

***Referee's Meeting  
June 20, 2007  
Royal Motel, Vacaville, CA***

Called to order: 7:33 p.m. by President Dave Pickett.

Roll Call: 12 of 34 Clubs in Attendance.

Corrections to the March minutes are as follows:

- Sanctioning Committee report, fourth bullet point should end with "This is allowed by the 50 mile rule AND restriction of trade issues brought up by AMA."
- After the adjournment of the Referee's Meeting; "Visit from Daphne Greene" should include her title, Deputy Director of OHMVR Division of State Parks.
- Competition Committee Meeting, New Business, fourth bullet point; motion by Rich Fern was to discuss and decide later this year what to do for the 2008 schedule.
- Board of Director's Meeting, New Business, first bullet point; the vote was 8-0 with 1 abstention.

Corrections to the April minutes are as follows:

- Referee's Meeting, Good of the Body, last item; EMT Electric and Valli Construction donated the \$1,500 for the A class and Team Hawg donated the B/C class lift stands for CERA's Fools Gold Endruo.
- Board of Director's Meeting, New Business; the sixth bullet point should have included that Ann Creson donated the entire amount of her expense reports to the Legislative Action Office.

Corrections to the May minutes are as follows:

- Correspondence, last item; the donation to the BRC was from the D36 Legislative Action Office Account, not the D36 General Fund.
- Enduro Committee Report, last bullet point; Cycle Gear contributed financial assistance for the purchase of route supplies for D36's clubs to use at no charge. Contact Kraig for more information.
- Contingency/Sponsorship Committee Report, last item; correct to contact Jim McLaughlin to inform him of possible sponsorships so he can help coordinate, if appropriate.

Approval of the March, April and May minutes as amended.

Correspondence:

Dave Pickett reported two items:

- Received a copy of a protest from Hangtown that was dealt with and handled by the Dirt Diggers' referee and the \$25 protest fee was sent back to the protestor.
- Received a donation to the D36 LAO from the North Bay MC in memory of member Jamie White.

Rich Fern reported receiving the District 36's BlueRibbon Coalition membership card and some BRC Partner Coins, they will be passed on to the D36 Historian, John Hartvickson, for keeping.

Guests: Jeff Adams, MX & Off Road Product Manager for Pirelli Tires, LLC  
Bruce Brazil, Assistant LAO of CERA  
Cassie Miller, Friends of Foresthill OHV Trails

## ***Committee Reports:***

**Sanctioning** - Steward John Davis has resigned, this position is now open.

Please contact our acting Sanctioning Steward, Dave Pickett, if you can volunteer for this job.

**Cross Country** - Steward Jeff Irwin reported:

- The Leoni Meadows HS had a good course that was about 6-8 miles long, it was watered and the starting area was improved. There were 54 A/AA riders, 54 B riders and 171 C riders (about 25% less than last year). There were no protests and there are no upcoming events until the fall. One of the D36 generators was stolen – please return it.
- Don Matheson of the Timekeepers has emailed me regarding the D36 scoring equipment and their event.
- The Cross Country Steering Committee had their first meeting and the next will be in July.

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

- The Leoni Meadows Youth HS had 35 A/B riders, 84 C riders, 10 Pee Wee A/B riders, 22 Pee Wee C riders and 21 Beginning Women riders. The course was pretty well watered and everything went well.

**Women** - Steward Dennie Conrad not in attendance.

**Enduro** - Steward Kraig Traum reported:

- CERA's Fools Gold Enduro was held on the make up date of 6/3/07 at Georgetown. Conditions were warm and dusty. There were 40 A, 34 B and 91 C riders for a total of 165. Brian Sperle was the O/A winner. CERA threw out one check due to a course mix up and sabotage of the course markings. The event was not scored after check nine, due to logging equipment and extremely dusty and unsafe trail conditions – riders were told to have a safe and easy ride back to the finish, which was changed to an observation check.
- The Little Polecat Enduro was hosted by the Merced Dirt Riders at Long Barn on 6/10/07. They also had dry and dusty conditions with 30 A, 21 B and 55 C riders (101 total) in attendance. There was a protest on checks #7 & #8, with check #7 being found okay and check #8 being thrown out because of a last minute course change that was forced by the USFS Rangers (who said there was an Eagle nesting near the single track trails), so a last minute reset had been made (most riders didn't attend the riders meeting, where it was disclosed) and there was also an issue with the reset sign not being easily seen on the course. There was a protest filed on the event results, it will be heard at the July D36 meeting.
- The next event is WSRA's Wild Horse Enduro on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Pinenuts, just outside of Carson City, NV.

