

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 14, 2009

A meeting of the Florida Trail Riders Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 10:00 am on February 14, 2009 at the Imperial Swan Hotel in Lakeland, Florida. The President determined a quorum was present. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

President	Allen Pearce
Vice President:	Brian Morris
Secretary	Tiffany St. John
Enduro Chairman	George Tolson
Hare Scrambles Chairman	Joe Steidl
Motocross Chairman	Kevin Carr
Area Director #1	Will Hardin
Area Director #2	Ragan Dickson
Area Director #3	Tony Pavai
Area Director #4	Brooks Tomblin
Area Director #5	David Wildner
Area Director #6	Kerri Chambers
Area Director #8	Mark Bordelon
Area Director #9	Allan Santor
Area Director #10	Rick Bertine

Absent:

Treasurer	Vacant
Area Director #7	Keith Finnerty
Area Director #11	Vacant
Area Director #12	Duke Barwick
Area Director #13	Rick Graley

Guests:

Executive Director	Dan George
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### **I. Reports of Officers and Committees**

Allen Pearce thanked everyone for being at the meeting and encouraged them to vote in the election of the Treasurer. He also thanked Randy Faul for all his years of service on the Executive Committee. He will be appointing a committee to review and re-write the rulebook. He will announce the committee members at the next Board meeting.

Joe Steidl reported that the Hare Scrambles series remains strong. The committee is working on the changes to the schedule for the quads. They are also fine tuning tech inspection and pit riding rule enforcement.

George Tolson reported that the Enduro Committee is working on changes to the scoring system that will make it easier and faster.

Kevin Carr reported that the Motocross numbers are down due to the economy. They are adding three new tracks to the schedule. The sign-up and scoring has been working great with the computer system.

In the absence of a Treasurer, Allen Pearce reviewed the Income Statement.

All Board members were given a copy of the Land Use Report for review and discussion.

### **II. Unfinished Business**

None

### **III. New Business**

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept a Hare Scramble Committee rule change, adding Junior Girls, Mini Girls and 65 Girls classes, as published in the December 2008 magazine. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following Constitutional change: Chapter I Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Article X - Add to end of Article – “Board of Directors meetings and Competition Committee meetings shall have a published agenda including item details prior to the meetings. Board of Directors meetings will not take action on any proposed amendments or issues not included on the published agenda. Competition Committee meetings will not take action on any proposed rule changes, rider petitions, disqualification grievances, or issues not included on the published agenda unless a two-thirds majority “YES” vote of members present is made to allow action to be made. For the purposes of this paragraph, revised or directly related amendments, rule changes, or issues shall be considered to have been on the published agenda if the original was on the published agenda. Competition Committees shall have the authority to set the minimum number of days before a meeting that an agenda item must be submitted to their Committee Chairman in order to publish timely. If a Competition Committee has not specified a minimum number of days, it shall be seven days. Agenda items for Board of Directors meetings shall be submitted at least four days preceding the meeting to the FTR Secretary in order to publish timely. Agendas must be published at least two days in advance of the appropriate meeting in order to give members time to review the items to be discussed. Publishing shall be by email to all members of the Committee/Board and/or by a thread in the appropriate section of the FTR Forum. Agenda items properly submitted, but inadvertently omitted when published, shall be considered on the agenda if the appropriate Chairman/FTR Secretary is notified within one day of publishing of the omission.” The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kevin Carr moved we adjourn for lunch at 12:05 PM. The motion passed.

The President called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present at 1:05 PM.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following Constitutional change: Chapter I Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Article IX - Add new item number 5 – “5. In the event that a Geographical Area Director position shall be unfilled, the Executive Committee may appoint a qualified member to the position pending approval by the Board of Directors at their next meeting. Should the Board of Directors not approve the appointment, the position shall remain unfilled for the remainder of its term. Director appointments, pursuant to this provision, shall automatically be included on the agenda of the next Board of Directors meeting and shall be the first item on the agenda following roll call and introduction of guests in order for the appointed member to officially participate in the meeting.” Renumber existing 5. as 6., 6. as 7., and 7. as 8. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dan George made a motion to accept the following Constitutional change: Chapter III General Rules, D.Rider Classification, 3. – Change –

3. In cases where there is doubt concerning rider classification, it may be set by the FTR Referee at any FTR-sanctioned event. If a rider wishes to lower their classification, they may petition the Competition Committee for reclassification to the next lower class. If they are determined to be non-competitive after competing in three events in the advanced class, the committee may vote to reclassify them.

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3. Any B or C rider who is the class winner at year-end will be promoted.

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The motion was seconded and passed.

Dan George made a motion to accept the following Constitutional change: Chapter III General Rules, H. Year-End Awards, 4., A., - Change -:

A rider must score points in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, including a worked run, where applicable. If no one in the class scores in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, no one in the class gets an award. Riders who score in less than 50% of the sanctioned events will always be awarded lower final standings than those riders who participate in the required number of events, regardless of points earned.

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A rider must score points in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, including a worked run, where applicable. If no one in the class scores in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, no one in the class gets an award. Trophies will be awarded only to the riders who scored in at least 50% of the sanctioned events and earned more points than the first rider who did not score in at least 50% of the sanctioned events. For example, in a 10 race series, if a rider who scored in only 4 races earns enough points in the 4 races to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place

in the class standings, trophies will only be awarded through 3<sup>rd</sup> place, even if riders who competed in 5 or more races earned enough points to place in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, etc.  
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dan George made a motion to accept the following Constitutional change: Chapter I Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Article XIV, I. Competition Committees, E. 1. – Change-  
1. A General FTR Sanction Meeting will be held in the fourth quarter of each competition year. The exact time and place will be announced in the FTR Magazine at least 30 days in advance. There shall not be more than 12 Enduros, 14 Hare Scrambles and 14 Motocross events per year sanctioned by FTR. In-state Enduros shall have first priority of sanction dates. Each promoter will have the opportunity to have a date before any promoter is considered for a second event. Any series having less than the maximum allowed sanctions may add additional sanction dates up to the maximum allowed. The sanction dates must be approved by the appropriate competition committee and the Executive Committee. This is to be for special cases only and a minimum two month's notice must be given to the general membership prior to the sanction date. Failure to pay sanction fee within 30 days from the sanction application will result in forfeit of date in question.

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The motion was seconded and passed.

David Wildner moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Tiffany St. John,  
Secretary,  
Florida Trail Riders