

**Referee's Meeting**  
**July 19, 2006**  
**Royal Motel, Vacaville, CA**

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

Roll Call: 6 of 31 Clubs in Attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting are approved

Guests: Rodney Stanhope

Correspondence: Dave Pickett received the following:

Dust Magazine would like to advertise District 36 events in their publication.

***Committee Reports:***

**Youth Cross Country** - Steward Al Fitch reported:

- Attended the Timekeepers M/C monthly meeting to answer any questions or concerns that the club had with regards to their upcoming event. I was accompanied by Director of Competition, James Davis and Secretary, Liz Fitch.

**Dirt Track** - Jill Patterson reported on behave of Steward Carter Fisher:

- The 6/24 Stockton MC event at Lodi was cancelled due to a low turn out.
- The 7/15 Lodi MC event had 175 riders, one broken ankle and no protests.

**Banquet** - Chairman James Davis reported:

- Looking for possible venues.
- Interviewing caterers.

**Newsletter** - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- Newsletter Issue #13 was mailed June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Newsletter Issue #14 is the October 1<sup>st</sup> issue and the submission deadline is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The October issue will include information regarding the November elections.

**Memberships** - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- 90 July renewal notices were mailed.
- 182 membership cards have been processed since the last D36 meeting.

**LAO** - Director Dave Pickett reported:

- Stanislaus County – Continuing investigation into possible misappropriation of OHV funds in the Frank Ranes OHV County Park via Grants Process review.
- CLORV – California League of Off Road Voters – Since the reactivation of this organization, meetings on how to promote OHV clout in the political arena. Inclusion of isolated PAC – Political Action Committee – to promote pro-OHV candidates into positions of power. Combined major OHV organizations without regard to venue. District 36 is a Board Member and LAO elected as an officer.

**LAO Continued:**

- **El Dorado NF** – LAO on Coalition with EDNF, and took part in tour and on the ground inspection of trails, re-routes and forest thinning projects. Had one on one meeting with forest officials with Bill Dart (ORBA) and Dave Wood (D36) on site to discuss the route designation inventory, lawsuit, and other issues affecting OHV in the El Dorado National forest.
- **Victory 06** – A spin off major political organization tied into the GOP, and recommended the creation of a State OHV Coordinator with direct ties into the party leadership. Coalition based, using the entire membership of CLORV in a unified fashion to create a huge potential voting block of OHV enthusiasts to create a base of passionate enthusiasts via membership participation. Goal: Eliminate officials that are anti-OHV and install officials that are more neutral to pro on OHV issues statewide.
- **Clear Creek Management Area** – Continuing to monitor situation with BLM, BRC, SRMC and others, as well as attorneys, regarding progress on the lawsuit. Dust Restrictions in place right now, and asbestos investigation ideas on monitoring being discussed.
- **BLM & USFS Grants** – LAO is getting calls, and copies, of the Grants these federal agencies are starting to submit to OHV Division for the 06/07 Grant funding cycle. Grant submission volume appears down in numbers, which is not surprising, as the available dollars available FOR maintenance is minimal. The lions share is going to restoration projects, per law, based on the Gas Tax numbers.
- **OHV Fuel Tax Study** – Delayed yet again, and years overdue. Rumor going around the greens will sue if in our favor, and rumors of “Public Records Act” requests going to State Parks, NOT OHMVR Division for contracts by the greens. Once settled, the study, OHV believes that it will prove more money is due the OHV community for new acquisitions, maintenance, staff, and improvements. Only part of the OHV funds go to grants, the rest goes to SVRA operations, salary costs, and acquisitions. A possible new SVRA in Bakersfield, in progress. Over 10,000 acres now before the greens rip it to shreds. Again.
- **Big Money** – State Parks got 250 Million for maintenance and repairs of existing facilities. LAO has asked OHMVR if the 4.0 million that is “legally transferred” to State Parks can stop now that Parks got its funding in the budget. This questionable transfer started about 3 years ago, and has been “whitewashed” in questionable legalities since. LAO wants our money back. Note, OHMVR is known as “Division,” while State Parks is known as “Department.” Basically, Department is jealous because we (Division, has money, and they don’t. Ironically, they are “General Fund” Funded, (Your taxes) and we are user fee funded.
- **Cal Air Resources Board** – A hearing was held to determine in off road buggies should be emissions legal for California. Can you say Red stickers for 4 WD? Stalled in hearing. More to come on this.
- **Repsol SA Promotion** – The sales from this joint effort of Repsol, BRC, D36 and Motorcycle Stuff Distributors ended. It looks like about \$7-10,000 may have been raised. ALL monies collected will be used for Clear Creek and El Dorado NF legal issues via BRC legal council. SRMC & TMC worked hard to assist in this new, untried sales efforts. For a first attempt, everybody was pleased. Look for a press release soon on this from BRC.
- **Fires** – The state is burning up. Concerns about Frank Raines being on fire were dismissed. We got lucky. Southern California did not fare so good. Many riding areas were burned. Be extra careful this year. The super wet spring caused grass to grow tall, and small bushy shrubs to be bigger this year, but are now tinder dry and easily flammable.
- **Retirement** – Longtime USFS OHV State Coordinator Rich Farrington retired after 30 years. LAO Bill Dart and Dave Pickett worked with Rich on many issues. Of note, only 2 members from the OHV community were invited to the small party the USFS held for him. BRC and D36. Both attended the dinner party as OHV’s representatives.

