



D36 Referee's Meeting
April 16, 2008
America's Best Value Inn, 1571 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville, CA

Called to order: 7:32 p.m. by President Dave Pickett.

Roll Call: 13 of 29 Clubs/Promoters in Attendance.

March's Meeting minutes approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

Jill Patterson reported:

- Received an email from Blair Pine of the Timekeepers regarding someone that didn't pay their debt to TMC for the Wild Boar Enduro. This information will be passed to the other Enduro clubs.
- A cartoon from a newspaper that mentions parental releases for square dancing that relates more to Motocross.

Dave Pickett reported:

- A "Dear Interested Party" letter from the Susanville BLM regarding an event the Lassen MC club is holding was received.
- OHV employee Brian Klock sent a batch of VCGP 'memory lane' photos from the 70's/80's for Dave to share.

Guests: Pam Santin, Keith Lemm of CSS.

Committee Reports:

Sanctioning - Steward Jeff Simpkins reported:

- The Polecat Enduro has been postponed to June 8th.

Cross Country - Steward Jeff Irwin reported:

Two races since the last meeting:

- WSRA's Desert Challenge had 201 adult riders, up 20% from last year. It was a dusty 42-mile course and two lap race. Reece Honea won the Overall. It was good that the life flight didn't move with the dangerous conditions.
- Shasta Dam had 379 riders, up 14% from last year. The A/B course was 20 miles and the C course was 18. It was dusty and hot. A lot of riders went off trail and some in to ravines. Jordan Brandt was first Overall. The new scoring computers were used; they seemed to be problem free.

Youth Cross Country - Steward Al Fitch reported:

Two races since the last meeting:

- Salt Wells had 82 kids, up from last year, not sure by how many. 10 of those were beginner women. It was real dusty.
- Shasta Dam had a total of 200, up about 47 riders from last year. The C Race/Beginning Women's race was only two miles long, which was way, way too short, especially with it being so dusty. The new scoring equipment worked awesome.
- We're off for a few months now.

Women - Steward Dennie Conrad not in attendance.

- Al Fitch reported there were 20 beginning women at Salt Wells and 28 at Shasta.

There were questions/discussions about the Cross Country adult riders meetings not being heard in the back rows, about ridership being over capacity for some races locations and how to work with clubs to address the safety issues these crowded starts cause.

Enduro - Steward Kraig Traum reported:

- The next events are the Sawmill Enduro at Cow Mountain on April 18th, the Fools Gold at Georgetown on May 4th and the Polecat Enduro at Longbarn, June 8th. The Polecat will use the National format this year.

Youth Enduro - Steward Jeff Santos not in attendance.

- Kraig Traum reported the next events will be the Crosscut Family at Cow Mountain on April 19th and the 49'er Family at Gold Note Ridge on May 10th.

Dirt Track - Steward Carter Fisher reported:

This past weekend there were two events:

- Saturday April 12th was held at the Salinas Sports Complex with 197 riders. They were short handed/undermanned, with some track grooming issues – it all got done, things went well and most everyone seemed to have a good time. One person was transported with a minor head injury and was treated and released that evening.
- Sunday April 13th CCR held their first event of the year at the Posse Grounds (Salinas). They had a wonderful new track – a bit bigger than last year. It was very safe, fun to ride and had good dirt. They had 137 riders and we're hoping to get more Class C traction boys to start coming out!
- April 26th-27th will be the opening weekend at Lodi.

Ralph Lee reported that Lodi had a practice day on April 6th, they had about 125 riders. One Lodi club member got a broken femur.

Motocross - Steward Steve Hall reported:

- There have been no events since last month.
- A Motocross event has been scheduled at Hollister on June 22nd, am trying to get approval for an AMA Pro/Am sanction for this event, still haven't gotten an answer from AMA yet.
- I will be at Hangtown to help pump up the D36 MX program and sell D36 memberships to help get our MX Program going.

Ed Santin reported that the Dirt Diggers are setting up a link on their website for the D36 Motocross series.

