



D36 Referee's Meeting
May 21, 2008
America's Best Value Inn, 1571 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville, CA

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

Roll Call: 16 of 29 Clubs/Promoters in Attendance.

April's Meeting minutes approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

Jill Patterson reported:

- D36 received a letter from Cliff Glidden regarding the D36 Newsletter.

Guests: Tony Souza, Lodi MC; John Schreiber, Valley Trail Riders; Jim, Sherri, Josh & Jake Marshall; Christopher Rose; Jacob Santos; Kevin Wiley.

Committee Reports:

Sanctioning - Steward Jeff Simpkins not in attendance.

Cross Country - Steward Jeff Irwin reported:

No events since the last meeting and no upcoming events until the fall.

Youth Cross Country - Steward Al Fitch reported:

No events since the last meeting and no upcoming events until the fall.

Women - Steward Dennie Conrad reported:

We have been promoting the Family Enduro Series. There have been two events:

- The Crosscut had 33 Women entered: 14 C Diva, 9 C Women, 10 Girls.
- The 49'er had 58 Women entered: 34 C Diva, 14 C Women, 10 Girls. The Polka Dots did a good job with the promoting of their event to women.

Enduro - Steward Kraig Traum reported:

- The Sawmill Enduro, presented by North Bay MC, used the AMA National Format. They had 331 riders start, up from last year's attendance. Conditions were dry and dusty – a lot of the C riders holed out at the first check due to bottlenecks. There was a broken leg (spiral fracture of the tib/fib) in the first mile of the event. There were 67 A riders; 65 B riders and 199 C riders. Nolan Irwin won the Overall, Zackary Dupuis won the B class and Jim Decota was first in the C class.
- The Fools Gold, presented by CERA, was a 'timekeeping' event. Conditions were dry and dusty. The course had to be changed the Thursday before the event because a ranger reported hearing Goshawk noises. There were 230 riders, up from last year's 165 (when it was held the same weekend as the Idaho Qualifier.) Two injuries reported – Jake Roberts' cut head and Rob Sutliffs' broken leg. There were 48 A riders; 63 B riders and 119 C riders. Brian Sperle won the Overall, Zackary Dupuis was first in the B class and Garrett Norton won the C class.
- Clubs are NOT sending the referee reports to the Steward, as per the rules. Work point lists are being turned in very incomplete. The Club Resources link on the D36 website has all the information/forms that the clubs need.
- The Polecat Enduro, by the Merced Dirt Riders, will be on June 8th. They will use the National format this year because of trail use issues. We need to support this event!

Youth Enduro - Steward Jeff Santos reported:

- The Crosscut Family Enduro by North Bay had 238 riders start. No injuries were reported to me. Christopher Rose (age 15) overalled the event. There were 25 A's; 17 B's; 50 C Sportsmen; 42 C Seniors; 7 C Masters; 18 C Super Seniors; 9 Women; 14 Divas; 14 Boys 10-12; 26 Boys 13-15; 7 Girls 13-15; 8 Pee Wee's and 1 Girls 10-12. This was a first time Family Event at Cow Mountain and it was tougher than anticipated with the dry and dusty conditions. All in all, everyone enjoyed the event.
- The 49'er Family Enduro by the Polka Dots had 280 riders start. I received reports of two injuries. Jeff Irwin Overalled the event and Alex Dorsey was the Overall Youth. Six of the top 10 Overall were Youth. There were 22 A's; 16 B's; 52 C Sportsmen; 58 C Seniors; 17 C Super Seniors; 9 C Masters; 2 Vintage; 13 Women; 29 Diva's; 2 Girls 10-12; 7 Girls 13-15; 11 Pee Wee's; 17 Boys 10-12 and 27 Boys 13-15. The Polka Dots had a special Mothers Day free entry offer – thank you! Everyone LOVED this event!

Dirt Track - Steward Carter Fisher reported:

- There were no rain outs during the first month at Lodi!
- There have been five events at Lodi and one in Salinas since the last meeting. We have had some 'walking wounded.' There are two incidents/suspensions to discuss in the Competition Committee meeting tonight. There has been some good racing so far – it is going to be a good year!

Steve Hall reported that there were 106 riders at the 5/18 event in Salinas and that there were some problems with the Quad classes.

Motocross - Steward Steve Hall reported:

- There have been no events since last month.
- I'd like to add events on June 28th-29th and on July 12th-14th (in conjunction with the annual Horse Power Productions' Hollister Bike Rally) to the calendar. The 14th is the annual Fireman's MX race and adding it to the D36 MX Series would be good.

