



Florida Trail Riders General Membership Meeting minutes:

2011 Banquet Dolphin Resort at 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 2011

10:12 a.m. Meeting called to order by president

Ford opened the meeting reminding the group that the meeting will be run according to the standards of Roberts Rules of Order in accordance with the FTR rule book.

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

Rick Dreggors- Motorcross Chairman: present

Carry Hunt- Enduro Chairman: present

41 members present

Quorum noted to conduct business

Guests: NONE

I.

Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes:

Jack Terrell motioned to accept previous meeting minutes as printed in the magazine.

Ed Lukosavich second

Unanimously accepted

II.

Reports:

Jack-Land use-

Jack stated that the State OHV Program Trust fund has been swept and used for other purposes. He also discussed the Croom closures. He suggested that there are two alternatives to remedy the state's misuse of the program. One is to repeal the legislative act that authorized the program and the imposition of the title tax. The second is to modify the legislation in a way that requires that the title fees be use only for their intended purpose. He stated that lobbying and getting support to sponsor new bill will be the best actions to take. In response to a question about the state OHV advisory committee, Jack stated that the OHV community has three representatives on the committee: One Dealer representative, and two OHV enthusiasts (Jack being the FTR representative)

Jonny- treasurer-

Bank statements were presented and discussed. FTR's financial situation looks great. P&L and Balance sheets were presented and Jonny states that the numbers indicate that FTR is moving in a positive direction.

We are at the Dolphin one more year and actions are in motion to secure other venues for the following 2013 banquet.

He stated that the CD's on the reports belong to the land use fund. We still owe money to the land use fund account, but this year the amount dedicated per the rule book was met and deposited into that account. (He believes that this is the first time ever to have that happen) He states that we are depositing money to that account as we collect membership dues.

Discussion taking place revealed that the only new expenditure that was needed was the scoring generator. This generator was purchased and when there is enough budgeted money, the old one will be repaired and used as a backup. Other expenditures were budgeted for, but were not used, so money for the generator was there.

Questions were asked in regards to updating the scoring system. Information was passed and it will be looked into. Jonny stated that the new budget can be revised to accommodate anything that this organization feels we need to acquire to better the organization.

A question about the trailer tires was presented. Jonny stated that the tires were part of the budgeted money and that can be taken care of. Tim Nordle, the scoring maintenance contract, will let the EC know when that will be needed. Jonny states that we can put that tire cost specifically in the budget and when the time comes the money will be there.

Deborah- secretary-

Report on the magazine was presented. The magazine still operates in the negative, but much better than in the past. This will be addressed and ideas are in work to make that negative a positive. It was made clear that the magazine is in color now and a great product.

Report on membership numbers was presented. They were low, but a lot of members join at the first event of the season.

Report on the banquet was presented showing a positive outcome without the use of the credit from the Dolphin and the calculations of the rooms that were short. Friday night rooms were short, but the Dolphin credit appears to be able will cover that amount. The minimum was met with meals and the Saturday night rooms.

Report on the scholarship fund amounts: total, allocated, collected. These figures did not include the donations collected at the banquet. The report will be updated as the information comes in.

Rick-MX Chair-

Rick introduced himself (new chair).

He discussed the 8 race schedule for this season with only using four tracks twice each (Reddick, Bithlo, Waldo, Thundercross) and only scheduling them in months that did not conflict with other series. He hopes that will bring in more participation.

Rick stated that he will consider consolidation of classes and more emphasis on activities and actions that support the kids of the sport. He also stated that club members can come and work at the tracks to help offset the costs of the track charges. He was going to get the specifics on that, but stated that any clubs or members that wanted to help at the MX races to get in touch with him.

Cary-Enduro chair-

Cary thanked Peter (passed Enduro chair) for his service.

He stated that the main challenge to the series was for clubs and members to increase attendance to the events.

He talked about his missing Enduro committee representatives and that if anyone was interested to contact him.

He is having his first meeting at the first event of the series (Lochloosa) that is specifically geared towards getting Broxton Bridge an approved event on the schedule.

He would like to promote more in-state Enduros.

He stated that the use of the start/stop time of the event did not increase the number of participants, but changed the event with different type of riders. There was discussion that there was a need to standardize the rule book to accommodate the new start/stop format. Cary stated that a proposal needed to be presented. It was pointed out that if our rule book does not cover it, the fall back is the AMA rule book and that the start/stop format was clearly covered in that rule book. There was discussion on the Junior Enduros and stated how important it was to have them as the majority of Enduro riders were older members and that the need to get the younger individuals involved was important. He will encourage the use of Junior Enduros.

Mike- HS Chair-

Mike stated that the season was a good one. All events were good. He thanks all the clubs and the members for their work and participation. He stated that FTR would not be here if it were not for the club's support and the membership participation. He thanks them all.