AMA/Congress - Dave Pickett reported:

- AMA has fired 11 more of their staff, three of them were part of the RPM scoring system – more to report in the BOD meeting on this.
- AMA has decided to revise their magazine, it will have a new format sometime in the next few issues.
- I was called to be an appeal member for an event issue where David Pearson missed a turn at an event. Being a factory rider, he was directed to file the appeal – but lost to a unanimous decision because over 90% of the other racers didn't miss the same turn.

Banquet - 2008 Chairman position open.

Kraig Traum reported:

- A facility report will be given at the BOD meeting tonight.

Newsletter - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- The April 1st Newsletter has been mailed, delivery of this issue has been worse than in the past.
- The submission deadline for the July 1st issue is June 3rd.

Operations Manual - Chairman position open.

- There is one rule proposal to be heard in tonight's Competition Committee Meeting.

Membership - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- 290 April renewal notices were mailed.
- 643 Membership cards processed/mailed since the last meeting.
- 1 new Life Membership – John Roberts, #590V, a new member from Southern California who used to live back east and ride NETRA. The Fools Gold will be his first D36 event.

- The majority of clubs/promoters are submitting their applications timely. Late submissions are unfair to riders waiting for their race numbers/membership cards. Incomplete applications have been a bigger problem this year – missing addresses and phone numbers makes it impossible to process the applications and get cards to the riders.

Director of Competition - James Davis reported:

- There is one rule proposal for the Competition Committee Meeting tonight.

Legislative Action Office - Dave Pickett reported:

- Attorney General Jerry Brown has sued the four Southern California forests, stating their recreation land management plan and route inventory process is NOT to be implemented – because of roadless and wilderness issues. This takes the travel management process and turns it upside down – this is UGLY.
- El Dorado National Forest’s final EIS came out. The OHV leadership of California was invited to a private briefing and elected officials were present. There are 17 more EIS’s in California to go. The information is extensive and BRC, ORBA and other agencies are reading and deciphering it. There may be appeals filed.
- Shasta Dam jurisdiction is tough – since 9/11/01 – the ’08 event went smooth and the multiple agency enforcement that was out in full force was basically bored the whole weekend. There is a 20 acre parcel for sale adjacent to the OHV area that the BLM may purchase through a grants acquisition.
- There was a two day meeting for the interpretation of SB742 – on grants implementation within restoration, operation maintenance, law enforcement and safety/education. 50% of the new green sticker fees must be used for operations, maintenance and acquisition.
[Questions/discussion regarding the new green sticker fees, which hadn’t been raised in close to 20 years; cost recovery fees; acquisitions; formulas, etc. relating to SB742.]
- 2009 Permit issues between the Stanislaus Forest and the Merced Dirt Riders for their Polecat Enduro will be dealt with right after the 2008 event is over. A 10-year permit will be requested. Route inventory has impacted this area and event.
- Grants relating to the Greenhorn area, under Folsom’s BLM jurisdiction, are being researched.
- The OHV Lobby Day was held April 7th, with Assembly and Senate members being in attendance at the reception held at Chops Steak Restaurant near the Capitol. There are several members planning on attending this year’s Hangtown. A video, “*Our Forest in Trouble*,” was played and is being distributed to state and national politicians – it is a revised version of the first one made a while back.

Dave Pickett and Kraig Traum reported updates on the LAO fundraiser bike. It is receiving more and more accessory donations all the time. When this project is finished, the bike may be worth \$15,000 to the winner at the January ’09 banquet. Some sponsors, like TeamHawg, are donating extra accessories (beyond the one for the LAO bike) to be used for the regular banquet raffle. THANK YOU Sponsors and Donors!

Legislative Activist - Ken Heuser reported:

- As a candidate for the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee, I have been attending plenty of political meetings, meals and doing campaigning ‘stuff.’ (“Thanks to Dave Pickett.”)
- We are working on the half mile track at Prairie City and the project is moving along well. The next hurdle will be to get the concept of green stickers through to the dirt trackers. I will be attending events at Lodi to promote the benefits of having green stickers.
- I had a meeting with State Assemblyman Roger Neillo, regarding the problem of dual sport motorcycle registrations and the widening of White Rock Road, in front of Prairie City. I have another meeting with him on April 18th.