AMA/Congress -

- Steve Hall asked if the AMA is ever going to offer a One Day Membership Card. Dave Pickett answered that AMA Congress has passed having one for the last seven years and the AMA Board of Directors has stopped it every time – just like they've stopped the Family Membership every time it passes Congress.

Banquet - 2008 Chairman position open.

Kraig Traum reported:

- A facility has been secured and the deposit paid. The 2008 Awards banquet will be held on January 10th, 2009 in Bldg. #1 at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton.

Newsletter - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- The submission deadline for the July 1st issue is June 3rd. It should be mailed out around June 25th.

Operations Manual - Chairman position open.

Membership - Chairman Jill Patterson reported:

- 164 May renewal notices were mailed out.
- 504 Membership cards processed/mailed since the last meeting.
- 2 new Life Memberships – Jim Anderson, #232V and Randy Wiggs, #78Z.
- North Bay MC is seriously late, yet again, with their post event paperwork and money due to D36. Further discussion tabled until the BOD meeting.

Steve Hall and Ed Santin reported on the One Day cards and Full Memberships that will be done/available at Hangtown's amateur days.

Director of Competition - Acting D.O.C. Jeff Irwin reported:

- There is one protest and three suspension incidents to hear in the Competition Committee meeting tonight.

Legislative Action Office - Dave Pickett reported:

- A book, *Fuel to Burn*, has been authored by former OHV Commission Chair, Paul Spittler. The Center for Biological Diversity is behind this anti-OHV book, which goes after air quality this time.

- Clear Creek – The first BLM/EPA meeting in Santa Clara had an AWESOME turn out. National leadership consensus is that EPA’s facts/figures – based on confusion and fear – are faulty. AMA National’s BOD, BRC, District 37, and others are supporting District 36 in this case. The direction will be that the BLM will have to get the EPA to justify their numbers/figures. This process will also link with the Johnson Valley issue that Southern California is facing, too.
- The travel management/route inventory in the Tahoe Forest is coming up next, with the Stanislaus right behind it.
- The Jerry Brown lawsuit against the USFS (regarding four southern forests) says their land management/recreation plan is garbage because there is insufficient ‘Wilderness.’ The BRC, CERA and others are working on “Intervener Status” in these matters.
- The Environmental Community is relentlessly going after the SVRA’s, the attack on Oceano Dunes is just one example.
- The Presidential election in November will most likely be just a vote for “the lesser of three evils” McCain is on the rampage with the carbon emission issue and the other leading candidates have even worse views towards OHV opportunities.
- The phone calls coming in from D36 members about Clear Creek takes up about 2-3 hours per day (20-30 people.)
- There was a meeting in Hollister about the Scoping Process, Daphne Green (OHV Deputy Director) was there and she has been asked to help get the State to ask the EPA to “prove” their point.
- A new book, *Green Gone Wild, Elevating Nature Above Human Rights*, by David Stirling, is a good step in starting to fight back – with facts about things like the 2,500 people who died from Hurricane Katrina because a gate couldn’t be built to protect them from flooding, just because of some Fairy Shrimp.
- Public Records Requests have been submitted to State Parks regarding grant information for the El Dorado National Forest and CCMA.

Ralph Lee is meeting with Congressman McNerney and will discuss the Clear Creek/asbestos issue, among other things, with him.

Kraig Traum has raffle ticket books for the LAO fundraiser bike – contact him to get tickets.

Legislative Activist - Ken Heuser reported:

- At the 5/20 P.I.G.S. meeting, I lit a fire when I had had enough listening to someone who was telling us what she was going to do with *our* park. I told her “Why don’t you buy your own damn park!?! We’ve [OHV’ers] bought this one three times now!”
- I am running for the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee, the election will be over soon. Hopefully I can represent my fellow Republicans.
- The Polka Dots had a Vintage class for the 49’er Family Enduro – where were the rest of you guys? This event will be part of the 2009 Vintage series.
- We are working on how to get bikes off the track safer at Argyle Park.
- The Antique Motorcycle Club is working on holding a vintage race with their swap meet, more info to come when I have it.

Contingency – Mike Fallon reported:

The drawings for the Cross Country and Youth Cross Country event winners of the tires, helmets and Tucker Bucks are up to date and now that the Sawmill and Fools Gold results are final, the Enduro drawings will be updated.

Cross Country Scoring - Liz Fitch reported:

There is nothing to report.

Good of the Body

- George Keeran reported on Oakland MC’s Dual Sport ride, which had a sell out crowd.
- Dennie Conrad announced that his daughter, Ashley, is graduating from UC Berkeley this year – just 4 ½ years after applying. Her entrance essay had been about what she learned from riding Family Enduros.
- Al Fitch and Dave Pickett reported that Liz Fitch and Joel Ray area also graduating from college.
- Ralph Lee reported on the upcoming Dirt Track Amateur Nationals.
- Kraig Traum reported that CERA thanks those from Thumpertalk and the Redneck Roosters for helping work the Fools Gold Enduro this year.