**Youth Enduro** - Steward Bill Zakareckis reported:

- The 49'er Family Enduro was held June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 250 entries and 235 riders started – there were lots of kids who had a great time! There were no injuries, no protests or score corrections. Youth entrant Brad Hartsel tied with Dennie Conrad for the best score another youth entrant, Jacob Santos, tied for the second best score with Drew Wigington.
- The next event is the Wild Pony Family Enduro on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kenny Heuser reported that the USFS Rangers there were extremely happy that there was 100% compliance with the sound laws at the 49'er Family Enduro.

**Dirt Track** - Steward Carter Fisher reported:

- There have been seven races since the last meeting – Stockton MC had three at Dixon, CCR had two at Salinas and CVR had two at Newman.
- There have been no injuries that I'm aware of (no ambulances called out) and no protests.
- I received an email from Lodi MC's referee, Al Weber, with concerns over date conflicts and the 50 mile rules. [Dave Pickett and Carter are to follow up on this with AMA and discuss with Lodi.]
- There will be another good month of racing coming up!

**Supermoto** - Steward Brian Schmeltz not in attendance.

Jon Eichelbaugh reported that the D36 Supermoto races have been cancelled, due to commitments for funding being cancelled. Steward Brian Schmeltz and others are trying to salvage some races to get back on the 2007 schedule.

**Motocross** - Acting Steward James Davis not in attendance.

**AMA/Congress** -

Congressman Ed Santin reported:

- The National rule submissions deadline is coming up – the key to getting rules passed at the national level is to keep any proposals simple, to the point and to remember to consider that the whole country is affected by them.

Congressman Dave Pickett reported:

- There are forms available to help make national rule proposals more efficient. Contact Ed Santin, myself or Jerry Fouts for one (clubs, see attachment to the minutes) and return the forms to us so we can take them to AMA Congress in October.
- There are new MX classifications coming from the AMA for 2008 and some other supplemental changes have taken effect already (clubs, see the attachment to the minutes). These changes can be found on the AMA website.

Ralph Lee reported that ATVA's Doug Morris is working to align rules with AMA and manufacturers.

A question was discussed about the notarized AMA race cards – they will eventually be mandatory.

Wayne Halozan reported that more sound meters are needed from the AMA. The California State Parks has some that are available, too – contact Dave Pickett.

**Banquet** - Chairman Brian Schmeltz not in attendance.

**Newsletter** - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- Newsletter Issue #17 (July 1<sup>st</sup> issue date) is scheduled to be mailed June 28th.
- The October 1<sup>st</sup> issue has a submission deadline of September 4<sup>th</sup> – we need more stories, especially from the Dirt Trackers.

**Rulebook** - Chairman Randy Patterson reported:

- The most current issue of the 2007 Operations Manual is available.
- There is one rule proposal for the Competition Committee Meeting tonight.

**Website** - Webmaster Jim Matheson not in attendance.

Rich Fern reported that the contract renewal for the D36 domain is coming up and that switching to Go Daddy.com is possible.

Ed Santin reported that it is important to protect our domain name and not lose it at contract renewal time.

**Membership** - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- 70 June renewal notices were mailed.
- 242 membership cards have been processed since the last D36 meeting.
- There is one new life membership: James Mahar, #4F.
- There are quite a few CC and Enduro advancements to process. All Spring CC and Enduro event applications have been received from the clubs (some very, very late) and the Dirt Track applications are coming in very timely.

**Director of Competition** - James Davis not in attendance, Assistant Bret Eckert reported:

- Some clubs have over paid for their events and some clubs have under paid for their events, I'm following up on this with the clubs.

