

Referee's Meeting
March 15, 2006
Royal Motel, Vacaville, CA

Called to order: 7:35 p.m. by President Dave Pickett.

Roll Call: 12 of 28 Clubs in Attendance.

Minutes: February minutes approved.

Guests: Roy Salmon, President, and David Felte of Sonoma County Sports Cycle Association.

Correspondence: Dave Pickett reported receiving the following:

1. Thank-you letter from BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) for the \$5,000 donation - it puts District 36 into the Platinum Circle of Contributors.
2. Welcome letter from the Off Road Business Association (ORBA) President/CEO Roy Denner - District 36 recently joined this organization.
3. The Parts Unlimited Moose Bucks letters are out to the D36 membership - copies are available if needed.
4. Scott Link mailed a copy of a newspaper's front page coverage of Cross Country Promotions E Street event held in February - the story incorrectly listed the event as Motocross race, instead of as a Cross Country race. Ironically the paper put the race story above a story about endangered frogs.
5. BLM sent information regarding SCSCA's permit for an event.
6. Organizer News lists information regarding sound testing equipment - D36 has acquired three more sound meters from California State Parks.
7. Dealer News contains various sound articles and information about Sound Summit I, held in So. California.
8. Dave Duffin mailed a photograph of some D36'ers at the San Francisco Super Cross.

Committee Reports:

Cross Country - Steward Duane Scott reported:

- The Hollister National HS was 2/18-2/19. There were 191 A/B riders, 217 C riders and 161 Senior Race riders for a total of 569. (Their Youth Event will be on a different date) There was one course missing/cutting issue. The weather was perfect both days!
- The Old Crow HS was 3/4-3/5. There were 162 A/B riders and 232 C riders for a total of 394. Absolutely Great Weather! There was \$1900 in prize money paid out to the AA riders. Kasie Creson Overalled the C Sportsman race on a 125 - Congratulations to the first female to do so!
- I've retired from being the CC Steward, Shannon Creson and Brian Sperle are here to state their interest in taking over the jobs - we're looking towards a real smooth transition.

Youth Cross Country - Steward Al Fitch reported:

- We've only had one race to report - The Old Crow HS. We had 26 50's, 20 Beginning Women, 26 A/B riders and 94 C riders for a total of 166 riders. It was raining every where but at this race, it must have scared participants away - rider count was down. Everything went very well.

Woman's Program - James Davis reported for Heather Wilson:

- The Hollister National HS had 15 C and 3 B Women. Two women finished in the top 10 of the 86-200 C class.
- The Old Crow HS had 20 Beginning Women, 10 C Women and 3 B Women. Kasie Creson Overalled the C Sportsman Class.

Enduro - Steward Kraig Traum reported:

- The Quicksilver National Enduro was held February 19th, no rider counts have been received. Patrick Garrahan was the Overall winner. It was a beautiful, white, snowy day.
- The Wild Boar “Snow mobile” event was postponed, due to snow. They are working on rescheduling it.
- The Fools Gold scheduled for May 7th has been postponed to June 4th - it is questionable if will can happen. There are some paperwork issues with the USFS to settle.

Youth Enduro - John Davis reported for Bill Zakareckis:

- The Wild Piglet was postponed due to the snow - after checking the course for the first mile and a half, the snow was too deep to hold the event, especially for the kids, women and beginning riders.

Dirt Track - Steward Carter Fisher reported:

- We are getting ready and organized for the upcoming season.
- The first event of the season is set for April 8th and 9th at Lodi.
- Ralph Lee reported on the ATV National that was held on March 4th, turn out was a bit low due to all the wet weather. Many new people to the Lodi facility were pleased with it.

AMA Congress - Congressman Ed Santin reported:

- High Desert Racing and Nick Collin are trying to get a National Hare & Hound scheduled in District 36.
- AMA Risk Management - if our club’s didn’t send their referees to either of the last two Sanctioning Meetings we had, they will have to go all the way to Ohio for the Risk Management training. Working on getting AMA to offer more than one per year in Northern California for new clubs and those who add event dates after the annual Sanctioning Meeting.
- Operation MOM, a group of mothers who collect and send things overseas to our troops, will have a booth at Hangtown. A link will be on the Dirt Diggers’ web site for this organization, maybe we can get it on the D36 web site, too.
- Dave Pickett attended the second Sound Summit in Corona, California today.

