Minutes of March 28, 2015 FTR Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Louie’s Pizza House, 1347 Beville Road, South Daytona, FL 32119

Meeting called to order at 10:02AM by President Randy Faul.

Roll Call was conducted and the President noted that a quorum was present.

Members present: President, Vice President, Treasurer, HS Chair, Enduro Chair, MX Chair, and Directors from Areas 2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13.

Members not present: Secretary, and Directors from Area 1 (position vacant) and Area 5.

Guests: Deborah Broderick, Jenn Sheppard, Kim Campbell

In the absence of the Secretary, Deborah Broderick agreed to keep the meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting. Passed by unanimous vote.

Jeremy Powell presented a report on the King of the Woods series. He has approximately $3200 from 50/50 raffles and donations, and $5000 from sale of merchandise. He will fund the series for the 2014-2015 competition season and asked if FTR would like him to continue with the King of the Woods series for the 2015-2016 competition season. Carol Preston made a motion, seconded by Randy Rash, to authorize Jeremy Powell to continue the King of the Woods series for the 2015-2016 competition season under the same terms and conditions as the 2014-2015 competition season. Passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

President Report: Randy is glad to be back and feels that FTR has lost some of its luster. He stated that the clubs need to be more active and involved with their own events. He encouraged all members of the Board of Directors to act on rule violations while at events in order to help the clubs and FTR.

Vice President Report: Amanda suggested that the Board of Directors not be afraid of changes and agreed with the President’s observations.

Treasurer Report: Kevin presented and reviewed the chart of accounts.

HS Chair Report: Agreed with President’s statements regarding the fact that we are a self-policing organization. He reported that the number of riders participating this season is close to what it was last season, but rain cancellations could reduce the final numbers. He announced that SADRA will not be rescheduling their event this season.
The Hare Scrambles Chair presented rule changes approved by the Hare Scrambles Committee and submitted them for approval by the Board of Directors (see attached copies):

   Rule change #1: Minimum age for Pee Wee bike classes
   Motion made and seconded to approve rule change #1
   Passed by unanimous vote

   Rule change #2: Youth C class advancement rule
   Motion made and seconded to approve rule change #2
   Passed by unanimous vote

   Rule change #3: Move Silver Master B and Women Vet from row 12 to row 9
   Motion made and seconded to approve rule change #3
   Passed by unanimous vote

   Rule change #4: Team proposal
   Motion made and seconded to approve rule change #4
   Passed by unanimous vote

   Rule change #5: DQ status of course cutting double green arrows
   Motion made and seconded to approve rule change #4
   Motion passed (9 yes, 7 opposed)

   Note: Following the BoD meeting it was discovered that the notice of the HS Committee vote to approve Rule Change #5 had not been published in the FTR magazine. As a result, this rule change approval is suspended until approved at the next BoD meeting.

Enduro Chair Report: Enduros are having a rough year with wet property. No rule changes submitted. The Enduro Chair did not have time to schedule another committee meeting to present proposals for a funding mechanism to pay for enduro series scoring costs, such as a $2 head tax or increased sanction fees. He will report results at the next Board of Directors meeting.

MX Chair report: MX schedule cancelled due to the requirement to have an ambulance on site per FTR rules. In past seasons sponsors were found to pick up that cost. That is not available this season. Carol is looking to find sponsors for next season.

Executive Committee proposal to the Board of Directors to approve a $7500 expenditure from the Land Use Fund to engaging a lobbyist in Tallahassee for the current session of the Legislature. Purpose of the expenditure is to stop the diversion of OHV trust fund revenue for non-OHV purposes. Vice President made the motion to approve the expenditure, Enduro Chair seconded the motion. Motion passed (15 yes, 1 opposed).

Article XV – Bylaws, Section IV, Approval of Expenditures, Paragraph C currently reads: “Board of Directors have to approve expenditures $2500 and above”.
Motion made and seconded to change Article XV – Bylaws, Section IV, Approval of Expenditures, Paragraph C to read: “Board of Directors must approve expenditures over $2500. The Executive Committee may submit this request for approval to the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, or may submit the request for approval to the Board of Directors by electronic means, and obtain approval by electronic means.” Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Non agenda items:

One Day membership was discussed. No motions were presented.

Dog bite incident at a recent event was discussed and a motion was made, seconded and passed directing the President to take appropriate action regarding a member bringing dogs to FTR events that are a safety issue for other members. The President will attempt to reach the owner by phone and also send a certified letter to the owner to notify him that the dogs are not allowed at future FTR events.

Carol Preston brought up the HS sportsman class issue stating that there is currently no control over actions of some participants. No motions were presented.

