

MINUTES OF THE FTR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A meeting to the Florida Trail Riders General Membership was called to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2007 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. The Executive Committee met on Friday to brainstorm ideas for the future of FTR. Some ideas included a Quad Benefit Race in the event of a cancellation this season, becoming more proactive in Land Use issues, and formulating a marketing package. This upcoming season will be focusing on the new spark arrestor and pit riding rules. Scott West gave an overview of the tech inspection.

The Enduro Report was presented by Sam Mento, Enduro Chairman. The upcoming season will include a national enduro.

The Hare Scramble Report was presented by Joe Steidl, Hare Scramble Chairman. Tech inspection and pit riding rules will be at the forefront of the season. The tools are in place to make this transition smooth.

The Motocross Report was presented by Kevin Carr, Motocross Chairman. The motocross series would like to encourage more crossover from the other series. Tech inspection details are being finalized.

The Quad Scramble Report was presented by Amanda Fronckowiak, Quad Scramble Chairman. The series suffered some setbacks this past season with the cancellation of races. However, the new season looks promising with 10 races scheduled and an FTR Benefit available as a fill-in.

The Land Use Report was presented by Jack Terrell. There is a lot happening throughout the state. A couple of items include an OHV park in Polk County and ATV trail system in Baker County.

II. Unfinished Business

None

III. New Business

Tiffany St. John read the following motions that were passed by the Board and Directors and printed in the magazine:

Chapter III General Rules, J. Competition Apparel and Equipment, Add "8. Spark arrestors are mandatory on all competition vehicles in the Hare Scramble, Quad Scramble, and Enduro series. Vehicles competing in the PeeWee classes shall be exempt from this requirement. The spark arrestor must be approved by the USFS. A rod test may be performed to verify the presence of the spark arrestor." It is recommended that in the event that this rule change is approved by the General Membership, the Hare Scrambles Committee and Quad Scrambles Committee rules previously approved, should be removed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution of the Florida Trail Riders, Article VIII, add "To qualify for office, a Geographical Area Director 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 was seconded and passed.

Chapter III General Rules, F Year-End Awards, #4, delete the current verbiage and insert "The number of trophies per class will be determined by the following:

Beginner classes do not receive year-end awards.

Eligibility for all other classes will be determined by:

1. A rider must score points in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, including a worked run, where applicable. If no one in the class scores in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, no one in the class gets an award. Riders who score in less than 50% of the sanctioned events will always be awarded lower final standings than those riders who participate in the required number of events, regardless of points earned.
2. All eligible riders will receive year-end awards, with the following limitations:
 - No more than 10 awards per class for B and C Division riders, including Senior class riders and any other classes not specifically listed in this rule.

- No more than 5 awards for AA and A Division riders, including Senior class riders.
 - All Peewee riders will receive year-end awards. Those finishing lower than 10th place will receive a participation award.
3. The top three Teams receive awards.
The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter III General Rules, J. Competition Apparel & Equipment, move #4 to the #2 position and add "Boots must be worn at all events." Change current #2 to #3 and #3 to #4. Change #5 to "Rules 3 and 4 above are recommended..." The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter II – Definitions, Add new definition reading "Pit Riding - Operation of unlicensed vehicles by licensed drivers through pit and parking areas for purposes other than competition." Chapter III - General Rules, Strike current paragraphs B.3 reading "No pit racing and or reckless riding will be allowed. Riders or the parents will be warned once and then disqualified. No one under the legal driving age will be allowed to operate an ORV except on the course during their competition or to and from the start finish line and must be accompanied by an adult of legal driving age. Competition vehicles will use 1st gear to and from the "starting area". Strike current paragraphs B.4 reading: "All pit vehicles, except regular competition vehicles, are required to have an officially designated registration decal. This decal will contain the FTR number of the vehicle's responsible FTR member. This decal will be mounted on the front left corner of the vehicle in a readily observable spot." Insert new section C following B.2 called Pit Riding. Increment lettering of current sections C-L to become sections D-M.

New section shall read:

C. Pit Riding

1. Except for competition machines traveling to and from competition or practice no person shall operate a vehicle without a valid drivers license.

a. Operation by unlicensed persons is only allowed when working on the event and under the direct supervision of a licensed person.

b. Unlicensed persons riding competition machines to and from competition activities shall be accompanied by a licensed person.