Banquet - Chairman Duane Scott reported:

- This will be my last banquet report - James Davis will hopefully be taking over until we have another Banquet Chairman.
- The deposit from the January banquet hasn’t been returned, yet.
- Sharon and I are “stepping back” - but will be around and available for help, if and as needed. Don’t be ashamed to ask!

Newsletter - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- Newsletter Issue #12 is in the process of being printed. The projected mailing date is March 24th or March 27th.
- The next newsletter will be issue #13, July 1st issue date. The submission deadline will be June 4th and the projected mailing date will be June 26th.

Rule Book - Chairman Randy Patterson reported:

- There is one rule proposal to be heard in tonight’s Competition Committee Meeting.
- The supply of rule books is basically gone.

Memberships - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- There were 334 March renewal notices mailed, 557 Membership cards processed February 15th-March 15th and three new Life Memberships processed for Scott Hart, Stewart Helmer and Greg Truppelli.
- All event applications through the Old Crow HS on 3/4-3/5 have been processed and mailed out.
- Our Clubs are still having troubles with the instructions and rules for Family Memberships. Please read the inside cover of the membership application books, most questions are answered there.
- Clubs - All riders are responsible for making sure they have their membership card or current receipt with them at sign ups - see D36 rule book numbers 2.4 and 2.8. Refer people with these issues to the Event Steward or the Director of Competition before they sign up.

Sanctioning - Steward John Davis reported:

- CERA's Fools Gold Enduro has had a date change from May 7th to June 4th.
- There are some BLM issues to deal with before rescheduling the Wild Piglet/Wild Boar Enduros.
- There are some Charter and Sanctioning issues (with a few clubs) that needs to be discussed in the BOD meeting tonight.

Director of Competition - James Davis reported:

- We have a couple of volunteers here tonight who are willing to become the Cross Country Stewards, we will discuss this in the BOD meeting tonight.
- The scoring format issues for WSRA's Pony Soldier event are being worked out.
- A scoring issue from the Old Crow with one rider that Duane Scott forwarded emails about is being dealt with.

LAO - Dave Pickett reported:

- Riverside County has just passed an ordinance that makes it unlawful for anyone to operate anything over 45 db sound on their own property. This is the issue Jeremy McGrath has been working hard on and has lost. A bad precedence has been set, it is nasty. Look for a joint press release from ORBA, BRC and D36 on this soon.
- CERA's date issue with the Georgetown Ranger District and the NEPA process changes that affect the Fools Gold event is being worked on. Permits are going to have to be submitted farther in advance than ever before.
- The Stanislaus USFS's EA and Route Designation process may mandate that the Polecat Enduro revert back to its "original" date in June in the upcoming years. Bill Dart is involved in helping this issue.
- All Ranger Districts of the 18 Forests within California are getting bad information because of language interpretation of the Route Designation, EA's and NEPA's - it is getting worse.
- There is a public meeting with the BLM in Aptos on March 24th. Important issues regarding Clear Creek and user fees will be discussed at this meeting, as well as cost recovery fees.
- The OHV Lobby Day will be March 27th at the State Capitol.
- The California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) is going through some restructuring. D36 has joined and we are one of the Board Members now. Other members are D37, D38, AMA National, American Sand Ass'n., Cal 4 Wheel Drive, CNSA, CORVA, FOD, ORBA and the San Diego Off Road Coalition. New by-laws are being drafted and this will be the "go to" for all OHV leadership in California to sit with legislatures to represent our million off-roaders in California. Our resources are being pooled and the "greens" are getting spooked.
- The first half of the Eco Logic lawsuit against the OHV Division has been settled.

LAO Continued . . .

- The OHV Commission meeting on March 10th was a disaster - when the commissioners went to lunch, many didn't return - so they couldn't vote on some capital expenditures for SVRA's - it caused a loss of \$2 million that can't be used on the SVRA's. John Brissenden is now the Chairman of the Commission and it will be harder to get rid of him.
- Because of the OHV Audit - the Legislative Analyst's Office has tied up all \$18.5 million dollars of the grant funds. It is allowing us to have some leverage. There are four bills going through the California Legislature right now for OHV.
- Sharron Angle in Nevada is running for Congress and she will be meeting with WSRA. Her husband is a BLM Official and they are good friends with the State Director of BLM in Nevada - this could be good for our clubs and riding areas in Nevada.

