A meeting of the Florida Trail Riders Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 pm on October 3, 2009 at the Quality Inn in Brooksville, Florida. The President determined a quorum was present. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

President Allen Pearce **Brian Morris** Vice President: Secretary Tiffany St. John Treasurer Jonny Simpkins Enduro Chairman George Tolson Joe Steidl Hare Scrambles Chairman Motocross Chairman Carol Preston Area Director #2 Ragan Dickson Area Director #4 **Brooks Tomblin** Area Director #6 Kerri Chambers Keith Finnerty Area Director #7 Mark Bordelon Area Director #8 Area Director #9 Allan Santor

Absent:

Area Director #1 Will Hardin
Area Director #3 Tony Pavai
Area Director #5 David Wildner
Area Director #10 Rick Bertine
Area Director #11 Vacant
Area Director #12 Duke Barwick
Area Director #13 Rick Graley

Guests:

Executive Director Dan George
FTR Chaplain Andy Dickson
Land Use Chairman Jack Terrell

An additional 12 FTR members and spectators were present.

I. Unfinished Business

None

III. New Business

The Motocross Emergency Rule from the Executive Committee meeting this morning was presented to the Board of Directors for determination of the fee. Carol Preston made a motion to set the Special Membership fee at \$15.00 per day. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce provided copies of the Constitution highlighting the duties of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors along with State Statutes regarding our organization. The purpose of this was to clarify how our organization has been run. This information was presented and discussed at the General Membership meeting but has continued to be questioned. A motion to clarify that per our current Constitution, the Executive Committee is the managing body of FTR was made by Allen Pearce. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Rumors of impropriety have been swirling throughout FTR. A financial audit has been suggested to help put these rumors to rest. An audit is very costly and could cost us between \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the first year and \$5,000 to \$6,000 for subsequent years. The Executive Committee would like the Board of Directors input on whether this expenditure is necessary. Discussion ensued with a general feeling that no one believes any impropriety has happened. Discussion of the audit led to a discussion of the Treasurer's duties as outlined in the rulebook. The day to day financial operations have been contracted with our Executive Director so the Treasurer acts more as a Supervisor to ensure that everything is handled properly. Brooks Tomblin made a motion to move all financial information and the checkbook from our Executive Director to Jonny Simpkins, Treasurer. There was no second. After further discussion, Brooks Tomblin made a motion to table the discussion and all possible motions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jonny Simpkins presented a proposed budget for discussion. A line by line discussion was held with input from the Board members. Jonny pointed out twice more that a portion of his budget cuts come from the Executive Director's salary being cut by \$10,833.00. This portion of the budget has already been voted down. Several of the suggestions made by Jonny were agreed to by the Board members. These included capping the complimentary lodging and meal tickets for the banquet and reducing our sign-up/scoring spending by 25%. The magazine costs were discussed. Daniel White recommended that Dan be fired from the magazine and he take over the position. This suggestion was not entertained. Further cuts in all areas will need to continue to be looked for before a final budget can be presented.

Carol Preston moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Tiffany St. John, Secretary, Florida Trail Riders