He stated that the benefit hare scrambles this season added \$17,000 to the General Fund which helped out FTR tremendously. It made a difference.

He thanked all his officials that assisted during the season.

He stated that next season there may be more clubs putting in for sanctions than we have spots on the schedule and he believes that this competition might be good.

He listed all the new positions that were filled for the new season.

He stated that more “sound testing” will be conducted this season and that there will be warnings issued that will eventually result in “no ride” policy if the noise level is not met.

Average rider count at events was 550-600 riders.

Mike stated that he welcomes all input and thanks those that do.

Ford wanted to add:

EC asked Daniel White to bring us into the new age of computers and has set up FTR with online membership new and renewal,(trial runs for now) eventually leading to pre-register for events online.

There was discussion about how this will affect the sign up process,(it will change) and who will cover the extra cost (participants).

III.

New Business:

There was discussion on the Tucker Rocky contract and how donations outside of contract are limited. Tucker Rocky did state that during the party section we were not to conflict with their contract, but after the party we could do another give away that was not associated with them. (After 10:00)(This is how we were going to treat the child neck brace give away this year.)

There was discussion on how to get the Tucker Rocky contract more visible to the participants of the events. Many did not know about it or where to shop. Many ideas came out and will be looked into and used. Also discussion took place talking about what the contract does for FTR and the participants, and how it is run and handled.

Jack Terrell mentioned to the membership that the EC implemented financial guidelines for the banquet committee to follow and that they came through with a fantastic banquet at a very reasonable cost. Great thanks needs to go out to the Banquet Committee: Carol (chairman), Tammy, Donna, Rick, Kerri, Toni, and Tiffany. FTR thanks you!

IV.

Unfinished business:

Gary Wyatt presented his proposal and made a motion to accept.

Daniel White second

Discussion took place.

There was concern about how the committees accounted for the club representatives. Mike stated that the clubs must submit a list of eligible members that can represent the club. Only those can vote and represent. The consensus is that the process can be managed so that proper/fair representation occurs.

Vote:

32 yes

1 no

Passed

Jack presented his proposal.

Daniel White Second

Discussion:

Concerns about if the series was resurrected, the answer was that the rules would be reinstated.

Vote:

36 yes

2 no

Passed

Allen's proposal #1 was presented by Jack Terrell (Allen was not present);

Jack presented it as a motion to accept

Mark Bordelon second

Discussion took place.

There was concern about the validity of e-mails. After discussion consensus was that there was not an issue.

Vote:

32 yes

0 no

Passed

Allen's proposal #5 was presented by Jack Terrell (Allen was not present);

Jack presented it as a motion to accept

Reagan Dixon second

Discussion took place.

Vote:

19 yes

4 no

Passed

Allen's proposal #6 was presented by Jack Terrell (Allen was not present);

Jack presented it as a motion to accept

Reagan Dixon second

Discussion took place.

Vote:

29 yes

1 no

Passed

Best Track vote results:

Hare scrambles-#4 Sunrunners

Enduro- #8 Eagle's Nest

MX- #1 Thundercross

Gary Wyatt mentioned that the Palatka/Jacksonville Hare scrambles will have two separate courses for quads and bikes.

There was mention that as an organization we need to be promoting the youth more.

Kerri Chambers wanted to thank everyone for getting FTR back on track.

Jason Chambers made a motion to adjourn

Gary Wyatt second

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Submitted by

Deborah Broderick

FTR Secretary

“Gary Wyatt Proposal revisited”

Passed

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article XI

Delete “The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Enduro Committee Chairman, Hare Scrambles Committee Chairman and Motocross Committee Chairman. Duties of the Executive Committee will be to appoint **Committee Chairmen** and Rider Representatives and to act as a governing body for FTR on all routine and emergency matters not otherwise covered in the FTR CONSTITUTION.”

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Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article XIV, I. Competition Committees, B. Members: The committee will be composed of the following with each member having one vote:

Delete “1. **Chairman Appointed by Executive Committee**”

Replace with “1. Chairman, elected by the competition committee of those seeking the job representing the committee they will serve. The election will be held at the last competition meeting of the year and the chairman will take office at the beginning of the next competition year.”

Jack proposal

Passed as written here

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 4th paragraph of welcome letter, and replace with “for all Enduro, Hare Scrambles and Motocross enthusiasts.”

Delete “Quad Scrambles Rules” from Table of Contents

“Alan Proposal”

All proposals here passed as stated in writing here.

Proposal # 1

FTR Constitution, page 2, Article IX

Replace 1., 2., and 6. With the following:

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 2nd sentence of paragraph 3 the word “Executive Director” with words “Secretary, of their designee”.

Replace the last 2 sentences of paragraph 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 paragraph 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 (3 places)

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

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.”

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.”