadline is March 3rd. Deadlines must be met in order to keep to the projected mailing date of March 24th.

Rulebook: Randy Patterson reported:

- New rulebooks are here, be sure to pick up a supply.

Website: Randy Patterson reported:

- Anyone with information on contingency program specifics please get it to me so that the contingency program information can be updated.
- Jim would like a helper to post articles after events. Anyone who would like to be able to post articles: contact Randy to get trained and set up to do so.
- Were hoping by next meeting to have all information updated and current

Membership: Jill Patterson reported:

- 307 January renewal notices were mailed out, 438 membership cards were processed. 7 new Life Memberships! New Life members are: Joe Cook, Chris Ghione Jr., Brooke Shaw, William Blocher, Doug Reynolds, Scott Rabeneau and Eric DuCray.

Sanctioning: Steward John Davis reported:

- Ralph Lee reported that the ATV National has been confirmed for March 4th at Lodi Cycle Bowl, also at Lodi Cycle Bowl a Marathon is scheduled for January 29th.

Director of Competition: James Davis reported:

- Brought in the 929 retirement award which will be presented to the Davis family at the banquet.
- In the Cross Country A 200-2 Stroke class we have not been getting enough riders to make a class. Duane and I discussed combining this class with the A 250 4 Stroke class for this year or until there are consistently enough riders to make a separate class.

Legislative Activist: Ken Heuser reported:

- January 6th attended the Rock Creek collaborative forum. Some of the highlights from the meeting were: Budget discussion; approval has been received of funds for recreation facility and trail maintenance \$124,200 from Federal funds for the entire Eldorado National Forest. Received approval of funds for law enforcement, planning and restoration (closing of trails) from OHV funds \$399,150 for the entire Eldorado National Forest. OHV funds approved for Georgetown trail maintenance, resource management and facilities was \$60,220. The criteria for wet weather closure was discussed. Forest manager Tim Dabney stated that trails could not be opened due to a lack of funds for inventory and maintenance.
- January 15th helped out with District card sales at the Prairie City GP where there were over 700 riders that came out to ride in the mud. On Sunday from 8:00am until about 5 minutes before the start of the last race, there was a steady stream flow of new and old riders joining the District. We were so busy that we had to send out for coffee.
- January 17th Prairie City Improvement Group meeting. Items discussed were: Park Staffing, Current projects, Special events preparation for Hangtown will begin this week and signage for Prairie City gates to allow for easier access and directions.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Competition Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:00 p.m. By James Davis

Roll Call: 22 of 52 members in attendance

Old Business:

- 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. In process will be re-addressed when proposal is complete.
- Tabled from last month: Proposal submitted by Mike Napoli. Add the following verbiage to rule # 11.1.13: All Clubs or Promoters of CC races will ask for and publish the information regarding rider sponsors. This information will be included with the race results. Reason for the proposal: Gives the rider the ability to advertise who is helping them. Discussion by the Committee: this is already included in rule 11.1.15.3 #3. The current scoring program does not have an option to include sponsors in the race results. James Davis will research if this option can be added to the current program. In process: programmer has been contacted and agreed to add this feature to our current scoring program.

New Business:

- Dave Pickett reported: A special thank you to Rich Fern, Ralph Lee, Jill Patterson and Randy Patterson for their 100% participation at Competition Meetings in 2005.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:15 p.m. by President Dave Pickett.

Roll Call: 8 of 9 members present. Missing member is Bill Zakareckis. As first alternate Kraig Traum by proxy will stand in for Bill Zakareckis.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Fern reported:

- Quarterly report was passed out for review.

Banquet: Duane Scott reported:

- All necessary pre paid expenses have been taken care of.
- Discussion regarding distribution of awards that do not get picked up at the banquet. Enduro Steward volunteered to take care of the distribution of any Enduro awards.

Newsletter: Jill Patterson reported:

- March 3rd is the submission deadline for the April 1st issue of the newsletter.

Old Business:

- 1) Tabled from last month: 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. KTM will be added to the Contingency section of the website. Additional coverage will be re-addressed once the official offer from KTM is received in writing.

