

## MINUTES OF THE FTR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A meeting to the Florida Trail Riders General Membership was called to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort, 1500 Epcot Resorts Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The President determined a quorum of the general membership was present.

### **I. Reports of Officers and Committees**

FTR President, Randy Faul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He touched on the upcoming season. He stated that the sound testing would be a major focus at all of the events. He also talked about the land loss issues facing FTR.

The Enduro Report was presented by Sam Mento, Enduro Chairman. The upcoming season has 12 races on the schedule. Only four of the scheduled races are out of state. A Junior Enduro series will be started this season on a voluntary basis. The rulebook additions and changes will be developed and presented to the appropriate committee throughout the season.

The Motocross Report was presented by Dave Hall, Motocross Chairman. The motocross series is continuing to grow. Sound Testing will be conducted at the events. A minimum of four classes will be tested at each event. The classes to be tested will be randomly chosen. There will be a fundraiser this season. T-Shirts will be sold at the events. The proceeds will be split between the Scholarship Fund and the Injured Riders Fund.

The Hare Scramble Report was presented by Joe Steidl, Hare Scramble Chairman. Sound testing is at the top of the agenda. Clubs will need to help out at their events. A discussion about the sound testing was held with many ideas being brought forward. Spark Arrestors will be the next issue that the committee will be looking into requiring.

The Quad Scramble Report was presented by Mark Campbell, Quad Scramble Chairman. The new season looks great with eight events on the schedule. The committee has made changes to the format to help the series grow. The most significant change is from a 2-day format to a 1-day format.

The Land Use Report was presented by Jim Wilder, Vice President. An OHV Advisory Committee meeting met on August 4, 2006. The committee establishes legislation needed to develop places to ride, provides grants, and provides guidance to any group developing a riding area. Jim Wilder has been appointed Chairman and Andy Dickson has been appointed Co-chairman so FTR is well represented. Randy Faul thanked Gary Wyatt and Jack Terrell for all of their work over the years with the Land Use committee.

### **II. Unfinished Business**

None

### **III. New Business**

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Under Chapter I, Article XIV, I. Competition Committees, E. Sanctions, 1. After sentence "There shall not be more than 12 Enduros, 14 Hare Scrambles, 14 Motocross, and 10 Quad Scrambles events per year sanctioned by FTR." add "In-state Enduros shall have first priority of sanction dates." The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Chapter I, Article IV thru VII – Article IV, add to end of article "To qualify for office, the President shall have been a member of FTR in good standing for a minimum of 3 years at the time of election to office." Article V, add to end of article "To qualify for office, the Vice President shall have been a member of FTR in good standing for a minimum of 2 years at the time of election to office." Article VI, add to end of article "To qualify for office, the Secretary shall have been a member of FTR in good standing for a minimum of 2 years at the time of election to office." Article VII,

add to end of article "To qualify for office, the Treasurer shall have been a member of FTR in good standing for a minimum of 2 years at the time of election to office." The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Chapter I, Article X, paragraph 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence "The quorum required for all committees and Board of Directors meetings shall be two-thirds of the members." Change to "The quorum required for all committees and Board of Directors meetings shall be 50% of the members except for the Executive Committee which will be two-thirds of the members. The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following rule change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Chapter III, General Rules, I. Riders and Eligibility, 3. 1<sup>st</sup> sentence "All entrants to an FTR event will be FTR members and, as such, will conduct themselves as responsible motorcyclists." Change to "All FTR members attending or participating in any FTR event will conduct themselves as responsible motorcyclists." The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Chapter I, Article XV Bylaws, "III. Dues and Sanction Fees shall be:" Rename to "III. Dues, Sanction Fees and Head Tax:" The motion passed

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Chapter I, Article XV Bylaws, III. Dues and Sanction Fees shall be: "D. At all FTR events, all participants are required to be a current FTR member except as stated below. FTR sanction events are open to all qualified FTR members. AMA membership will be required at dual sanction (FTR-AMA) events. At other dual (FTR-SE&TRA) events, a rider must be a member of at least one of the sanctioning organizations. However, if they are a Florida resident as described above they must be an FTR member." Delete this item. Rename E. to D. Also, Chapter III, General Rules, I. Riders and Eligibility, 1. "FTR-sanctioned events are open to all qualified FTR members. AMA membership is not required. At dual-sanctioned enduros, a rider must be a member of one of the sanctioning organizations. However, if they are a Florida resident as described in Article XVI, #III, D they must be an FTR member." Change to "FTR-sanctioned events are open to all qualified FTR members. Current FTR membership is required of all participants except multi-sanctioned enduros. At multi-sanctioned enduros, all participants must be a member of one of the sanctioning organizations, except Florida residents who must be a current member of FTR. AMA membership is not required at any event unless the event is AMA sanctioned and AMA membership is required by the promoting club." The motion passed.