**LAO Continued:**

- **California Legislature** – In recess right now, but allows D36 to attend local and regional community meetings. It is often at these functions where one on one discussions can take place with the elected members. Usually, it is staff that is dealt with. Excellent way to interface, during these meet and greets.
- **Roadless** – Continuing to monitor activity here. States must petition federal government for this status. OHV is anti-roadless, as it closes more forest to OHV users and industry such as the logging industry. Fire suppression, or lack of, is a key argument OHV is using. No roads, then fire suppression is only by parachute smoke jumpers and tankers. You would think they would learn by now. This is a very serious federal issue, and not to be taken lightly. Every OHV organization is doing what it can to curb or stop this.
- **Yamaha Dealer Show** – Attended, and organized with IMDA (Independent Motorcycle Dealers Association) a meeting with Yamaha Government Relations people. Was able to have Deputy Director and Chief of OHMVR Division attend this meeting in Las Vegas, and interface with the Yamaha Government Relations people. Red Sticker topic was hot. Emissions and open dialogue about OHV issues. Meeting was great, and door opened for Yamaha to have an outlet to discuss OHV state operations and visa versa. Could be good start for this kind of communications, and next step is Division staff and ALL motorcycle manufacturers to have open contact directly with OHMVR.
- **PIGS Meeting** – Prairie City Improvement Group. Was notified that 2.5 million dollars was appropriated from the state to the park on July 1, as scheduled, and construction work to start on August 1. This is part of the 10 million dollar improvement plan for the facility. Now, to get 10 mill each for Carnegie and Hollister.....

**Legislative Activist** - Ken Heuser reported:

- July 7<sup>th</sup> – Attended a meeting with Sacramento Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan. Brought to her attention several motorcycle issues.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Georgetown Ranger District station – Attended their “on the ground tour” of the Rock Creek RV area trails.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – Attended and raced the Lodi Cycle Bowl short track race. Discussed the possibility of having a Club Challenge Race at their December Marathon Race with the club president. He assured me that this would be a District sanctioned event.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Prairie City Improvement Group meeting.

**Question and Answer**

- The Bushwackers MC would like to know if a podium is available for use at the Furnace HS.
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**Good of the Body**

- Ralph Lee – Lodi MC is working with Sonoco to obtain a sponsorship for the 2007 Dirt Track series.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Lodi event cancelled.
- Wayne Halozan – would like to look into purchasing a set of Enduro clocks.
- Memorial Service will be held for Andrew Norish – Ghost Rider MC member.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Called to order by President Dave Pickett at 8:55 p.m.

Roll Call: 7 of 9 members are present. Missing are Kraig Traum and Bret Eckert.

Bill Zackareckis has resigned from the Board of Directors. Alternate Jim Nelson will take his position.

### ***Committee Reports:***

**Newsletter** - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- Handed out expense report for Newsletter #13.

**Membership Report** - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- The membership printer has been replaced.

### **Old Business**

- Discussion regarding the type of transponders being used for cross country scoring. Tabled to the next meeting. ***Randy Patterson moved to purchase two scoring wands for the cross country scoring crew, second by Dave Pickett, motion passed. (Vote 7-0)***
- Discussion regarding complaints received by Dirt Diggers regarding a racer who rode out of class and won the race. No action will be taken.
- Discussion regarding Board Members ranking riders.

### **New Business**

- Discussion regarding purchase of additional Enduro Clocks. Tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Fitch  
Secretary