

**Florida Trail Riders  
Board of Directors Meeting  
2/26/11**

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## **Florida Trail Riders Board of Directors Committee Meeting minutes:**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m., Fun Bike center Lakeland, Florida**

### **Introduction of guests:**

Recognition of the Fun Bike Center owners for allowing FTR to hold a BOD meeting at their facility: The Dorsch Family: Daniel, Nic, Jacob.

Guests:

Carol Preston

Tiffany St. John

Donald St. John

Troy Weeks

Keith Hedin

Mike Ferguson

### **Roll Call:**

Ford Snodgrass- President: present

Jack Terrell-Vice President: present

Deborah Broderick-Secretary: present

Jonny Simpkins-Treasurer: present

Mike Belle-Hare Scramble Chairman: present

Ken Kloza- Motorcross Chairman: absent

Peter McGee- Enduro Chairman: absent

Rocky Gavins-Area #1: present

Ragan Dickson-Area #2: present

Allen Pearce-Area #3: present

Chad Hunter- Area #4: absent

Cary Hunt- Area #5: present

Kerri Chambers- Area #6: absent

Bill Jenkins, Jr.-Area #7: present

Sam Boydstun- Area #8: absent

Joe Collis-Area #9: present

Rick Bertine- Area # 10: absent

Ed Lukosavich- Area #11: present

Quorum noted to conduct business

**Unanimous acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

**Report of officers:**

**President:**

1. Thanks Past President for service: Alan Pearce
2. Business Manager Contract review: discussion about pay raise in accordance with the Business manager contract with FTR. President heard BOD views.
3. Next BOD meeting discussion: May 8<sup>th</sup> as possible date.
4. Ken Kloza not present: Carol Preston will sit in his place as information source only; no voting.

**Vice President:**

1. Presented details on deposits to LUF.
2. Discussion on the future uses of the LUF: upcoming threats were discussed
  - a. Discussion about intended goals of fund being realistic.
  - b. Discussion on what to do with ear marked collections for the fund if collection for the fund was to be redirected away from LUF use.

1. Two beliefs: (a) keep collecting the ear marked part of the dues but redirect its use (b) reduce the membership dues accordingly once the use is no longer being used as intended.
3. Alan asked Jack to check out the special permit program that the Wildlife management issues to hunters that is through the Florida Statutes that sets out to restrict certain recreational use. He believes that it is done incorrectly.

**Treasurer:**

1. Presented the P &L, Balance sheet and a report on the balance of all of FTR accounts.
2. Discussion on the state of the Balance sheet compared to the accepted budget: explanations of the bottom line: (a) many cuts were made, volunteers stepped up for continued functions, but now the spending is starting up again as we begin to pay our contracted positions again (b) part of the balance represents the collections for the banquet (c) safe guarded funding for possible scoring fund equipment expense
3. All discussed items are in the planned budget.

**Secretary:**

1. Total membership numbers presented
2. Plans for the scholarship fund: helmet raffle at banquet 100% donations to scholarship fund.

**Enduro Chair: Not present, but Alan was able to speak as the Trail Boss for the benefit event.**

1. Alan accepted the Trail Boss duties for the benefit run.
2. Parking may be issue for benefit event: may not happen as a result
3. Fire index extremely high might effect benefit event and Eagle's nest event
4. Alan will pass down information on work dates to all BOD: thus information will get to clubs for benefit support.

**Hare Scramble Chair:**

1. Discussed decibel level monitoring, advancement letter process, possibility of permanent tech crew again, Disqualification process issues, all issues are being addressed at committee level.

**Motocross Chair:**

1. Discussed plans for motocross series to entice more participation in the FTR series: ambulance issues, possible series restructure(# of events, schedule block independent of other series in FTR, Piggy back another series)
2. Key issue for series is the participation levels.
3. All issues are continuing to be looked at by the Motocross committee and they will present proposal accordingly.

## **Old Business:**

### **Carol Preston:**

1. Discussed the banquet update: Theme-Celebration of 40 years( back in the 70's is when the organization started, room rates will be announced at costs that will include total costs to participants(taxes, resort fess, essentially the bottom dollar cost to each member),new venues are being examined once we finish the contracts with the large resorts (state fair grounds), Several guests have been lined up to speak, reorganization of the vendor booth plan, date of banquet is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion made by Alan Pearce to adjourn for lunch @ 12:00, report back at 13:00**

**Seconded by all**

**Unanimously accepted.**

## **New Business:**

### **Alan Proposal # 1:**

Presented Proposal #1 See attachment "Alan Proposal"

Rocky: second

Jack:

Proposals presented by Jack and Alan were one of the same in some areas: Alan amended his proposal #1 to accommodate the same information that Jack had in his proposal # 2

Alan and Jack agreed to the amendment

Amendment second by Deborah

See attached amended proposal #1. "Alan Proposal"

Discussion

Vote:

2 no votes; 10 yes: passed

**Daniel White proposal:**

Mike Bell presented on Daniel's behalf

Joe Collis: second

Discussion

Daniel not at the meeting to answer questions that were being brought up

Vote:

Unanimously failed

**Jack Proposal #1:**

See attached "Jack proposal"

Mike: second

Vote:

Unanimously accepted

**Mike Bell:**

Recommended to have short-term membership of some kind.

