

A meeting of the Florida Trail Riders General Membership was called to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the Hilton Disney Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The President determined a quorum of the general membership was present.

I. Reports of Officers and Committees

FTR President, Allen Pearce opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. The past year has been a very difficult time both for FTR and our members. The Hare Scramble at Gatoback scheduled for next weekend has been cancelled due to a land issue. The owner is trying to work out a solution but Gatorback may be lost forever. We have a full slate of events beginning on August 22 with the first motocross followed by two enduros and then the first hare scramble. I would also like to introduce Jenn Shepard as our new Magazine Editor. In addition to the magazine, she will also handle the advertising for the magazine and website.

Jonny Simpkins presented the financial overview. There is \$47,662 in the main checking account. We have approximately \$47,000 in the Land Use Fund and an additional \$8,295 in the Scholarship Fund. The line of credit and credit card are at a zero balance.

Jack Terrell presented a Land Use Report. We worked with a lobbyist this year. We were successful in getting the minor release liability law passed which will allow us to use the minor releases at our events. The required safety course for all youths riding on public land is now allowed to be taken on line. The RTP funding has been approved for construction on the OHV park in Milton which should begin in the next four months. Miami-Dade County and Colliard County are in the process of developing an OHV park. Polk County has started the engineering design on an OHV Park and will be applying for an RTP grant.

Enduro Chairman, George Tolson reported that the enduro series finished the year with nine races. There had been twelve races on the schedule but land issues caused the cancellation of three of the events. This coming season has nine races on the schedule and six of those are in state.

Joe Steidl reported that the hare scrambles series had a pretty good year. The rider numbers were down a little but overall it was not too bad.

Motocross Chairman, Carol Preston, introduced the new Chairman, Ken Kloza. The series averaged approximately 140 riders at each event. The new season has twelve events on the schedule. With the implementation of the one day MX pass, we should see the number of entries increase because there are a lot of local riders that only go to races at their home track.

Carol Preston gave a brief report on the banquet. We still have people coming in and getting rooms and tickets.

II. Unfinished Business

None

III. New Business

There were 58 voting members present. The following motions were passed by the Board of Directors:

Jack Terrell made a motion to accept the following constitutional change:

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 1, Article IV

Immediately following "The duties of the President shall be:" insert the following new bullet points:

- To act as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organization

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 1, Article VII

Immediately following "The duties of the Treasurer shall be:" insert the following two new bullet points:

- To act as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the organization
- To act as Finance Committee Chairman

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 1, Article VII

At the end of Article VII, insert the following new paragraph: "If the organization assigns any functions of the Treasurer to any employee, contractor or company, it does not relieve the Treasurer of his/her CFO responsibilities, nor does it limit the Treasurer's immediate and total access to all financial records of the organization."

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article X, second paragraph

Delete "All Executive Committee Meetings will be called by the President or any five of the eight members."

Replace with "Executive Committee meetings may be called by the President or any three of the seven members."

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article X, third paragraph

Delete "There will be a minimum of two Board of Directors meetings each year. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or 50 percent of the Board of Directors."

Replace with "There will be a minimum of three Board of Directors meetings each year with one to be held in the fourth quarter of the calendar year. Additional meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by 50 percent of the Geographic Area Directors. Unfilled positions will not be counted in determining the 50 percent requirement."

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article X, fourth paragraph, fourth sentence

Delete "Teleconferencing may be used for official meetings, provided all other meeting requirements are met, except for the General Membership, Board of Directors and Competition Committee meetings."

Replace with "Teleconferencing or internet-based electronic conferencing may be used for official meetings, provided all other meeting requirements are met, except for the General Membership and Competition Committee meetings. If teleconferencing or internet-based electronic conferencing is used for special meetings of the Board of Directors related to budget revisions and/or expenditures in excess of \$25,000 (in addition to the two regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors), a notice of the meeting time and date, an agenda and detailed descriptions of all proposal to be addressed shall be sent electronically to all Board of Directors members, and this information must also be posted in a highly visible manner on the first page of the FTR website. This electronic notice to all Board of Directors members and posting on the FTR website shall be provided at least 72 hours prior to meeting."

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article XI

Add a second paragraph that reads "The Executive Committee shall prepare a detailed annual budget and submit it to the Board of Directors for review and approval. If significant changes are required by unforeseen financial conditions after the budget is approved, the Executive Committee shall submit a revised budget to the Board of Directors for review and approval."

Add a third paragraph that reads: All expenditures in excess of \$3000 from any FTR account must be in accordance with the approved FTR budget and must be approved in writing by the President and Treasurer or a majority vote of the Executive Committee. All expenditures in excess of \$10,000 from any FTR account must be in accordance with the approved FTR budget, must be approved in writing by the President and Treasurer, and must be approved by a recorded majority vote of the Executive Committee. In addition, all expenditures or obligations in excess of \$25,000 must be approved in advance by a majority vote of the Board of Directors."