- Jill Patterson reported on working a non-motorized trail maintenance day at Georgetown. Members of the horseback community said they prefer sharing trails OHV's over sharing them with mountain bikes. Dave Pickett added that this same sentiment is often echoed at the Rock Creek collaborative meetings.
- Dave Pickett reported on receiving an invitation to be among the first to ride the new 18 miles of single track that has just been opened up at Hollister Hills. It was challenging to ride the new black diamond trails that Patrick Garrahan teased were really just for "novices."

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

***D36 Competition Committee Meeting
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Called to order by acting Director of Competition, Jeff Irwin at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call: 26 of 60 members in attendance.

Protest:

- Jacob Santos explained the protest of check four at the Fools Gold Enduro that he submitted to the event referee, Kraig Traum. The protest is based on D36 rule 11.2.7.3. The check captain, Kevin Wiley reported on what the check workers observed and did. Questions/answers and discussions among the Committee Members and Jacob, Kevin, Kraig and the event's acting Steward, George Lowery.
Motion by Bill McGibbon to reject the protest as submitted and to let the event results stand. Second by Ed Santin. Vote 21-2-3. (Motion passed.)

Suspensions:

- Dennie Conrad presented information about the Suspension of Jim Marshall from the Crosscut Family Enduro on 4/20/08, which was based on rule 5.4. Other discussion regarding rule 5.3 and the suspension of Jake and Josh Marshall. Jim Marshall presented information, explained and apologized for the incidents. Questions/answers and discussion followed. Jeff Irwin presented information from the post incident follow up done by James Davis. Further discussion.
Motion by Bill Zakareckis to end the suspension of Jake and Josh Marshall and to extend Jim Marshall's suspension until 9/30/08, with a one year probation (beginning on 10/1/08) to follow the suspension. Second by Bill McGibbon. Vote 24-1-1. (Motion passed.)
- The Suspension of Shawn Raggio at Lodi MC's 4/26/08 event, for Unsportsmanlike Conduct, was discussed. Mr. Raggio was not present. The suspension issued by Carter Fisher from 5/1/08-5/30/08 stands, with Mr. Raggio's membership privileges to be reinstated on 5/31/08.
- Lodi MC's Referee, Al Weber, presented details and information about several incidents with former D36 Member, Nick Moore, at the Lodi Cycle Bowl on 5/3/08. Nick purchased a one-day membership for that date and is not a full D36 member. Mr. Moore was not present. Carter Fisher supplied more information about some of the incidents. Questions/answers and discussion followed.
Motion by Ralph Lee to: 1.) Ban Nick Moore from attending/entering any D36 Events for one year, beginning 5/3/08; 2.) Not allow Nick Moore to apply for another D36 Membership (full or one-day) until he appears before the D36 BOD, in person, to request reinstatement of membership privileges; 3.) Serve three years probation once his membership is reinstated; 4.) Notify the AMA (Ken Saillant) of the actions taken by the District 36 Competition Committee and; 5.) Notify all D36 Sanctioned Dirt Track Clubs/Promoters that they are not to allow Nick Moore to enter/attend any of their events. Second by Dennie Conrad. Vote 21-2-3. (Motion passed.)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

D36 Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2008
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Called to order by President Dave Pickett at 10:00 p.m.

Roll Call: 9 of 9 members are present.

Guests: Al Weber and Tony Souza.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Rich Fern reported:

- We have received four contributions for Clear Creek from our members so far.
- An advertising bill received from Cycle News for Vintage racing will be forwarded to Ken Heuser.

Liz Fitch received a call about a bill for labor and supplemental freight for the Cross Country scoring equipment, Dave Pickett to follow up on this with Scott Miller.

Kraig Traum reported that he has received LAO donations (from raffle bike tickets) from the last few events of \$1,785. At CERA's Fools Gold, riders donated \$420 to D36 LAO and \$108 to BRC.

Banquet - Kraig Traum reported that the facility rental agreement and insurance requirements need to be reviewed, then followed up on and signed.

Newsletter - Editor Jill Patterson reported:

- Clubs with the first fall events still have time to submit their flyers for approval and printing in the July newsletter. If the Stewards don't have time to approve the flyers, a "pre-event flyer" can be printed.

Dave Pickett brought up discussion regarding changing the submission deadline and the issue date of the July 1st D36 News, due to the June 3rd California Elections. Consensus was to leave the submission and issue dates as is.

Operations Manual - Chairman position open.