Legislative Activist - Ken Heuser reported:

- Had a meeting with US Congressman John Doolittle - we discussed November election candidates and the need for a Sacramento flood control dam near Auburn.
- Attended the meeting of the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee. They have not yet endorsed any of the candidates for this November's elections.
- Had a meeting with Jon Jue of the USFS Georgetown Ranger District. The Polka Dots have attended their Chain Saw Safety Classes.
- Assembly bill AB 2298, authored by Roger Niello, will attempt to ensure that the Green Sticker and Gas Tax money goes to Trail Maintenance, where it was supposed to go under the original laws.

Old Business

- Dave Pickett brought in the laminated signs (for rule 2.7) approved at last month's BOD meeting for distribution to the clubs.

New Business

- Jill Patterson reported that the Salinas Ramblers notified her of someone who wrote them a bad check for their event in February. Per rule 2.9, if this person does not make good on the check timely, their D36 Membership privileges will be suspended.

Good of the Body

- Ralph Lee reported that Jake Zemke (a former D36 member) won the Daytona 200. Jake was at the D36 Awards Banquet in January, 2005, when Chris Carter attended. Ralph will invite Jake to attend the next Awards Banquet.
- Ed Santin noted that Mike Damaso, winner of the 2005 Jim Hutzler Award, who couldn't make it to the January 21, 2006 banquet, is present. Mike was congratulated by everyone.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Competition Committee Meeting

Called to order at 8:26 p.m. by Director of Competition James Davis

Roll Call: 20 of 54 members in attendance

New Business

- Dave Pickett reported on the Dirt Track guide/advisory that Carter, Ralph, Dave and others are working on for opening night of the Dirt Track season. The guide will address basic topics of membership cards, numbers, number plates and the new sound requirements. The D36 rule book does not have a rule that states the Dirt Track racers must use their membership number for their racing number. AMA's Ken Salient confirmed to Dave that Dirt Track racers can be required to use their membership numbers as their race numbers, without there being a rule in the rule book for it, as long as it has been advertised on the event fliers or hand outs as such.
- James Davis reported on some of the concerns about WSRA's Pony Soldier event, as it is dual sanctioned with D36 and MRANN and they are scoring the race themselves. WSRA will need to provide D36 with an appropriate electronic version of the results. Sharon Scott volunteered her help to convert the results, if needed. Randy Patterson stated that rule 11.1.15 addresses this. John Davis reported that he has received no response from AMA to his questions about the dual sanctioning. James will contact them to make sure scoring will be provided to D36 timely and in the correct format.

Rule Proposals

- Rule Book Chairman Randy Patterson reported that a proposal to delete rule 7.1.12 has been submitted. After discussion, Rich Fern moved that the proposal be accepted as written. The vote was 6 for and 8 against (with 6 members not voting) - the proposal failed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Roll Call: 8 of 9 members are present. Missing is Bret Eckert.

Correspondence: Dave Pickett reported receiving the following:

1. The letter of resignation from Duane Scott as Cross Country Steward.
2. The letter of resignation from Sharon Scott as Secretary.
3. The confirmation of the resignation from Jamie Williams as Vice President.
4. A request for reinstatement as Committeeman by Robert Kendall.

Duane and Sharon were thanked for their tremendous contributions to D36 while they held office.

James Davis requested an agenda order change to hold the elections to fill the vacancies in the following positions first: Vice President; Cross Country Steward and; Secretary. Request granted.

Election for Cross Country Steward: ***James Davis nominated Shannon Creson to be the new Cross Country Steward. Second by Al Fitch. Vote 8-0 in favor (motion passed).***

Shannon Creson nominated Brian Sperle and Duane Scott to be a Cross Country Committeemen. ***Motion by James Davis to accept Brian Sperle as a Cross Country Committeeman. Second by Randy Patterson. Vote 8-0 in favor (motion passed). Motion by James Davis to accept Duane Scott to be a Cross Country Committeeman. Second by Randy Patterson. Vote 5-3 in favor (motion passed).***

Shannon will review the list of the other current Cross Country Committeemen and will get back to us if he wants any changes.

