

Hare Scramble Committee Meeting 10/02/2010

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by the chairman.

Role was taken, in attendance were:

Mike Belle (Chairman)

Don St. John (Scorekeeper)

Donny Richardson (Referee)

Joe DeFranco (Quad rider rep)

Kerri Chambers (Spec. C & Wom. rider rep)

Michael Sacco (Saturday rider rep)

Robert Prather (RCDR)

Mose Howard (Apollo)

Jason Chambers (Sunrunners)

Brian Coughlin (Suncoast)

Jack Terrell (FTR)

Allen Pearce (BSTR)

Bill Jenkins (CFTR)

Tim Burrows (DDR)

Quorum was verified.

- 1) Shannon Parks presented a proposal to add an exception to the "lap down" rule for the peewee course only. Both peewee bikes and quads would not be penalized for the lead rider being more than one lap ahead. The peewee course typically takes less than 2 minutes to complete a lap making this rule incomparable to the bigger track.

The committee agreed in general that this is worth pursuing, but the rule was not written in the correct format for a rule change. We agreed to work on getting this in the proper format to be presented at the January meeting.

- 2) Shannon Parks presented a proposal to allow peewee quad riders to also enter bike classes for which they qualify.

This was discussed by the committee and the committee was favorable to opening up allowing Saturday riders to compete in more than one race. We agreed to rewrite the rule and present it at the January meeting.

- 3) Shannon Parks presented a proposal to split the quad peewee and quad super peewee classes into A and B divisions. She stated that there is a very wide range of abilities in these classes and that they could race at the same time yet be scored separately.

The committee agreed in general that this is worth pursuing, but the rule was not written in the correct format for a rule change. We agreed to work on getting this in the proper format to be presented at the January meeting.

- 4) Mike Ferguson proposed an emergency rule change to allow up to 125cc 4 stroke engines in the quad super peewee class. The committee did not believe this issue constituted an emergency rule change. However, we agreed to try to get a proposal for a general rule change written up for the January meeting. There was also some discussion about adjusting the lower age limit for this class.
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- 5) There was quite a bit of discussion about trying to find a way for the quad super peewee riders to race on the big track. Almost all of the committee members agreed and explained that there is not enough time in the day to add another race on the big track without making sacrifices in other areas. There is no simple solution to this problem.
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- 6) Rule change proposal to allow appropriate 4 stroke bikes to compete in the 65cc classes and make rules consistent in all 65cc classes.

Chapter III
General Rules
D. Rider Classification

Current Rule:

HARE SCRAMBLES

Division/Class Displacement classes Age

65A	51-65 cc*** 8 thru 12*
65B	51-65 cc*** 8 thru 12*
65C	51-65 cc*** 8 thru 12*
65 Girls	51-65 cc*** 8 thru 12*

***Play bike type motorcycles up to 80cc displacement are allowed to enter the 65A and 65B classes.

Proposed Rule Change to:

HARE SCRAMBLES

Division/Class Displacement classes Age

65A	51-65 cc 2-stroke and 52-90 cc 4-stroke *** 8 thru 12*
65B	51-65 cc 2-stroke and 52-90 cc 4-stroke *** 8 thru 12*
65C	51-65 cc 2-stroke and 52-90 cc 4-stroke *** 8 thru 12*
65 Girls	51-65 cc 2-stroke and 52-90 cc 4-stroke *** 8 thru 12*

*** 16" front wheel max. in all 65cc classes. Two stroke play bikes (ex: PW80) up to 80cc displacement are allowed to enter 65cc classes.

Motion to accept proposal for 1st vote and to be published in the magazine was made by Jack Terrell and seconded by Kerri Chambers. Motion Passed.

7) Matt Lyons submitted a petition to the committee to be move from the "AA" class to the "A" division. After the committee reviewed the data, Jason Chambers made a motion to allow the request. It was seconded by Donnie Richardson and passed by unanimous vote of the committee.

8) It was brought to the attention of the committee that there is some confusion about advancement rule Chapter VII, C, 2 and how advancement points are accrued when changing classes. Some people were not clear on whether advancement points moved with the rider between different classes in the same division. The committee decided that a clarification was in order. Allen Pearce made a motion that the rule be clarified that all advancement points stayed with a rider within a given division. Example: C-200, C-Open, Vet-C, and Sr-C etc. are all part of the "C" division, so points would be carried whenever a rider switched classes within the division. Donnie Richardson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9) Rule change proposal pertaining to youth class advancement.

Purpose: To try to promote youth C and B riders more quickly so that we do not have very large C classes and small A and B classes.

Current Rule:

**Chapter VII
Section C**

2. For all lowest division classes (Ex: Specialty and Displacement C Classes, Junior C, Mini C, etc), with the exception of the Golden Master, Women's and Peewee Classes, when 25 advancement points are accrued, the rider is promoted to the next higher division. For all other classes, the advancement point is at 45 points. When the points are accrued at or prior to the first fifty percent (50%) of the proposed and approved season sanctions, the rider is promoted immediately and will then take 90% of the points awarded in the lower class to the higher class. When the points are accrued after 50% or more of the scheduled events have been completed, the rider can remain in the lower class for the remainder of the season. The promotion will take effect at the start of the next competition season. However, riders voluntarily advancing themselves to a higher division after 50% of the scheduled events have been completed will carry no points to the higher division. Points earned in the lower division will remain in the lower division.

8. Peewee C riders will advance to the next higher class after accumulation of two 1st place finishes or 3 top 5 finishes. This promotion will take effect immediately. The rider will take 90% of their points awarded in the lower class to the higher class. Exception: If 90% of their points places them in a higher position in the new class they will be awarded only enough points to attain an equal position in the new class.

Proposed Rule Change to:

Chapter VII

Section C

2. For all lowest division classes (Ex: Specialty and Displacement C Classes, etc), with the exception of the Golden Master, Women's and Youth Classes, when 25 advancement points are accrued, the rider is promoted to the next higher division. All youth B riders will advance when 35 advancement points are accrued. For all other classes, except youth-C riders, the advancement point is at 45 points. When the points are accrued at or prior to the first fifty percent (50%) of the proposed and approved season sanctions, the rider is promoted immediately and will then take 90% of the points awarded in the lower class to the higher class. When the points are accrued after 50% or more of the scheduled events have been completed, the rider can remain in the lower class for the remainder of the season. The promotion will take effect at the start of the next competition season. However, riders voluntarily advancing themselves to a higher division after 50% of the scheduled events have been completed will carry no points to the higher division. Points earned in the lower division will remain in the lower division.

8. All youth C riders (Ex: Junior-C, Mini-C, 65-C and Peewee-C) will advance to the next higher class after accumulation of two 1st place finishes or 3 top 5 finishes. This promotion will take effect immediately. The rider will take 90% of their points awarded in the lower class to the higher class. Exception: If 90% of their points places them in a higher position in the new class they will be awarded only enough points to attain an equal position in the new class.

Motion made by Kerri Chambers to accept proposal,
Seconded by Allen Pearce,
Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.
Mike Belle
HS Committee Chairman