Discussion

No proposal moved on

**Alan proposal #2:**

See attachment "Alan Proposal"

Ragan: second

Discussion

Vote:

1 yes; 11 no: failed

**Alan proposal #3:**

See attachment "Alan Proposal"

Rocky: second

Discussion

Vote:

3 yes; 9 no: failed

**Alan proposal #4:**

See attachment “Alan Proposal”

Under definitions in FTR rule book for “emergency rule changes”: specifically used only for competition rules.

No second.

Motion died

**Alan proposal #5:**

See attached “Alan Proposal”

Ragan: second

Discussion

Alan amended proposal

Ragan: second the amended proposal

Discussion

Alan withdrew original proposal to introduce revised version of same content

Cary: second the revision

Vote:

Unanimously accepted

**Alan proposal #6:**

See attachment “Alan Proposal”

Mike: second

Vote:

Unanimously accepted

**Carol Preston:**

Proposal: Allow Risk management assessment for FTR pro-bono.

See attachment: "Carol Preston"

Alan: second

Discussion

Vote:

7 yes, 1 no: passed

**Rocky:**

Rocky recommended to BOD that FTR purchase an Adobe program to be owned by FTR for the Business manager to use.

Discussion

**Ragan:**

She has concerns about Pit riding.

Discussion:

General consensus was that the entire BOD needs to back each other on this issue when the need to use it arises and to actually use it no matter who is questionably abusing it.

Jonny volunteered to run a Pit riding patrol for a while, but requested to have the support and backing by the other officials of the event.

The BOD collectively agreed to back each other.

**Alan:**

Need to review the annual dues.

Jack: motion to review the dues

All second

Unanimously accepted the dues as is: no changes

**Ed Lukosavich:**

Needs approval to advertise FTR at the shop located at the Croom entrance.

Ford suggested that Ed put a proposal up and come back to the committee.

**Cary:**

Cary presented an opportunity for FTR to host, in name sake, the “Annual fund day for kids” at Croom through the Forestry Department next February.

Ford suggested he get all information and get back with the committee.

**Rocky Gavins: Motion to adjourn**

Ed Lukosavich: second

16:30 meeting adjourned.

“Alan Proposal”

**Proposal # 1**

FTR Constitution, page 2, Article IX

Replace 1., 2., and 6. with:

1. For the annual election, a request for nominations will be posted on the home page of the FTR website and in the Official News and Announcements section of the FTR Forum by September 15 of the election year along with the mailing address and email address of the Election Committee Chairman. All nominations must be sent by mail or email to the Election Committee Chairman. October 15 will be the closing date for nominations. Nominations submitted by email must be received by the closing date for nominations. Nominations submitted by mail must be postmarked before the closing date for nominations and received no later than 5 days after the closing date. An official ballot will be posted on the FTR website during the election month beginning with the first day of the month and remain posted until the end of the month. Notification of the availability of the ballot will be posted in the same manner as the request for nominations. It is recommended that the request for nominations and the official ballot also be included in the appropriate issues of the FTR magazine. If the official ballot is included in the magazine, it is recommended that it be an INSERT separate from the regular pages of the magazine.

2. The official ballot will clearly indicate how, when, and to whom the ballot must be delivered. The official ballot must require the member’s name and address, FTR number, and the member’s signature. The only ballots accepted will be the official ballot containing the required information, signed by the member, and received by the Election Committee Chairman by November 30 of the election year. Ballots will only be accepted by U.S. mail, private courier service (FedEx and UPS), or email. Emails must contain a scanned copy of the official ballot meeting all of the above requirements.

6. In the event an election is determined to be invalid, a new election month shall be declared by the Executive Committee and an official ballot shall be posted as specified in paragraph 1. above. Balloting procedures specified in paragraphs 2. and 3. above shall apply.

Replace within 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of 3. word “Executive Director” with words “Secretary, of their designee”. **Amendment addition**

Replace the last 2 sentences of 3. with:

The FTR Secretary, or their designee, will be notified of the results immediately following the final vote count. It will be the duty of the Secretary, of their designee, to publicize the election results.

Replace the last 2 sentences of 5. with:

The FTR Secretary, or a designee appointed by the Executive Committee, will publicize the vacancy, accept nominations, and post an official ballot on the FTR website in similar manner as that specified for the regular annual election in paragraphs 1. and 2. above. Balloting procedures specified in paragraphs 2. and 3. above shall apply.

