

A meeting of the Florida Trail Riders Executive committee was called to order at 3:20 p.m. on May 16, 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
Treasurer	Jonny Simpkins
Enduro Chairman	George Tolson
Hare Scramble Chairman	Joe Steidl
Motocross Chairman	Kevin Carr

Guests:

Dan George, Executive Director
Carol Preston, Motocross Rep
Andy Dickson, FTR Chaplain

I. Old Business:

The recent clarification of the "No Advertising" rule on the Forum on April 25 has been met with strong opposition from users of the Forum. The discussion resulted in the following changes:

Allen Pearce proposed that we reinstate the links in the signature lines of the forum. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce proposed that the photographers be allowed to place posts that have links to their websites for viewing and purchasing of photos. The motion was seconded. 3 For, 3 Against and 1 Abstained. Motion failed.

Joe Steidl proposed that we create a Vendor section to the forum that would be available to FTR members that purchase at least a monthly Business Card ad in the magazine and/or an ad on the website. This section could be used by the vendors to share information about their products and services. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Jonny Simpkins has volunteered to monitor this section.

II. New Business

Allen Pearce made a motion to re-schedule the Richloam Enduro from May 17, 2009 to June 7, 2009 due to the fire risk. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chapter IX, Motocross Rules, A. General, item 6 requires the Executive Committee to approve the Motocross Sanctions. Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the Motocross schedule as presented at the sanction meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce made a motion to re-appoint George Tolson as Enduro Chairman. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce made a motion to appoint Carol Preston as Motocross Chairman. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce stated that Joe Steidl and Daniel White have both expressed interest in the Hare Scramble Chairman position. 6 votes for Joe and 0 votes for Daniel. Joe Steidl will remain as Hare Scrambles Chairman.

George Tolson made a motion to approve the following Enduro Committee members: Don King, Referee; David McCraney, Scorekeeper; Mark Bordelon, AA/A/B; Richard Ralston, C; Dave Edwards, Specialty A/B; and Allen Pearce, Specialty C/Women. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Steidl made a motion to approve the following Hare Scramble Committee members: George Pollard, Referee; Joe Blum, Scorekeeper; Bill Drymon, Associate Referee; Donny Richardson, Safety Coordinator; Thomas Miller, Specialty A/B; Kerri Chambers, Specialty C/Women; and Mike Riddle, Quads. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kevin Carr made a motion to approve the following Motocross Committee members: Ken Doeg, Referee; Ken Kloza, Scorekeeper; Bryan Hayes, Associate Referee; Darryl Thiel, AA/A/B; Greg Hollenbach, C; Brett Price, Specialty A/B; Sandy Moss, Specialty C/Women; and Dwayne Springer, Quads. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kevin Carr presented the following Emergency Rule Change from the Motocross Committee: Chapter IX, Motocross Rules, A. General, add to #12 "Each series will have an Associate Referee, who is the primary assistant to the Series Referee. The Associate Referee's primary duties, will involve pit area safety and sound/tech inspection. The Associate Referee will coordinate with the Clubs/track regarding providing manpower for these functions, and supervise these functions at the event. The Associate Referee has the authority to disqualify riders. Final authority on disqualification remains with the Referee. If the Referee cannot be present at the event, then the Associate Referee will serve as the Acting Referee." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jonny Simpkins brought to the committee concerns about Endurocross sections at the Hare Scrambles. The use of Endurocross sections in Hare Scrambles is becoming more common. A lengthy discussion on the impact these sections have on image, liability, and the riders was held. Allen Pearce made a motion to prohibit man-made endurocross sections in the Hare Scramble Series due to liability issues. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jonny Simpkins started a discussion about on-line voting for FTR elections. The pros and cons were discussed. No motions were presented at this time.

The Land Use Fund was discussed. Allen Pearce explained the accounting side of the fund. Jack Terrell explained how the fund works and some of the history of the fund.

Dan George presented information about making credit card transactions available for membership dues and for clubs to use at events, if they choose. Dan George presented the costs involved with several companies. No motions were presented at this time.

Dan George reported on the recent testing of scoring equipment. The GNCC system was tested at the OSDH Hare Scramble. This system worked very well and the cost of the transponders is \$55.00. The AMB system was tested at the SEFTR race. The transponders had to be placed correctly or the system would not pick them up. The transponders are \$185.00 each. No motions were presented at this time.

Joe Steidl requested that the committee consider monetary compensation for the Hare Scramble Referee and the Safety Coordinator. He reasoned that these two positions require an enormous amount of dedication and work on a race weekend. No motions were presented at this time.

Allen Pearce will be meeting with the SJRWMD on June 2 to discuss the recent fire and future events.

Dan George informed the committee that the Insurance Company is okay with the minor releases for the moment. Eventually, we will probably have to have a blanket release executed by both parents kept on record each season. No motions were presented at this time.

Joe Steidl presented information about an incident that occurred at the Apollo Hare Scramble. No action by the Executive Committee will be taken at this time.

Nominees for Sportsman of the Year were discussed. Email Allen Pearce with any additional nominees.

Allen Pearce made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Tiffany St. John
Secretary