Cross Country Scoring - Liz Fitch not in attendance, copies of the scoring invoices to WSRA and Redding Dirt Riders submitted.

Clubs and Riders – Question/Answer

- Don Chamblee asked about the date for the Carnegie Task Force meetings, Dave hasn’t been given details yet about it. He will follow up and pass on the information when he gets it.
- Kenny Heuser asked about getting new D36 hats. Tanya Zonfrello presented him with one.
- Rick Araujo, of the Ghostriders MC, asked about LAO fees for the 2008 events. More discussion to be held in the BOD meeting.
- Steve Hall asked about getting a supply of the D36 stickers for the participants at his races. Kraig Traum also needs his supply replenished. Jill Patterson to distribute.

New Business

- Kraig Traum has LAO Raffle Bike ticket books to sign out for selling. Cycle Gear has approved stands/displays in their stores, the bike will be on display in some shops this summer. Keith of CSS volunteered to do the photos and get links to our and other websites for the bike. Kraig is setting up his paypal account to accept ticket purchases.

Good of the Body

- George Keeran of the Oakland MC reported on the Sheet Iron 300 Dual Sport event that goes from Stonyford to Ft. Bragg and back, it will be held May 17-18th.
- Ralph Lee reported on the Annual Open House at Dan Ruit's Flat Track Museum in Clovis, it is May 18th.
- Steve Hall reported on an incident between vendors at his April 13th event. Keith Lemm of CSS gave more details. Tabled until the BOD meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

***D36 Competition Committee Meeting
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Called to order by Director of Competition, James Davis at 8:45 p.m.

Roll Call: 21 of 60 members in attendance.

Operations Manual

Proposal to revise rule 7.5.2 submitted by Ray Feldman. Rule to take effect immediately (for the 2008 season).

Rule 7.5.2 to read as follows/amended:

All legal finishers from 21st place and beyond will receive one (1) series point. (Legal finisher is rider who has entered and crosses the start of the enduro event.)

James Davis moved to accept the proposal as written/amended; second by Kraig Traum. Vote 19-0-0 in favor. (Motion passed.)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

D36 Board of Directors Meeting
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Called to order by President Dave Pickett at 9:12 p.m.

Roll Call: 8 of 9 members are present, Bill Zakareckis absent.

Guests: Pam Santin, Keith Lemm of CSS.

Discussion continued about the 2008 LAO fees. The Ghostriders made a \$250 donation to the D36 LAO.

Discussion continued about vendor behavior at D36 events and the incident at CCR's April 13th event.
Clubs/Promoters: If you have had issues with unacceptable behavior from vendors (Assured Photos or others) at any of your events, please forward comments/descriptions to Jeff Irwin at jeff_irwin@yahoo.com.

Keith of CSS, who does photos and trophies for many of our events, is willing to helping duplicate/mail the informative DVD's 'Our Forest in Trouble' to various organizations and our members. Dave Pickett to work out any details with Chris Horgan and Keith on this.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Treasurer Rich Fern submitted 2008's first quarter reports. Reviewed and discussed.

Banquet - Kraig Traum reported on venue options researched by Ray & Kristina Feldman. San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, in Stockton, has a building available that meets our needs. ***Motion by Kraig Traum to hold the 2008 D36 Awards Banquet at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds and pay the deposit to hold the building for the January 10th, 2009 date. Vote 8-0-0. (Motion Passed.)***

Newsletter - Editor Jill Patterson submitted the accounting for the April 1st D36 News. Some clubs/advertisers haven't paid their invoices yet.

Website

- Some of the archived items that were on the old website are still missing from the new website. Dave Pickett to contact Jim Matheson for follow up on this.
- The website security issues were discussed.

Old Business

- Al Fitch reported on the new Toughbook scoring computers and how well they worked at the Shasta Dam event. Discussion about the additional scoring computer still needed is tabled until summer. Dave Pickett and Al Fitch to arrange pick up/delivery of all extra scoring computer equipment for repairs and recycling to other D36 uses.
- District property, that hasn't been returned yet, was discussed.
- Kraig Traum reported the update about previous Emailed BOD Business that Cycle Gear will be paying (in full) for the new order of fluorescent arrows and dots. They will receive ads in the next four consecutive newsletters and they are responsible for submissions by the deadlines.
- Clarification asked/given regarding mileages on expense reports.