Jenn Sheppard presented a report about the 2015 banquet. The BOD was asked to provide approval of the location and the style of venue. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously for the banquet to be held at the Daytona Ocean Center. Motion made, seconded and passed (13 yes, 1 opposed) to have an Expo Style Awards event rather than a sit-down dinner.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 12:45PM.
Rule changes passed by the Hare Scrambles Committee

Passed second vote 01/03/2015

The committee discussed the minimum age for the Pee Wee bike class.
Currently the age in the FTR rule book is 0-8 years old. To bring our rules into line with the AMA rules and to avoid very young children racing a motion was made to change the Pee Wee bike age to read 4-8 years old

Peewee A 0-50 cc Auto clutch thru 8* change to 4 thru 8
10-12” wheel max.
Peewee (B,C) 0-50 cc Auto clutch thru 8* change to 4 thru

Motion to vote Dan Aitken
Second Kurt Lucas
15 for
0 against

Rule changes passed by the Hare Scrambles Committee

Passed second vote 02/28/2015

Proposal # 1
Presented by Randy Rash

Intention to add a minimum participation level to the youth C classes before the advancement rule takes effect.

Present rule

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 as follows:

a. Junior C – 5 top five finishes.

b. Mini C – 4 top five finishes.

c. 65 C – 4 top five finishes.

d. Peewee C - 3 top five finishes.

For Peewee-C, the 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.

9. Advancement for Saturday riders and Sunday riders will be kept separately with the following exceptions. Saturday adult riders may ride no more than one division lower on Sunday. Sunday riders may ride no more than one division lower on Saturday.

10. Youth “A” riders, except peewee, moving to an older age bracket may only move down one division level, including going to Sunday.

Proposed change

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When there are 8 or less riders in one of the above listed C class no advancement points will be assessed.

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It was decided that the above paragraph should be removed as this is a mistake that is presently in the rule book it was removed at a H/S committee meeting on 1/7/2012 and never updated in the rule book

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Motion for second vote

Ron Thomas
Second
Pete Rose
Vote
13 for
0 against
Rule passes

Proposal # 1
Presented by Mike Bell
Purpose to move silver master B and Women vet from row 12 to row 9

Motion for second vote

Bill Jenkins
Second
Pete Rose
Vote
13 for
0 against
Rule passes

Proposal # 2
FTR Hare Scrambles Team Rules Proposal, January 3, 2014.

Current:

11. Team Scoring

a. A team shall consist of not less than three riders nor more than five riders. Riders may compete on only one team per day. Quad riders shall be exclusive to quad teams and bike riders shall be exclusive to bike teams. They must be entered as a team before the meet begins. The best three scores will be used to determine the winning team for that event. In case of a tie, the 4th then 5th place riders placing will be used to determine the team winner. A team competing for a year end award shall remain consistent in its members. An eight member roster must be registered with the Hare Scrambles Scorekeeper. A minimum of any three, or a maximum of any five of these members, may enter an event. Teams must be entered before the end of sign up. FTR forms are available for this purpose. A team roster can only be changed in the event that the member(s) being deleted from the team is unable to compete in 3 or more of the remaining events for the season. Roster changes must be submitted in writing to the Hare Scrambles Scorekeeper.

b. The team standings for the overall winner of the team trophy will be determined by the formula for individuals; i.e., if a team wins the event, they receive 50 points. The second place team receives 47 points, etc., as above.

c. Point system for team scoring:

1st place in class 50 points
2nd place in class 47 points
3rd place in class 45 points
4th place in class 43 points
5th place in class 41 points
6th place in class 40 points
(etc. - one point less per position)

d. The Year-End winner will be determined by counting the team scores from all races on the season schedule, less one.

Proposed changes:

11. Team Scoring

a. (General): Year-end awards will be made separately for Hare Scrambles Bike and Quad Team competition. Only Sunday Classes are eligible for Bike competition. All Quad classes, except Pee-wee classes, are eligible for Quad team competition.

b. (Team Rosters): An official team roster consisting of at least 3, but not more than 8, riders must be registered with the Hare Scrambles Scorekeeper to qualify a team for competition. The roster must carry the signature of each registered team member. A team member may be deleted from a team only after that member has failed to compete in 3 consecutive Hare Scramble events in the current season. New members may be added at any time (up to the maximum of 8 riders per team), but roster changes and signatures must be submitted before the start of an event in order to count for that event. No rider shall be a member of more than one team per day. A rider may compete on both a Bike and Quad team. Team members may change classes, within their respective eligible bike or quad group, without penalty to the team.

c. (Race Entry): A team shall designate, in writing, a minimum of any three, or a maximum of any five registered members to be scored for an event prior to the start of that event. The team shall pay an entry fee of $1 per rider, per event, prior to submitting their entry. Designated riders for an event must be officially entered and compete in the event. Compete means they must start the race with their designated class, and shall not have received a refund of entry fee. Riders doing “work credit” in their registered team class at an event are not eligible for team competition for that event.
d. (Scoring): The best three scores for each team will be used to determine the winning team for each event. In case of a tie, the 4th, then 5th, place riders placing will be used to determine the team winner. The team standings for the overall winner of the team trophy will be determined by the formula for individuals; i.e.,

1st place = 50 points; 2nd place = 47 points; 3rd place = 45 points; 4th place = 43 points; 5th place = 41 points; 6th place = 40 points (etc. - one point less per position). The Year-End winner will be determined by counting the team scores from all races completed in a season, less one. Season-end ties will be won by the team with the highest number of event wins, followed by number of 2nd places (etc), if necessary.

e. (Protests and Penalties): Any team wishing to protest team scoring results must file a protest in writing (or email) with the Hare Scrambles Referee within 5 days of the date that the Team Standings and Results are posted on the internet. After this time, results become final. Any score adjustments made as a result of a protest shall only apply to the race at hand, and not be retroactive to previous races.