Election for Vice President: Existing nominations are Al Fitch, Bret Eckert, Wayne Halozan and Duane Scott. Bret Eckert and Duane Scott have declined their nominations. Kraig Traum nominated Ed Santin. The three candidates (Al Fitch, Wayne Halozan and Ed Santin) spoke briefly about their interest in the job. By closed vote, Ed Santin was elected as the new Vice President.

Election for Secretary: ***Jill Patterson nominated Liz Fitch to be the new Secretary. Second by James Davis. Vote 8-0 in favor (motion passed).***

James Davis proposed the new concept of a Tech Committee for the Cross Country program. This group would run a test station before the Cross Country races to assist clubs with tech inspections, transponders and proper number plates/colors before racers were allowed to go to the start lines. Once more details are given, this will be voted on. ***Motion by Randy Patterson to allow the option for three new Cross Country Committeemen. Second by Al Fitch. Vote 7-1 in favor (motion passed).*** James will update the BOD with the proposal and the names of the potential Committeemen and a vote will take place either by email or at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Rich Fern reported:

- An itemized categories report for 2005 was given to the Board Members for review.
- Jill Patterson reported about a bad check issue from the January Banquet and that rule 2.9 and 2.10 don't apply to the situation of the check that had a 'stop payment' on it for the banquet. At the Quicksilver National Enduro, Randy Patterson, Bill Zakareckis, John Davis and Jill conferred and agreed that the rider should be allowed to participate and should be removed from the bad check list. The issue of the actual bank fee that D36 incurs vs. the fee D36 charges members for bad checks was discussed. Bill offered to have the amount deducted from his expense report to settle the issue.
- Rich Fern brought up his concerns over the checks written for Life Memberships and would like to know that the checks have cleared before the membership cards get mailed out.

Banquet -

- Al Fitch asked if the final accounting for the 2005 Awards Banquet had been received yet. Dave Pickett reported that the 2005 Top Oil pledge had just recently received and that we have not received a final accounting for 2005.
- Dave Pickett reported that Top Oil has not yet committed with a yes or no to a sponsorship for 2006. Dave will follow up.

Newsletter - Jill Patterson reported:

- Price comparisons are still being gathered for the lay-out and editing fees associated with doing the newsletter.
- One business has expressed interest in sponsoring an upcoming issue of the newsletter, perhaps as early as the July 1st issue.

Rule Book - Chairman Randy Patterson reported:

- We're out of 2006 rule books. They have been available at all 2006 D36 meetings for everyone to pick up. Randy has been taking some to each event he attends. Do we want to order another supply yet? Due to a pending sponsorship and some rule proposals that could affect the 2006 series, the next supply of rule books will not be ordered yet. The rule book is on the D36 web site for everyone's access.

Membership Report - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- Information for those who won the D36 Membership prizes from the LAO Kawasaki bike raffle still hasn't been received from the LAO yet. Dave Pickett will contact the winners to get and pass on the information.
- Brian Schmeltz requested some D36 membership information that would help him with his research and with getting the D36 Supermoto program going.
- Rule 2.4 addresses that riders must have their membership card or valid receipt "in their possession" at our events. Rule 2.8 addresses the time limit for how long receipts are valid. Too many people lose their membership cards, forget them, or claim they've never received them (after the 30-40 day "grace" period) and then expect to be allowed to race without them. AMA is strict on this policy with their cards, we need to start also be strict and start enforcing this rule. ***Motion by Randy Patterson to make riders responsible for having their cards/receipts at the events, or they can buy a one-day, another full membership or see the Event Steward - and that membership lists will no longer be provided to clubs for use at their sign ups. Vote 7-0 in favor (motion passed). Jill Patterson abstained from the vote.***