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article XII

Delete "The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee and the Geographical Area Directors. The duties of the Board of Directors will be to act as specified in the FTR CONSTITUTION."

Replace with:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee and the Geographical Area Directors.

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- To annually review all dues, sanction fees, head taxes and other fees and assessments.
- To approve all dues, sanction fees, head taxes and other fees and assessments. Any dues, sanction fees, head taxes or other fees and assessments approved for a specific purpose by the Board of Directors shall be accounted for in a specific account identified by its purpose, and may not be spent for other purposes without the approval of the Board of Directors.
- To review and approve an annual budget prepared by the Executive Committee.
- To review and approve annually all employee and independent contractor compensation packages and contracts.
- To review and approve all contracts with any outside contractor, company or organization if the contract is for more than six months or obligates FTR to a financial obligation in excess of \$25,000.
- To act as specified elsewhere in the FTR Constitution.

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders

Page 2, Article XIV

Change "Article XIV" to read "Article XIV Committees"

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 2, Article XIV
Change "I. Competition Committees" to read "1. Competition Committees"

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 4, Article XIV
Change "II. Legislative Committee (Vice President)" to read "2. Legislative Committee (Vice President)"

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 4, Article XIV
Change "III. Public Relations Committee (Vice President)" to read "3. Public Relations Committee (Vice President)"

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 4, Article XIV
Change "IV. Land Use Committee (Vice President)" to read "4. Land Use Committee (Vice President)"

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 4, Article XIV
Change "V. Members Relation Committee (FTR Secretary)" to read "5. Members Relation Committee (Secretary)"

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 4, Article XIV
In subparagraph B under the Public Relations Committee, Land Use Committee, and Members Relations Committee, change "Same as II B." to read "Same as 2 B above."

Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders
Page 4, Article XIV
Add at the end of this Article:

5. Finance Committee (Treasurer)
 - A. Responsibility: To review all aspects of the financial management and financial condition of the organization, and make financial recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
 - B. Meetings: Same as 2B above.
 - C. The committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer. One member will be appointed by the Executive Committee, one member will be appointed by the Board of Directors, and additional members may be appointed by the Committee Chairman. Members of the committee will be appointed annually.

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."
Replace with "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 Rider Representatives and to act as a governing body for FTR on all routine and emergency matters not otherwise covered in the FTR CONSTITUTION."

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."

The motion was seconded. 36 For and 22 Against. The motion failed.

Ragan Dickson made a motion to accept the following constitutional change: Chapter III, General Rules
Page 10, J. Fees, add "#6. FTR may use monies from the Land Use Fund, to reimburse the promoting FTR clubs, for the required insurance fees imposed by St. John's River Water Management District, for permitted work days (not to exceed four days)." **The motion was seconded. 45 For and 3 Against. The motion passed.**

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following constitutional change: Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Page 1, Article II, Following sentence three, add "Members in paid positions may not vote on matters that they

stand to gain financially for a business, self or related family member.” **The motion was seconded. 50 For and 2 Against. The motion passed.**

Sam Mento made a motion to accept the following constitutional change: Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Page 1, Article IX, third paragraph,

Delete “An Election Committee of four persons will be appointed to oversee the election process and to announce the winning candidates.”

Replace with “An Election Committee of four persons will be appointed annually to oversee the election process and to announce the winning candidates. This committee shall be established no later than October 5, with members of the committee announced on the web site and in magazine for voting members to contact if necessary. The committee will hold a meeting, with meeting minutes recorded, no later than October 15 to get organized and begin to monitor the election.” **The motion was seconded. 28 For and 4 Against. The motion failed.**

Dave Edwards made a motion to accept the following constitutional change: Chapter 1, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Page 2, Article IX, #3

Delete “Only members in good standing as of the election month will be allowed to vote.”

Replace with “Only members in good standing as of the election month will be allowed to cast one single vote.

Those with more than one vote cast or with ballots that are not legible or properly filled out will have all votes discarded and not counted in the election.” **The motion was seconded. 49 For and 0 Against. The motion passed.**

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following constitutional change: Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Page 3, Article XIV, I. Competition Committees, E. Sanctions, 1. after the following sentence “There shall not be more than 12 Enduros, 14 Hare Scrambles and 14 Motocross events per year sanctioned by FTR.”

Add “The Hare Scrambles events sanctioned per year may be increased to 15 if the profits from at least one of the events are for the sole benefit of FTR and it is sponsored by FTR. The addition of a 15th event may only be done by the Board of Directors at the General FTR Sanction Meeting.” **The motion was seconded. 42 For and 4 Against. The motion passed.**

George Pollard made a motion to accept the following constitutional change: Chapter I, Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Page 1, Article III, Delete “The Officers of the organization shall be, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Geographic Area Directors.” Replace with “The Officers of the Organization shall be, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.” **The motion was seconded. 45 For and 0 Against. The motion passed.**

Carol Preston made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Tiffany St. John
Secretary