Discussion of changes:
-Clarifies Team entry and scoring procedures.
-Clarifies Substitution Criteria and makes it more easily enforceable.
-Requires riders to participate in order to be scored.
-Adds tie-breaker provision.

Motion for a second vote
William Toreke
Second
Ron Thomas
Vote
11 for
1 against
Rule passes
Rule changes passed by the Hare Scrambles Committee

Passed second vote 03/21/2015

William Toreke presented two versions of a rule to modify the penalty for a double green infraction. After presenting both versions and discussing them the committee decided to accept Version B as a proposal.

Version A (Automatic 1-lap penalty):

... Any section of the trail marked by a pair of double over-and under GREEN arrows on both sides of the trail indicates the competitors must ride between the two sets of arrows and cannot ride outside either pair of arrows. Any time a rider leaves the trail as defined above, (either by line picking: overshooting turns, failing to pass between GREEN arrows, emergency, etc.) that rider must return to the trail and re-enter at the point they left failure to do so is a rule violation. Any such violation reported to the FTR Referee, Associate Referee, or Scorekeeper prior to the end of the protest period, in writing on official DQ/penalty form available at FTR trailer, shall result in a minimum of a one-lap penalty (per violation). Penalty shall be enforced by deleting the rider's final completed lap for the race. A more severe penalty of Disqualification may be assessed, in accordance with Article XIV of the FTR Constitution, if there is evidence that the violation was intentional, or constituted a significant safety hazard. A violation of this section does not automatically constitute blatant course cutting, as discussed in Chapter VIII, section B-1a.

Markers must be visible one to the next

Version B (Variable penalty):

... Any section of the trail marked by a pair of double over-and under GREEN arrows on both sides of the trail indicates the competitors must ride between the two sets of arrows and cannot ride outside either pair of arrows. Any time a rider leaves the trail as defined above, (either by line picking: overshooting turns, failing to pass between GREEN arrows, emergency, etc.) that rider must return to the trail and re-enter at the point they left failure to do so is a rule violation. Any such violation reported to the FTR
Referee, Associate Referee, or Scorekeeper prior to the end of the protest period in writing on official DQ/penalty form available at FTR trailer, shall result in the rider being docked by one finishing position or more, up to Disqualification from the event, in accordance with Article XIV of the FTR Constitution. A violation of this section does not automatically constitute blatant course cutting, as discussed in Chapter VIII, section B-1a.

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Motion to accept Proposal version B

Bill Jenkins
Second
Pete Rose
Vote
12 for
0 against
Motion Passes
Request for Approval of Expenditure from Land Use Fund

Currently (3-27-2015) FTR has $120,569.23 (bank account plus two CDs) in the Land Use Fund. During the 2014-2015 membership year $8832 was deposited to the Land Use Fund from membership dues.

Revenue for the fund is derived from a designated portion of each adult membership in accordance with a Board of Directors vote over a decade ago.

The purpose of the Land Use Fund is to support efforts to protect and expand off-highway motorcycle and ATV trail recreation opportunities throughout the state of Florida. It is used to pay for work with federal, state and local government executive and legislative branches, and public and private land managers, to represent trail riders interests, to promote education efforts, and to pursue other related activities.

Since 2008, the Florida Legislature and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have “swept” and transferred from the FL OHV Trust Fund between $1,000,000 and $250,000 each and every year. This has crippled the FL OHV grant program, and eliminated the primary funding source for improvement or expansion of OHV riding areas.

This year we have an opportunity to enact appropriation legislation that will stop this fund transfer, and restore the financial health of the program. To do this we need effective representation before the Legislature and the DACS.

At the February 28, 2015 Executive Committee, the EC approved an expenditure of $2500 (maximum amount allowable) to pay for representation by Peeples Group, LLC for the first two months of 2015, with the subsequent payment of $5000 (with approval of the Board of Directors) for representation by Peeples Group, LLC for the next four months (March-June).

FTR retained Peeples Group, LLC during the period when the T. Mark Schmidt OHV Safety and Recreation Act was being considered and enacted by the Florida Legislature, and in subsequent years they provided numerous hours of pro bono representation. Win Peeples is a dirt bike rider, a former motorcycle dealer owner, and a highly effective lobbyist who understands the needs of trail riders.

The Executive Committee requests Board of Directors approval for the expenditure of the additional $5000 from the FTR Land Use Fund to pay for the remaining four months of the representation contract with Peeples Group, LLC.
Currently reads:

Article XV - Bylaws:

IV. Approval of Expenditures:
   A. President can approve expenditures up to $500.
   B. Executive Committee can approve expenditures up to $2500.
   C. Board of Directors have to approve expenditures $2500 and above.

Change to read:

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