**Legislative Action Office** - Dave Pickett reported:

- Hangtown was highly successful; DDNMC received another acknowledgement from the Governor. The dignitary area was the best ever and the mayors of Folsom and Rancho Cordova are committed to working together to invest more in to the event in the future. The list of dignitaries who attended is very long, they were all impressed! Thank you to the dignitary hosts!
- I received an email from our lobbyist, there is a hiccup with the negotiations over SB742 – the “greens” are NOT happy. There is a 50/50 chance it may die, but it is moving forward.
- Cost recovery issues – there is a meeting in Mendocino in July with the Grindstone Ranger District. The issue of trail maintenance money has gotten out of control and legal action is proceeding.
- Downieville – Dave Wood is doing a really good job with GPS mapping of the area and with organizing volunteer trail work days there.
- The Folsom Sphere of Influence – the corner across from Prairie City that had been slated for high end housing will now be zoned commercial, to help keep a better buffer zone between new housing developments (that are being planned) and Prairie City.
- Carnegie SRVA will soon have its own superintendent and that will hopefully lead to a better working situation there between OHV'ers and management of the facility.
- I have received verbal confirmation that Carnegie is the next priority (on a long list) that will be getting attention from State Parks.
- Don Amador is looking at the possibility of the purchase of an easement in an area near Upper Lake that can bridge two riding areas together.
- CLORV is working on getting together 2008 Election information.
- With PG&E there is a land trust/bankruptcy issue that has me worried, I'll be checking it more.

**Legislative Activist** - Ken Heuser reported:

- The Leoni Meadows event had neighbors who were not happy with the extra traffic in the area. Dave (Pickett) tracked down the use permit and regulations for that area and found that El Dorado County is the governing agency and there will be problems for future events in that area.
- Hangtown was about 90% compliant with the sound testing.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> I attended the Short Track at Argyll Park, Dixon. The racing was very good, they have lights!
- June 14<sup>th</sup> I attended the Sacramento County Central Committee Meeting where they were voting on several appointments – I had been nominated for one, but I lost.

- June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> I worked at the Antique Motorcycle Association's National Meet in Dixon and promoted the Short Track races at Argyll Park on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I also raced the 16<sup>th</sup> and Stockton MC did a great job with this event!
- June 19<sup>th</sup> I attended the P.I.G. meeting at Prairie City OHV Park.

Discussion was brought up about the issue with the Stanislaus NF and the "stunts" that were pulled the afternoon/evening before the Little Polecat Enduro. Not providing documentation (or any kind of proof) of the claim there was an eagle nesting near the course has brought up discussion with various organizations about possible law suits.

**Contingency/Sponsorships** - Jim McLaughlin reported he has nothing new to report.

Jeff Adams, MX & Off Road Product Manager for Pirelli Tires spoke (earlier in the meeting) about Pirelli's interest in working out some kind of sponsorship/contingency program with D36 in 2008 – they are open to ideas to help format a program that works for D36.

### **Clubs and Riders – Question/Answer**

- Bret Eckert with Polka Dots MC brought up the issue of the problem of "freeloaders" showing up at their Family Enduro with claims that they didn't need to pay an entry fee because they were merely an "escort" for someone else. This problem has been increasing each year. Other clubs have found this happening at their events, too. These people should be asked to leave the premises. There are huge liability issues with those who don't sign waivers, etc. Clubs should check site specific event permits to see what is/isn't addressed relating to this.

### **New Business**

- Cassie Miller of Friends of Foresthill OHV Trails reported about the first annual Foresthill Frenzy that took place on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and pretty successful – they are already working on plans for next year's event! FOFOT is a non profit group that is raising money and coordinating work days for trail maintenance at the Foresthill OHV area. They have still have event t-shirts available for \$20, please contact friendsofforesthillohvtrails@gmail.com or at PO Box 406, Foresthill, CA 95631.
- Oliver Weissenberger reported on the need to start an Enduro specific committee to address several topics from rules and their background/intent, quality of events, scoring consistency, a need for neutral referees at events and other subjects. This will be one issue discussed at the upcoming Enduro Summit (location and date TBA soon).
- Oliver Weissenberger and Scott McClelland are working on a new Enduro Scoring Program/System that can be integrated and more efficient for all Enduro clubs to use. Scott has volunteered to help score all events and he is working with Terry Pederson on the scoring system. More details will be presented at the next meeting.

### **Good of the Body**

- Fred Sumrall thanks D36 for letting him be the District Chaplain and he really loves what he does! Any time anyone needs me, please call (530-367-2497). It is very hard to make it to all the events, so I'd like to introduce Scott Ruiz, a co-member of Racers Under The Sun, and have D36 consider that he become my assistant – he is good at speaking to groups and very good at working with young people. Scott is willing to help D36 in any way he can.
- Oliver Weissenberger reported that there will be a two-day riding class with Shane Watts and Cole Calkins on private land, coming soon. Contact Oliver for more information.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Competition Committee Meeting  
June 20, 2007  
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Called to order by President Dave Pickett at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call: 26 of 58 members in attendance.