2. Operation of any machine or vehicle within the parking and pit areas shall be done in a safe and responsible manner.

a. The following are expressly unsafe or irresponsible actions

i. Operating out of first gear

ii. Operating at any unsafe speed for the conditions

iii. Operating in excess of 10 mph

NOTE: While 10 mph is the absolute maximum speed you may be cited for speeds well below 10 mph if your speed is deemed unsafe for the conditions. The long standing guidance for pit travel is "First gear at walking speed".

iv. Operating without a valid drivers license unless traveling to and from your competition or practice.

v. Operating without a valid license unless escorted by someone holding a valid drivers license

vi. Operating in any manner which results in a wheel off the ground

vii. Operating in any manner that leads to a skid

viii. Failure to yield right of way to any pedestrian.

ix. Headlight is required after dark.

3. All unlicensed vehicles shall identify the responsible party. Licensed vehicles (with license plate mounted) are exempt from identification requirement.

a. Identification shall be by competition number plate as registered through the FTR scorekeeper.

b. The competition number plate shall meet all requirements as if on a competition machine of similar type.

c. Identification shall be readily visible and legible at a distance.

4. All event attendees shall be subject to these rules.

a. The FTR member responsible for any vehicle operated in the parking or pit areas shall be subject to discipline stipulated in this section regardless of who operated the vehicle in violation of these rules.

5. Anyone from the following groups shall have the authority to enforce these rules given they possess a valid drivers license.

a. Members of the Executive Committee

b. Members of the Board of Directors

c. Members of any Competition Committee at any event

d. Designated members of a Pit Patrol for the event be they regular Pit Patrol members or volunteering for the event only

e. The FTR scorekeeper

f. Assistant referee for the event

g. Any member of the promoting club (HS, QS and Enduro) or employee of the promoting track(MX only)

h. Land Owner or designee

- i. Law enforcement personnel working the event in their official capacity
- 6. Upon observing an offense any authorized person shall inform the Scorekeeper, Referee or Assistant Referee at the event. The observer may inform the rider, but such is not required. If a rider fails to stop for the observer, when reasonable attempts to gain attention have been made, then an additional violation shall be recorded.
- 7. Any FTR member in violation of these rules shall be subject to the following:
 - a. Responsible FTR member is disqualified for the event.
 - b. If the member is not competing at the event then the rider shall be requested to leave the event property.
 - c. All disqualifications shall count in the year end standings.
 - d. A second offense within the same competition season shall result in an automatic suspension from all FTR competition for one calendar year following the date of the second offense. Multiple offenses may count even at a single event.
 - e. A third offense shall be defined as "Conduct unbecoming an FTR member" and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by the Scorekeeper.

In current section G (new section H) add:

- 11. Hand out the current FTR Pit Riding Policy to all participants arriving at the gate.

Add new section N to read:

N. Disqualification and Recourse

- 1. All disqualifications issued during an event shall be recorded by the referee. The record should contain all pertinent information needed for review of the disqualification by the competition committee. This information should include identification of involved parties and witnesses and shall state the nature of the disqualification. The log shall be forwarded to the FTR Scorekeeper for consolidation throughout the competition season.
- 2. Any disqualified rider may file a grievance with the appropriate competition committee. The grievance shall be filed in writing with the series Referee or Committee Chairman at the event the disqualification was issued.
- 3. The Committee Chairman shall bring the grievance before the committee within 60 days and shall notify the disqualified rider and disqualifying official of the time and place of the meeting.
- 4. The Competition Committee shall consider the grievance in an open meeting, allowing time for both rider and official, and resolve the grievance with a vote. The vote shall result in only one of three options:
 - a. Disqualification stands as issued
 - b. Disqualification stands - modified to remove any series standing inclusion requirement
 - c. Disqualification is repealed and scores to be reinstated
- 5. The decision of the Competition Committee shall be final with no further recourse open to either rider or official.

Chapter IV - Enduro Rules, Strike section A Paragraph 6 reading "Speeding and reckless riding in the staging area, pit area and gas stop area will be grounds for immediate rider disqualification. Speed limit in these areas will be posted as "first gear, walking speed only" by the promoting club. Disqualification for violation of this rule will be invoked if this activity is observed and reported to the referee by event promoter, event officials, land owner or land manager, or law enforcement personnel."

