

Executive committee meeting 12-18-2010

The meeting began @ approx. 8:00p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Allen Pearce-President

Jack Terrell-Vice President

Jonny Simpkins-Treasurer

Peter McGee-Enduro Chairman

Ken Kloza-Motocross Chairman

Mike Bell-Hare Scramble Chairman

Carol Preston (guest request by Allen to show jackets and talk about the banquet)

Deborah Broderick (guest –new secretary-request by Allen for new member exposure to committee process)

Allen: Started with accepting the original banquet committee of past year because they basically have already started the process of organizing the banquet; Tiffany and Carol major players. Allen believes this is to FTR's benefit to maintain this group.

Carol: presented two jackets for approval to move ahead with on that particular vendor. She stated that the committee (banquet) is going to pursue at least 3 vendors for comparison both for the jackets and the trophies.

Allen: Suggested that the jacket for 1st time on EC and then after that a cheaper one (wind breaker was suggested) instead of the t-shirts that they were presently getting.

Carol: Wanted to know basically from Jonny (treasurer) what the amount is that the banquet committee has to spend. Jonny explained the budget to Carol and that the general consensus was that if we follow the budget, we should have no problem making the 200 min. room limit.

Allen: His opinion is that the hardest thing to meet this year will be the room minimum and not the meals minimum.

Carol: talked about the contract (banquet accommodations with the Dolphin for this year) and how the rooms might go up in price by \$5.00 for the paying members. Jonny wanted clarification to this statement. Explanation was the cost change due to the time in which we wanted to use the facility.

Allen: stated that the date proposed to us was a July date, and the contract lists an August date but the original contract was the July 27th date. He stated that no one saw the contract. The information given was over the phone.

Carol and Allen agree: suggestion that the \$8,000 credit used to reduce the cost of the rooms minimum.

Mike Bell: (On subject of past banquet costs) Added costs that seemed a bit odd to him.

Jack: (On subject of last year's # of meals purchased (based on Carols answer) Meals paid for were 562 plus 50 comp tickets equals 614 paid meals.

Mike Bell: what is the price of tickets going to be this year? (Carol) \$64 to \$65

Jonny: he revised the budget and with the mentioned numbers earlier in Jack's statement, he and Jack feel that the budget presented today is very conservative and that FTR will be okay with the venue that we have to abide by this year.

Carol: wants to have the revised budget sent to her. She will fight in the January meeting with the contract folks (Banquet; Dolphin).

Allen: states he is ready to go to court over this contract date dilemma with the Dolphin.

There was talk over price of rooms and the difference between cost in a month date change.

Carol: wants to know what to do if we get out of contract.....she would like to go negotiate with the Hilton immediately.

Allen: advertising needs to start early instead of March and April.

Carol: wants to move date earlier (banquet).

Jack: states that it will not be feasible this year but maybe next year. Allen agrees.

Pete: why earlier? (Banquet date)

Carol: She believes that the wait time over the summer discourages attendance. She believes that if the banquet is earlier, the attendance would be higher.

Mike and Allen: Pointed out schedule conflicts and time constraints play a large role in the date of the banquet.

Mike: Pointed out a schedule (not sure which one) was in conflict with our schedule of events (banquet included) that causes some members to not attend the banquet.

Allen: stated that with the loss of the mine (at his clubs property that they use for events) they will probably not want to return for any more events.

Group went over the budget.

Jonny: got tickets fixed (banquet purchases in budget), changed expenses to show real value of meal cost, changed income to show the \$8,000 credit from.

Jack: explained in detail the changes.

Allen's points in e-mails to the finance committee were supported within the changes that Jonny produced and that Jack explained.

The FTR net was lower as a result of the changes to \$8,437.38. (See attached document, "FTR Budget 2011")

Jack: points out that the benefit is not included because the budget is conservative and that if the benefit does happen, history dictates a net added to income of \$8,000 which is a plus for FTR. Rainy seasons and the account that the benefit could be the 14th race are factors for not considering it in the budget. Too many factors dictate that it could not happen rather than happen. He also made a point that the budget takes into account of future costs that probably will not happen.

Mike: Have we ever had a budget before?

Allen: Not like this. He stated that in the past they did the same thing all the time and just spent money where needed.

Jack: not a formal one like this one (budget)

Allen and Jack: agreed that it was better to have the budget like the one presented today.

Jack: states that with this budget FTR can more accurately control the rise of costs by either taking actions to cut cost or take actions to raise income.