**Old Business** -

- Discussion and reminder about D36 Officials' duties and responsibilities at any/all D36 events. Clubs and riders have complained about various issues this year. The D36 Operations Manual, section 1.4.4-1.4.7 covers the primary rules that apply. The BOD is to be notified if D36 Officials are non-compliant with the D36 rules of their duties.

**Rule Proposals** -

Proposal submitted by Jon Eichelbaugh to change Vintage Flat Track rule 11.7.4, paragraph b) – as the rule is currently written, it limits the amount of riders who can participate in this class. Eliminating specific rim size requirements will allow for better turn out at the races. The new rule would be 11.7.4 b) “Unlimited rim size for all classes.” The new rule is requested to take affect immediately. Motion made and seconded to accept the proposal as written, vote 17-1, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

*Board of Directors Meeting  
June 20, 2007  
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Called to order by President Dave Pickett at 9:40 p.m.

Roll Call: 8 of 9 members are present; James Davis is absent.

***Committee Reports:***

**Contingency/Sponsorships** - Jim McLaughlin reported:

- I'll work with Jeff Adams/Pirelli to help come up with something that will work for D36.
- Trying to get back on track with James Davis to come up with a comparison sheet of what other organizations (GNCC, WORCS, etc.) expect from their sponsors.
- There is concern about the quality of our events with respect to sponsorship representation at the events, we need to stay on top of keeping banners, hay bale covers, etc. displayed as per the guidelines that we've established.
- Hangtown gave me a new appreciation of the difficulty that was faced in making the transition from Moose to MSR for 2007.

Ed Santin reported on Toyota and Smith sponsorship discussions.

Ralph Lee is working on contingency/sponsorship for Dirt Track's 2008 season.

Dave Pickett reported on Team Hawg Racing's offer for a 15% off discount to D36 members and a 10% donation to D36's LAO. Dave will be working on the details for this new program for the rest of 2007.

**Treasurer** - Treasurer Rich Fern to report next month.

**Banquet** - Chairman Brian Schmeltz not in attendance. Dave Pickett will email Brian to verify his participation in this role and to check on the banquet planning progress.

**Newsletter** - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- Need the postage check for issue #17 (Thanks for the reminder, Dave!)
- The accounting for issue #17 will be submitted next month.
- Several items that were promised to be submitted for issue #17 didn't show up. There was too much material for a 12 page issue and not enough for a 16 page issue (had 14 pages worth), we need to stay in four page increments – it was hard to come up with nearly two full pages of “filler” material. Please submit for the next newsletter!

**Rulebook** - Chairman Randy Patterson reported:

- The new rule passed tonight will be included in the next printing of the Operations Manual.

**Membership** - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- Discussion about how long old membership applications should be kept.
- One of the new committeemen approved last month has still not submitted his D36 application or Committee release form. I'll follow up with Jeff Irwin to check on the status.
- Discussion about what to do when clubs repeatedly do not submit event paperwork timely, especially those who submit 5-6 weeks late every year. Rule 1.1, fines and the refusal of future sanctions are possible remedies.

### **Old Business**

- Discussion of the Office Pay Schedule, it was last updated in 2005. Phone expenses for many officers have been very irregular. *Jill Patterson moved to adjust the phone expense maximum, second by Ed Santin, motion passed. (Vote 7-1).*
- Discussion about the abusive behavior and the unpleasant interaction that has been experienced at some events between D36 Officials and certain clubs/promoters. Also discussed pre-event lack of cooperation and communication issues with certain clubs/promoters. Again, rule 1.1, fines and the refusal of future sanctions are possible remedies.

### **New Business**

- Fred Sumrall expressed the need for a D36 Assistant Chaplain. Motion made and seconded to add Scott Ruiz as a D36 Committeeman to help Fred. Vote 8-0, motion passed.
- Discussion regarding emails Liz Fitch received with requests by non-D36-sanctioned groups to use some of D36's Scoring Equipment. HHORA would like to use the scoring clock for one of their events. Committeeman Don Chamblee will transport the clock and HHORA will make a donation to the D36 LAO. A Marathon-type event at Sand Hill would like to use the D36 scoring equipment and team. Decision tabled pending further information, Al Fitch to update.
- Kraig Traum submitted a rule proposal regarding rule 1.4.1 and Chairman Randy Patterson informed him that it wasn't one that needed to be heard by the Competition Committee, it was one for the BOD. The wording will be adjusted, tabled to next month.

### **Good of the Body**

- Discussion about the recovery of the missing D36 generator.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Patterson, acting June D36 Secretary