

## **Minutes of March 26, 2016 FTR Board of Directors Meeting**

Location: Seminole Power Sports, 1200 Rinehart Road, Sanford, FL 32771

Meeting called to order at 10:05AM by President Randy Faul.

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

Members present: President, Secretary, Treasurer, HS Chair, Enduro Chair, MX Chair, and Directors from Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13.

Members not present: Vice President, and Directors from Area 2 (vacant), Area 10 and Area 12 (vacant).

Guests: Tiffany St. John and Greg Davis

### **Officer Reports:**

President: Randy Faul discussed need for recruitment/mentoring of new, younger volunteers to assume leadership roles within FTR. Provided update of plans for 2016 Awards Expo which will be the last weekend in July. The goal is to provide more prizes to attendees. Contracts are being negotiated with the Ocean Center and the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort. Contract with Ocean Center is \$7500 for catering, rental fee, sound system, lighting, permits, staffing and parking. Motion made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to authorize the President to sign the contract with the Ocean Center. Contract with Hilton Daytona Beach Resort includes a room block of 95 rooms on Friday night and 105 rooms for Saturday night. Room rate is \$99 plus \$10 resort fee plus tax. Motion made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to authorize the President to sign the contract with the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort.

Vice President: Not present – no report

Treasurer: Provided printed Account List report. Discussion regarding moving some of our Certificates of Deposit to certificates with higher rate of return. Allen Pearce volunteered to check to see if there was a certificate that offered a higher rate of return as well as low maintenance/early withdrawal fees.

Secretary/Land Use: Secretary provided written update of legislative progress to protect and fully fund the state OHV fund. Appropriations bill has been approved by both the House and Senate and awaits final action, submission to Governor, and implementation by appropriate Executive Branch agencies. The Secretary made a motion to approve a payment of \$2500 from the FTR Land Use Fund for payment to Peoples Group LLC for representation of FTR from March 1 through June 30, 2016 to assist in working this legislation through the Legislature, the Governor's office, and subsequent implementation by the Florida Forest Service. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Hare Scrambles Chair: Presented tentative schedule for 2016-2017 season. Schedule will be presented for adoption at next Board of Directors meeting. The previously approved double green disqualification rule will be discussed during New Business.

Enduro Chair: The Lochloosa enduro was lost due to sale of adjacent private property that was required as a parking area for access to the St. Johns River Water Management District land. Discussion of sprint enduro events.

MX Chair: No events planned for 2016-2017. Working on getting a new series in place.

**Old Business:**

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting (August 8, 2015). Passed by unanimous vote.

**New Business:**

HS Chair resubmitted hare scrambles double green disqualification rule. This rule change (identified as rule change #5: DQ status of course cutting double green arrows) was passed at the previous Board of Directors meeting; however, following the Board of Directors 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 was suspended until notice had been posted in the FTR magazine. The HS Chair confirmed that notice of this proposed change was published, and made a motion that the rule change be approved. Motion was seconded and approved by 8 to 7 vote.

Motion made and seconded to change the \$5 annual dues assessment for the Land Use Fund from \$5 to \$2.50. The motion failed by 7 to 9 vote. The current annual Land Use Fund dues assessment remains in place for the 2016-2017 season.

Motion made and seconded to change the head tax for hare scrambles to \$4 (awards banquet), \$4 (scoring), \$1 (administrative) and \$1 (safety team equipment and supplies). New head tax rates to be effective with the 2016-2017 season. Motion passed by 14 to 1 vote.

Motion made and seconded to change the head tax for enduros to \$4 (awards banquet), \$1 (administrative) and \$2 (scoring at in-state events only). New head tax rates to be effective with the 2016-2017 season. Motion passed by 14 to 1 vote.

Allen Pearce presented four proposals for changes to the FTR Constitution and Rules.

**Proposal #1**

A proposal to grant additional flexibility to the BOD and the Executive Committee in establishing a viable Sanction schedule in light of the no back-to-back H/S rule.

Existing:

## I. Competition Committees

### E. Sanctions

8. There must be (6) days between Hare Scrambles Sanction Dates, Rain Date and Actual Race Dates. The only exception to allow a back-to-back event is if event is cancelled due to emergency weather conditions and is approved by the Executive Committee.