New Business

- Kraig Traum described a rider/bike discrepancy at the Shasta Dam event. What to do when a rider's race is ended by a crash and someone else takes their bike to ride/continue the event was discussed. Liability issues and rule violations relating to this were discussed. James Davis to research the situation and report back to the BOD.
- Kraig Traum gave an update on previous Emailed BOD Business about the banners needed to be displayed with the LAO fundraiser bike. ***Motion by Dave Pickett to purchase two banners, one to include the list of prize donors. Vote 8-0-0. (Motion passed.)***

- Discussion about the need for BOD business voting by email to follow proper format/procedure. Email voting should be used only for very urgent issues and items that require much discussion should be done at the monthly meetings.
- Ed Santin described a sound meter drive-by kit that is available. It would be valuable to D36 in an advisory capacity. Dave Pickett will be advising clubs/promoters on another upcoming sound school that will be available. ***Motion by Dave Pickett to use LAO funds to purchase the sound meter drive-by kit. Vote 7-0-1. (Motion passed.)***
- Jeff Irwin described some items of concern from the Shasta Dam event. Inconsistent camping fees for the D36 Officials (rule 1.4.5A), safety concerns with event starts, event guidelines, Steward recommendations and cost recovery issues were discussed. Dave Pickett will be attending the next Redding Dirt Rider meeting to address these and will report back to the BOD.
- Discussion regarding the items that have been donated to accessorize the LAO raffle bike. The possibility of making some of the items secondary raffle prizes, instead of giving all of them with the bike discussed. Decision on this tabled until all donations have been contributed and comparisons can be made as to which items/how many can be given as separate prizes from the LAO bike.
- Rich Fern brought up attendance at D36 meetings. Further discussion tabled.
- Rich Fern brought up the increased troubles that D36 Family Memberships have created. Jill Patterson gave details about many of the issues caused by the D36 Family memberships. Discussion regarding all membership fees and what to do about Family Memberships. Further research and discussion needed, making any decisions tabled.
- Dave Pickett will email the BOD later with information and details about the Dignitary area at Hangtown.
- Ralph Lee described inconsistencies with AMA's Competition Membership cards and the additional release signatures that were not really alleviated by using this additional AMA Membership Card.

Good of the Body

- Dave Pickett showed an example of a trash bag that is used in Southern California for clean up days – it is printed with positive public relations information on it for the organization doing the clean up day. This is a possible item that would be useful for D36. Dave will get more information to the BOD about this.
- Jill Patterson brought up the term “Action Item” to describe things requiring follow up after they get discussed at the meetings. Several post-it notes were handed out with various “Action Items” listed.
- Steve Hall reported about the RPM scoring/card reader system that AMA requires clubs/promoters to purchase, but aren't using – having caused unnecessary expenses. Dave Pickett will contact AMA/ Rob Dingman to see what can be done about this. It is wrong for the AMA to require the purchase of a scoring system and equipment that they refuse to accept the format of the results in.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

BOD Email Business/Votes:

- As follow up to March's BOD meeting, Liz Fitch did further/extra research and sent more information to the BOD on the scoring computers needed and their comparisons. After equipment failure caused scoring issues at Salt Wells, urgent action was required. ***Motion by Al Fitch on April 7th to purchase two Panasonic Toughbooks. Email votes received by 10:00 p.m. April 7th - Six in favor, majority vote acquired. (Motion Passed.)*** [Email business done between 3/27 and 4/11 on this item.]
- Kraig Traum provided further information and the quote for the fluorescent arrows/dots, along with updated negotiations with Cycle Gear and their donation/exchange/payment for them. [Email business done between 4/4 and 4/9 on this item.]
- Kraig Traum provided the initial quotes and information needed for the banners to go with the LAO fundraiser raffle bike. [Email business done between 4/10 and 4/14 on this item.]

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Patterson, Interim D36 Secretary