Steve Hall asked if a 14-year old could ride in the Open 250 class at D36 Dirt Track events. Discussion about age, engine and money classes for the Dirt Track discipline. Ralph Lee to help Steve with this information.

Memberships -

- Continued discussion regarding NBMC's repeated late submission of post event paper work. Acting DOC Jeff Irwin to contact event coordinator, Dave Froman and follow up. Dave Pickett to follow up with AMA to see if they received anything from NBMC yet, either. Fines, per D36 rule 1.2.1, 8.9 and 8.10 discussed.

Website -

- Some of the archived items have been returned to the website, still waiting for the rest to be restored.
- Discussion regarding the message boards, appropriate posts and adding a "members only" area on the website to move the message boards to. Further discussion tabled to next month for more research and consideration.

Old Business -

- Jeff Irwin reported on the Shasta Dam rider discrepancy follow up that he and James Davis did. The situation has been rectified.
- Jeff Irwin invited Roger Martin of Assured Photos to this month's D36 meeting to discuss the vendor behavior issues reported last month. Clubs are responsible for handling vendor behavior at their events.
- Liz Fitch addressed the BOD regarding a previous letter she received. The BOD confirmed that all obligations have been met to date.
- Liz Fitch reported that she has turned in the Secretary items and most of the old CC Scoring equipment. Some of the other old equipment is with Committeeman Mike Hagan - when she receives it back, she will forward it on. An inventory of D36 assets with serial numbers, etc. needs to be turned in to Rich Fern.
- Rich Fern readdressed previous discussions held about D36 Family Memberships. All D36 Membership fees reviewed and discussed. Further discussion/decisions tabled.

New Business

- Discussion regarding D36 rule 1.4.5A and Committee Member event fees. Event fees that riders pay have risen and the costs of holding events have risen. Tabled for further research, consideration and discussion.
- D36 Member Kane Silverberg will be interviewed for consideration of appointment to the OHV Commission by the Governor.
- The increased coverage of our insurance bond was denied. Dave Pickett and Rich Fern are working with John Haaker on this.
- Dave Pickett is working to get the records request fees waived/reduced regarding the Public Records request with State Parks.
- Al Fitch reported that Committeeman Garrett Gesselman is interested in becoming the next Cross Country C Steward. Tabled for a couple of months, while Jeff Irwin reviews and discusses this with Brian Sperle and Garrett.
- Dave Pickett requested LAO Expenses for BRC Legal Funds, Consultant Fees and the Dignitary Area at Hangtown. **Motion by Ed Santin to approve the expense requests from the LAO Fund. Vote 8-0-1. (Motion Passed.)**
- BOD email voting procedure reviewed and clarified.
- **Motion by Jeff Irwin that the D36 BOD ratifies and supports the Competition Committee's action regarding Nick Moore. Vote 9-0. (Motion Passed.)**
- Jeff Irwin attended an event at Fast Friday's that had advertised on the flyer that it was an AMA/D36 Event. No one was selling AMA or D36 memberships at this event.

Good of the Body

- Ed Santin displayed the new "drive by" sound meter that D36 has acquired.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

BOD Email Business/Votes:

- Jeff Irwin notified the BOD of some of the follow up done on the rider discrepancy issue at the Shasta Dam GP. [Email business/discussions done from 4/18-4/19 on this item.]
- Dennie Conrad notified the BOD of a member suspension from 4/20/08's Crosscut Family Enduro. [Email business/discussions done from 4/20-4/25 on this item.]
- Carter Fisher notified the BOD of a member suspension from Lodi MC's 4/26/08 event. [Email business/discussions done from 4/30-5/1 on this item.]
- Dave Pickett and Al Weber notified the BOD of a member suspension from Lodi MC's 5/3/08 event. [Email business/discussions done from 5/5-5/7 on this item.]
- Kraig Traum notified the BOD of a protest he accepted at the Fools Gold Enduro on 5/4/08. [Email business/discussions done from 5/5-5/8 on this item.]
- Dave Pickett notified the BOD of work being done to combine the efforts of several groups regarding legal funds and donations for the EPA/Clear Creek issue. Dave is working with XBUX, BRC and others on this. [Email business/discussions done from 5/7-5/9 on this item.]
- Dave Pickett notified the BOD of the annual D36 Fiduciary Bond renewal. Email discussion followed. **Motion by Dave Pickett to increase the D36 Fiduciary Bond amount. Email votes received by 2:06 p.m. May 15th – 7-0-2. (Motion Passed.)** [Email business/discussions done from 5/13-5/15 on this item.]
- Jeff Irwin notified the BOD of some of the follow up done on vendor behavior issues and the correspondence received from Roger Martin of Assured Photos. [Email business/discussions done from 5/19-5/20 on this item.]

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Patterson, Interim D36 Secretary