Replace in the last paragraph of Article IX:

“Executive Director” with “FTR Secretary, or designee, “

### **Proposal # 2**

FTR Constitution, page 3, Article XIV

Add to Paragraph 6.:

A Competition Committee Chairman will be allowed the option to remain in office until the day following the Annual Awards Banquet for the competition year they served should they not be reappointed for the next competition year. The preceding sentence shall not apply if the Chairman is replaced at any time other than the normal end of their term.

### **Proposal # 3**

FTR Constitution, page 3, Article XIII

Replace “This Constitution may be amended:”

With “Chapter I – Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders and Chapter II – Definitions may be amended as follows:”

Add to the end of Article XIII:

5. Chapter III – General Rules, as they pertain to more than one Competition Series, may be amended as specified above. Chapter III – General Rules, as they pertain to a specific Competition Series may be amended pursuant to Article XIV, I. Competition Committees, F. Rule Changes, 1. General.

### **Proposal # 4**

FTR Constitution, page 4, Article XIV, I. Competition Committees, F. Rule Changes, 2. Emergency Rule Changes

Add:

c. Emergency rule changes apply only to competition rules and will only apply to the competition series for which its Competition Committee passed the rule change.

**Proposal # 5**

FTR Constitution, page 6, Article XV – Bylaws:, III. Dues Sanction Fees and Head Tax:

Add to A. Determined by the Board of Directors.:

“Dues, Sanction Fees, and Head Tax may be changed at any time by majority vote of the Board of Directors at an official meeting of the Board of Directors. Constitution and Rule Change procedures in Article XIII and Article XIV shall not apply to the setting of the dollar amount of Dues, Sanction Fees, and Head Tax. **Board of Directors, by majority vote at an official meeting shall have the authority to allocate dues for a specific purpose.” Amendment addition**

Add to C. Dues shall be calculated on a competition year basis for general membership, promoters and associates.

“Dues will be applied solely to the General Fund, unless the Board of Directors, by majority vote at an official meeting, shall designate a portion to be utilized otherwise. New or renewed memberships in the last four months of the competition year will include membership for the following competition year. ”**Amendment deletion**

**Proposal # 6**

General Rules, page 12, J. Fees, 4. Head Tax for Enduros, Hare Scrambles and Motocross

Replace last sentence with:

“At Hare Scrambles, an additional fee of \$3.00 per rider will be collected to update, maintain and staff the electronic scoring and sign up equipment.”

## Jack proposals

### Proposal #1

In the FTR Rulebook:

Delete in its entirety Chapter XII Quad Scrambles Rules.

Delete “Quad Scrambles Committee Chairman” from the Executive Committee block in the Table of Organization on the inside front cover.

Delete “for all Enduro, Hare Scramble, Motocross and Quad Scramble enthusiasts” from last line in 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of welcome letter, and replace with “for all Enduro, Hare Scrambles and Motocross enthusiasts.”

Delete “Quad Scrambles Rules” from Table of Contents

Justification: We now are in our third competition year without a Quad Scrambles Series. There is no prospect of it being revived in the foreseeable future. Previous votes of the Board of Directors eliminated the position of Quad Scrambles Chairman. This proposal aligns the rulebook with current situation.

Jack Terrell

FTR Life Member L-17

### **# 2 Taken care of with Alan's #1 proposal**

#### **Proposal # 2**

In the FTR Rulebook:

Delete the block entitled “Executive Director” that appears to the right of the Executive Committee block in the Table of Organization on the inside front cover.

In Chapter I Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, delete all references to “Executive Director” and replace with “FTR Secretary”. Replacement is required in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> sentences of paragraph 1 (relates to nominations for elected officers), Article IX.

Replacement is required in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of paragraph 3 (relates to providing current FTR membership list), Article IX.

Replacement is required in the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence of paragraph 3 (relates to notification of election results), Article IX.

Replacement is required in the 6<sup>th</sup> sentence of paragraph 3 (relates to publication of election results), Article IX.

Replacement is required in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of paragraph 5 (relates to publication of vacancies), Article IX.

Replacement is required in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the second paragraph in paragraph 7 (relates to protest of elections), Article IX.

Replacement is required in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the second paragraph in paragraph 7 (relates to notification of protests), Article IX.

Justification:

FTR no longer has an executive director. The responsibility to carry out these duties should be specified to an officer of the organization. The Executive Committee can delegate the accomplishment of the tasks to someone other than an officer, but the **responsibility** to see that it is accomplished rests with the Secretary. The constitution should not define by name or title outside hired contractors, nor should it create a situation like we had for the just-concluded elections where we could not comply with the constitution because we eliminated the hired position.

Jack Terrell



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