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a. Proposed rule changes for the following competition year will be submitted to the appropriate committee for consideration. Any proposed new rules and rule changes must be specific in that they denote the place/places in the rule book (Section, Paragraph, Title, Number, Etc. on page #) where without limitation, the violation of any rules in this book. they belong and what they replace if they are rule changes or amendments.

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The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Change Page 4, Article XIV, 1, Competition Committees-

B. Members: The committee will be composed of the following with each member having one vote:

1. Chairman Appointed by Executive Committee
2. Referee Appointed by Chairman
3. Scorekeeper Appointed by Chairman
4. Rider Representatives appointed by Executive Committee
  - a. A Division
  - b. B Division
  - c. C Division
  - d. Senior Division
  - e. Women Division
  - f. Saturday Hare Scrambles
  - g. Quad Division (Hare Scrambles and Motocross only)
  - h. Quad Scrambles Series to have A, B, C, Specialty and Youth representatives

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4. One Rider Representative appointed by Executive Committee **for each of the following:**
  - a. AA/A/B Displacement classes-this includes all riders in the AA, A, and B Displacement Classes**
  - b. C Displacement Classes-this includes all riders in the C Displacement Classes**
  - c. Specialty A and B Classes**
  - d. Specialty C classes and Women's classes**
  - c. Saturday Classes-for Hare Scrambles only**
  - d. Youth classes-for Quad Scrambles only**
  - e. Quad classes-for MX and Hare Scrambles only**

The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following constitutional change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Change Page 3, Article IX

All elective offices shall be filled at an annual election to be held not later than November of each year. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices for two years. (The two year terms will begin with President and Secretary in 1999 and Vice President and Treasurer in 2000). All other elected positions shall hold their offices for one year. All new terms will commence January 1 following the election. Impeachment can only be accomplished by a two-thirds majority secret ballot vote of the General Membership by mail and will be called for by a three-quarters majority secret ballot vote of the Board of Directors.

Any officer found guilty of financial gain by way of their FTR position shall be subject to impeachment.

An Election Committee of four persons will be appointed to oversee the election process and to announce the winning candidates. One Election Committee member shall be appointed by each of the following: Hare Scrambles Committee Enduro Committee; Motocross Committee; and the Board of Directors. The Board of Director's appointee shall act as the Election Committee Chairman. An Election Committee member must not be a candidate for elective office.

Balloting procedures, supervised by the Election Committee, shall be as follows:

1. An official ballot will be inserted in the two FTR magazines prior to the election month (October and November issues). This ballot will be an INSERT and will require the member's name and FTR number. The reverse of the ballot will be pre-addressed as agreed to by the Election Committee. The only mail-in ballots accepted will be those mailed to this address.

2. At the last FTR sanctioned Hare Scrambles, the last FTR sanctioned Enduro, the last FTR sanctioned Motocross and the last FTR sanctioned Quad Scrambles preceding the end of the election month, the Election Committee will provide ballots and a sealed ballot box at the event sign-up table. FTR members at the event will be encouraged to vote at that event (provided they have not previously mailed ballots). The ballot box will be continuously supervised by a member of the election committee and will not be opened until the initial ballot count.

3. The official ballot count will be made at the earliest opportunity following the last day of the election month. The FTR Secretary will provide a current FTR membership list (as of the election month). All ballots will be compared against the membership list for validity. Only members in good standing as of the election month will be allowed to vote. (Voting rights of members are indicated in Chapter II. Results of the election will be mailed immediately to the Magazine Editor, the incumbent elected officials, and all candidates for office.

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**4. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be held. The individuals with the 2 highest vote counts will be placed on a ballot inserted into the FTR magazine in the subsequent month. The candidate who garners the highest number of votes in the run-off will be considered the winner and will assume the position in question.**

- 5. In the event that a position on the Executive Committee is unfilled due to the resignation of an officer, a separate election will be held to fill the vacancy. The Executive Director will publicize the vacancy, accept nominations, and place an official ballot in the immediately subsequent FTR magazine issue calling for a vote by the general membership. The votes will be sent to the Election Committee for tabulation.**

The motion passed.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following rule change as approved by the Board of Directors and published in the magazine: Chapter III, G. 10 – remove #10 entirely, which reads, “Conduct a sound test prior to all events with a maximum allowable reading of 92 dba.” The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Tiffany St. John  
Secretary  
Florida Trail Riders