Old Business

- James Davis reported on the follow up regarding the EZup that had been previously approved to be ordered. Liz Fitch tried to order it, but the company claimed they no longer had the artwork/logo and that we would have to pay another set up fee, which is expensive. Discussion regarding the need/want of another EZup. James & Liz will follow up and report back next month.
- Brian Schmeltz forwarded a draft of the proposed AMA/NASMOTO/Supermoto rules and the proposal he submitted to Brok McCallister/Supermoto USA for getting Supermoto established with D36. John Davis reported that Brian hasn't heard back yet from Brok.
- John Davis reported on the issue of D36 Committee Members needing to "lead by example" and follow the D36 rule book. There have been some incidents of incooperation between D36 Officials at some events and there are still issues of some Committee Members abusing the \$10 race entry fee that is set for Committee Members only (rule 1.4.5A) - they are expecting clubs to give the same discount to their family members. Some clubs are continuing to state concerns over this. Liz Fitch reported that the Cross Country Scoring team has a detailed packet that clubs receive in advance of their events - the CC Scoring team's family members do get the \$10 race fee and clubs are provided with a list of the names. James Davis reported that no one has given him the specific names of any offenders. James will let clubs know they need to tell him the names of any D36 Committee Members who abuse their position at the events. Jill Patterson gave James an updated Committee Member list for use at the upcoming event and will get the next updated Committee list to clubs and officials to help prevent this abuse in the future.

New Business

- John Davis reported on the issues with some of the clubs who have not yet completed all the necessary forms/fees for their 2006 Sanctions/Charters. Those not yet in compliance are the Bushwackers MC and Los Gatos MC. Their event dates will be removed from the D36 Event Calendars until they become current. Jill Patterson will remove the dates from the Newsletter.

New Business Continued . . .

- Committee Member status change - Paul Mahoney has recently stopped being a Cross Country Committeeman. ***Motion by Bill Zakareckis to change Paul's status to an 'At Large' Committee Member. Second by Kraig Traum. Vote 6-0 in favor (motion passed).*** Robert Kendall, previously a Dirt Track Committeeman, has requested reinstatement as an 'At large' Committee Member. ***Motion to reinstate Robert Kendall as such by Dave Pickett. Second by James Davis. Vote 8-0 in favor (motion passed).*** A release form will be sent to Mr. Kendall and his Committee card will be processed once it is returned.
- Dave Pickett reported on the upcoming OHV Lobby Day at the California State Capitol on March 27th. Dave will be attending, as well as Bruce Brazil of CERA. Ed Santin has been invited and if anyone else is interested to fill the other two spots, Dave needs to get their names on the guest list ASAP.
- Dave Pickett requests that the letters of resignation received from Duane Scott and Sharon Scott get attached to the March meeting minutes.

Good of the Body

- Dave Pickett reported on the sales of Repsol "gift packs" at the Hollister events and that the donations are going the Clear Creek Defense Fund. Bill Zakareckis reported that the Timekeepers also raised funds at the cancelled out events on March 11-12 for the Clear Creek Defense Fund.
- Dave Pickett reported on the Cycle News coverage of the LAO Kawasaki raffle bike and that donations of bike parts/upgrades and other items are already coming in and being promised for the next bike that we will be raffling off.
- Kraig Traum reported on an autographed helmet that will be getting auctioned off for an LAO fundraiser. The helmet has been autographed by many National off-road pros and is going to be a hot item. Information about it is on the D36 Web Site's Message Boards.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Patterson, acting Secretary.

**Letter of Resignation
From Duane Scott**

District 36 Board of Directors,

Please except this as my formal letter of resignation from my current District 36 position of Cross Country Steward. I would like to recommend Shannon Creson to fill my position as Cross Country Steward and he will be in attendance at the March 15th business meeting for official confirmation.

Signed:

Duane Scott / March 7, 2006

**Letter of Resignation
From Sharon Scott**

District 36 Board of Directors,

Please except this as my formal letter of resignation from my current District 36 positions of: Secretary, Cross Country Series Points and Cross Country Sportsman Transponder Sales. Please be assured that I will do whatever I can to help this transition go as smoothly as possible.

Jill Patterson has volunteered to fill in for me as Secretary until permanent arrangements are made. I will continue to do the Cross Country series points until other arrangements are made. Included please find an inventory list of District assets in my possession, I will make arrangements to turn these items over to the current scoring team unless advised otherwise.

Signed:

Sharon Scott / March 7, 2006