- 2) Postponed from last month: Nomination and election for Dirt Track Steward and Committeemen. Nominated are Carter Fisher and Ralph Lee. Nominee's each spoke of their ability to fill this position and the floor was opened for questions from the Board. By closed ballot election Carter Fisher was elected to fill the Dirt Track Steward position for 2006.
- 3) Tabled from last month: Jill Patterson reported on Cycle News Cross Country reporting and Cycle News concern with choosing between stories submitted by 2 different parties. Discussed was the importance to the Cross Country series of getting our events in print rather than on the Cycle News website. Brought up was the possibility of adding a deadline for submission to the Cycle News reporter's contract. James Davis will look into revising the contract. The revised contract is signed, sealed and ready to deliver. Contract was revised to include a submission deadline. All stories must be submitted to Cycle News and CC to Director of Competition for verification within this deadline in order to receive compensation. Expense report for last year's stories from Cycle news reporter was submitted by James Davis. Discussion by the Board on why these reports were not turned in for payment on a monthly basis through-out the year. Board approved expenditure for past stories due to the fact that Cycle News reporter did not receive adequate instruction on how and when to submit expense reports.
- 4) Tabled from last month: LAO Officer requests Board approval for a January contribution to Blue Ribbon Coalition Legal defense fund. Said funds would come from the LAO account and be split 50/50 for Clear Creek and El Dorado NF lawsuits. Board requests to table this request to next month for review of Quarterly report from Treasurer. ***Motion by Jill Patterson to allocate funds from the LAO account for contribution to Blue Ribbon Coalition Legal defense fund as stated above. Second by Jamie Williams. Vote unanimous (motion passed)***
 - Question and discussion regarding page 1 paragraph 6 of our Moose Contract. The paragraph in question reads: At the end of the season, Moose racing will give each overall class winner in X-Country & Enduro a M1 jersey. Jill Patterson has prepared a list with names, addresses and sizes for submission to Moose. It is unclear if each overall winner refers to A, B and C overall class winners or each individual overall class winner. More research will be done on this so that we will be better prepared for next year. ***Motion by James Davis to submit the list as prepared to Moose. Second by Al Fitch. Vote unanimous (motion passed)***
 - Discussion regarding Moose Bucks. Moose needs to be provided with final standings lists.
 - Question regarding the Club/ promoter information notebooks that were being put together for the Sanctioning meeting. Dave Pickett reported that they are still in process.

New Business:

- ***Motion by Enduro Steward Kraig Traum to appoint Oliver Weissenberger as an Enduro Committeeman. Vote unanimous. (motion passed)***
- Funding request for the annual OHV Lobby Day Reception. This funding would come from the LAO Account. ***Motion by Al Fitch to provide funding as requested for the OHV Lobby Day Reception. Second by Randy Patterson. Vote unanimous (motion passed)***
- Jamie Williams reported on purchase price from Kawasaki to purchase the 2005 250 4 Stroke which was provided to the Cross Country Steward for the 2005 season. District 36 would purchase this bike with LAO funds, as an LAO fundraiser to be raffled off at the 2006 awards banquet held in January of 2007. ***Motion by Al Fitch to purchase said bike as an LAO fundraiser. Purchase to be made from LAO account. Vote 6 to 3 in favor (motion passed)***
- Rich Fern reported on Los Gatos MC and the Bushwackers; these 2 Clubs have obtained a 2006 event date at the annual sanction meeting but have not paid their District 36 charter. Director of Competition will contact said clubs and inform them that if their Charter application along with the appropriate fees is not received by the District 36 Treasurer within 2 weeks their event date will be removed from the District 36 calendar.
- Duane Scott reported after the large amount of transponders sold at the PCGP we need to purchase an additional 500 transponders for the Sportsman Cross Country scoring program. ***Motion by Randy Patterson to purchase 500 transponders for the Sportsman Cross Country program. Second by Kraig Traum. Vote 6 to 3 in favor (motion passed)***

- Jill Patterson reported on officers name badges for the banquet and passed out new badges to those who needed them. Discussion regarding who is to receive free admission and \$10.00 entry fee at District 36 events. Only Committeemen holding a current card are to receive these privileges. Liz Fitch reported that for the Scoring Crew she is now providing a list to Clubs/Promoters of her crew and entries. Also Liz would like to get name badges for the Scoring Crew and will provide Jill with a list of the current scoring crew.
- Liz Fitch reported on the need to purchase more Youth transponders for the Youth Cross Country scoring program. ***Motion by James Davis to purchase 100 transponders for the Youth Cross Country program. Vote unanimous (motion passed)***
- James Davis reported on a volunteer to help with the District 36 website. The District 36 website has become a big means of marketing for the Clubs and promoters, many no longer mail fliers out opting to use the website only. Our membership has also come to depend on the website. Maintaining the kind of website we would like is a full time job and not within the Districts budget to hire out. One solution would be to have additional help for our webmaster, the man who has offered his help is retired from the profession and could help in many ways. James Davis will contact our webmaster to see if this help would be beneficial to improving the operation of the District 36 website.
- Proposal by James Davis to appoint Johnna Davis a District 36 Committeeman for her work as photographer at District 36 events. ***Motion by Al Fitch to appoint Johnna Davis a District 36 Committeeman. Vote unanimous (motion passed)***

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Sharon Scott