Allen: admits the emphasis on the banquet in the budget is good. When he came on EC was not involved with the banquet, it just happened. He questioned Dan and then they commenced to cracking down when times got hard.

Jonny: Carol and others will know what they have to spend thus making the process of the banquet easier possibly.

Jack: explained that in the past 7 of 10 banquets the revenue increased each year so when decreases happened and costs got out of control, problems happened. Banquet was looked at with no cost guidelines to keep under control in the past (increased revenue each year).

Allen: Consider as road map and not policy (budget)

Mike: suggests they accept the budget with the revisions added

Jack: seconds it.

Unanimous acceptance

Daniel White issue: (See attached document, "Daniel White Protest")

Allen: states that the only choice is to negate the entire election if this protest is supported.

Jack: basically two issues.

1) Using the emergency rule change for financial hardship to FTR seems out of place, Executive committee can not make an emergency rule to use as an excuse not to hold an election

2) By not having an Executive Director does not make the election invalid.

He also made everyone aware that the General Membership was notified about watching the web site for information on the election. The Executive meeting minutes where this subject was addressed was posted on-line as well.

Allen: Stated he got a phone call from Daniel White that if Allen did not have a revote that he would protest the election.

Jack: The Exec. Committee has the right to decide by vote if the election was valid and that is truly the only decision that needs to be made on this matter.

Peter: Motion that group rules the vote was valid.

Ken: seconded it

Jonny: stated that the election was not by the rule book.

Jack: what do you want us to do Jonny? Wait for a new Executive Director, wait for a magazine we can not afford, etc.... before we hold our annual elections? Let's be reasonable

Mike: what about mail out ballots

Jack: done once not done every year

Allen: stated take vote: Was the election valid? 5 yes, 1 abstains. The motion and vote turned down the protest to the election.

Allen: stated that many of his votes showed up late, but Daniel Whites never did show up. Even if we invalidate and revote there will be no changes.

Deborah asked about Daniel White's proposal for changes to the constitution.

Allen: stated that he has proposals too and that they should all be submitted to the BOD via the secretary.

Jack: stated need to yank references to the Executive Director. All those references need to be changed.

Allen: stated that the executive director and business manager need to be referenced in the book that they are the same position. And make the Executive/Business manager not an elected official

Jack: why is the requirement of 45 days prior not used when the book states 45 days for the magazine insert and the web site notification?

Allen: changed because things were moving slowly. We avoided disaster because of it.

Mike: why do we not have the election committee look at the election process and such?

Allen and Jack: the election committee is there for just the vote count, not analyze the election process.

Allen: stated he will have proposals to present to the BOD. He wanted to set a date for the next BOD meeting and was hoping Ford showed up to make that decision.

Jack: what's the rush? What needs to happen? Most meetings are around event dates.

Allen: need dates to get things rolling for the New Year, so gets published etc.....

Jonny: what about all the things you are tied to?

Allen: New Executive will decide those matters such as the Master Admin to the QB account.

Jack: Advance notice of the BOD meeting?

Allen: No rule, but need to pass off information to next committee.

Jack: 1st 10 days good enough?

Allen: yes. Dan George in the past would remind Allen to set the dates and Dan looked at the calendar for good dates to have the BOD.

Allen: April 2nd looks good for first meeting

Jack: need a week or two to decide a meet date for BOD. That will be enough time.

Ken: emergency rule request

Ken: rule book only allows the motocross to hold only two events at a single track in one season. He needs to hold an event for a 3rd time at the same facility this season to get his race numbers.

Jack: this is considered a competitions rule change and possibly a financial hardship for the series and FTR.

Allen: need 2/3 vote from committee to approve the emergency

Jack: the motocross committee makes it complete.

There was an informal show of hands to necessitate the use of property. Pass

Allen: need to go through steps properly.

Jonny: plan motocross closer to increase participation

Allen: just trying to get through this year.

Mike: Rider reps for A/B specialty. He was asking for help in deciding between Jeremy Powell and Paul Lucas.

Allen: Mike you need to appoint one.

Mike: not sure he feels they are both great.

Jonny: Paul is not as involved as Jeremy so suggests that you pick Paul so that he can gain involvement and experience at being involved.

Jack: Rider rep needs to show up to meetings. How much do they communicate with the group that they are to represent?

Mike: recommends Jeremy

Allen: second? Anyone

Jonny: seconds

Unanimous vote to accept Jeremy Powell to the HS A/B rider rep.

Mike Bell motioned to adjourn, Peter seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Broderick