Chapter VI - Hare Scrambles Rules, Strike section A paragraph 11 reading "No pit racing is allowed. Riding is allowed only in designated areas if provided by the promoting club. Competition vehicles will use 1st gear to and from the "starting area". (Chapter III, B.3) All pit vehicles, except competition vehicles, will have an officially designated pit vehicle registration decal mounted on the front left of the vehicle, see Chapter III, B.4." Renumber section A paragraphs 12 and 13 to 11 and 12 respectively.

Chapter IX - Motocross Rules, Strike section C paragraph 1 reading "No pit riding is allowed. Motorcycles may be ridden in first gear to and from the start/finish areas only. Pit riding and speeding in the pits will result in rider disqualification." Renumber section C paragraphs 2 through 11 as paragraphs 1 through 10 respectively.

Chapter XIII - Quad Scramble Rules, Strike section A paragraph 10 reading "No pit riding is allowed. Competition vehicles will use 1st gear to and from the starting area. (Chapter 3, B. 3.)" Renumber section A paragraph 11 to paragraph 10. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter III General Rules, C. Rider Classification, 1. Hare Scrambles, change "Junior (A, B), 86-125cc 2 Stroke, 126-250cc 4 Stroke" to "Junior (A, B), 86-200cc 2 Stroke, 126-250cc 4 Stroke". And Chapter III General Rules, J. Competition Apparel & Equipment, 6. Equipment, Hare Scrambles, change "86-125cc 2 Stroke, 126-250cc 4 Stroke, Junior" to "86-200cc 2 Stroke, 126-250cc 4 Stroke, Junior". The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution; Article XIV; I. Competition Committees; E. Sanctions; 1.; "Sanction dates may be added prior to mid-competition year by approval of the appropriate competition committee and Executive Committee. This is to be for special cases only and two month's notice must be given to the general membership prior to the sanction date." change to read "Any series having less than the maximum allowed sanctions may add additional sanction dates up to the maximum allowed. The sanction dates must be

approved by the appropriate competition committee and the Executive Committee. This is to be for special cases only and a minimum two month's notice must be given to the general membership prior to the sanction date." And Chapter I Constitution; Article XIV; I. Competition Committees; Section E. Sanctions; 5., add to end of item "A minimum of three week's notice must be given to the general membership prior to the rescheduled sanction date. Sanctions cancelled by the promoter or withdrawn by the Executive Committee may be transferred to another promoter by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee. A minimum of three week's notice must be given to the general membership prior to the transferred sanction date." The motion was seconded and passed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution; Article XIV; I. Competition Committees; E. Sanctions, add Item "7. Notifications required by Section E. Sanctions, unless otherwise specified, shall be sufficient if timely placed on the home page of the FTR website and the FTR Hotline." The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution; Article XIV; I. Competition Committees; B. Members, add "6. Chairman, Referee, Scorekeeper, and Rider Representatives shall be appointed annually during the fourth quarter of each competition year for the following competition year. A minimum of two week's notice must be given to the general membership prior to the annual appointments for nominations to be made. Nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. Appointments to unfilled committee positions may be made at any time by the Executive Committee." The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution; Article XIV; I. Competition Committees; D. Meetings, "1. Each committee will meet during the fourth quarter to suggest sanctions and rule changes for the following year." change to read "1. Each committee will meet a minimum of two times per competition year. Said meetings shall be scheduled so that rule changes proposed and favorably voted upon at the earlier meeting(s) will have sufficient time to comply with the provisions of Section F. Rule Changes, Item 1. General of this Article. One of the meetings shall be in the fourth quarter of the competition year to consider sanctions for the following competition year in accordance with Section E. Sanctions, Item 2. of this Article." The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution; Article X; 4., add to end of paragraph "For the purposes of determining a quorum for the Executive Committee, unfilled Executive Committee positions due to resignations or death shall not count as members." The motion was seconded and passed.

Chapter I Constitution, Article IX, 1., remove sentence "The reverse of the ballot will be pre-addressed as agreed to by the Election Committee." And change the last sentence to "The only mail-in ballots accepted will be those mailed to the specified address." The motion was seconded and passed.

Jack Terrell made a motion that FTR issue a letter to Polk county that the OHV Advisory Committee can include in its portfolio to show support for an OHV Park. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Tiffany St. John
Secretary
Florida Trail Riders