Change To:

8. There must be **at least** (6) days between Hare Scrambles Sanction Dates, Rain Date and Actual Race Dates. ~~The only exception to allow a back to back event is if event is cancelled due to emergency weather conditions and is approved by the Executive Committee.~~ **Exceptions may be granted under either of the following conditions: The Board of Directors approves the exception by a two thirds majority vote at the General FTR Sanction Meeting or the Executive Committee approves the exception due to an event that is cancelled as a result of weather conditions.**

Motion made, seconded and passed by 11 to 2 vote to approve proposal #1.

### Proposal #2

This proposal predominately applies to Enduros. If we are able to add an event to the schedule, there is usually insufficient time to get it approved by the Enduro Committee.

Existing with change:

#### Article XIV (Page 7)

## I. Competition Committees

### E. Sanctions

1. A General FTR Sanction Meeting will be held in the fourth quarter of each competition year. The Board of Directors will constitute the voting members at the General FTR Sanction Meeting. The exact time and place will be published on the official FTR website at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. There shall not be more than 12 Enduros, 15 Hare Scrambles and 14 Motocross events per year sanctioned by FTR. In-state Enduros shall have first priority of sanction dates. Each promoter will have the opportunity to have a date before any promoter is considered for a second event. 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 **Chairman** and the Executive Committee. This is to be for special cases only and a minimum two months' notice must be given to the general membership prior to the sanction date. Sanction fee must be submitted with the application.

Motion made, and seconded to approve proposal #2. Motion failed to pass by 4 to 9 vote.

### Proposal #3

This proposal directs the H/S Chairman to issue a proposed calendar of dates that will comply with the rules and work out with the Safety Team. It should aid in arriving at a workable schedule.

Add:

## Article XIV (Page 7)

### I. Competition Committees

#### E. Sanctions

9. Prior to the Hare Scrambles Sanction Meeting, the Hare Scrambles Committee Chairman, after consulting with the Enduro Committee Chairman and the Rider Safety Coordinator, shall issue a tentative calendar of acceptable sanction dates for the ensuing competition year. Clubs are encouraged to consider said dates in making their Sanction requests. This tentative calendar is to be used only as a guide in arriving at the final Sanction schedule and does not prevent the Board of Directors from approving a schedule different from the tentative schedule.

Motion made, and seconded to approve proposal #3. Motion failed to pass by 2 to 12 vote.

#### Proposal #4

We have no funding mechanism for maintaining the radio system. Since it is used almost exclusively by the Hare Scramble Series and the paid scorekeeper oversees maintenance of it, I propose the inclusion of its maintenance in the Scoring Fund.

Add:

## Chapter III (Page 14)

### General Rules

#### J. Fees

Change paragraph 4 to read: Head Tax for Hare Scrambles: \$4 per rider to be applied to year-end awards; \$4 per rider to update, maintain and staff the electronic scoring and sign up equipment and the radio communication system; \$1 per rider administrative fee; and \$1 per rider for safety team equipment and supplies for a total of \$10 per FTR rider. Enduros and Motocross - \$4 per FTR rider to be applied to year-end awards and \$1 per FTR rider administrative fee for a total. At in-state enduros an additional fee of \$1 per rider will be collected to update and maintain scoring equipment.

Motion made, seconded and passed by 15 to 1 vote to approve proposal #4.

William Toreki submitted three proposals for changes to the FTR Constitution and Rules.

**Proposal #1:** Add to Rulebook: Page 15 (Section L):

9. All race vehicles must pass official FTR inspection for rule compliance (Tech Inspection) prior to participating in any FTR event, including practice. Any rider racing a vehicle that has not passed Tech Inspection for the event will be subject to disqualification (DQ).

Motion made, seconded and passed by 15 to 0 vote.

**Proposal #2:** Motion made, seconded and passed by 12 to 2 vote to change Section III-C (Page 9) and add a new paragraph to Chapter II, Definitions as follows: Section III-C (Page 9) to read: C. Dues shall be calculated on a competition year basis for general membership, [single-event membership](#), promoters and associates. Add a new definition (add to list in alphabetical spot) to Chapter II: **Single-Event Membership** - Designed for one person, this gives the right to enter a single FTR competition event (*i.e.* a single weekend). The Single-Event Membership is valid only on the actual days of the event. Single-

Event members may collect trophies, but shall not earn season championship points. Single-Event members do not receive FTR membership cards, FTR forum privileges, voting privileges, magazine subscription, mailing updates, or reserved bike numbers. Single-Event members are otherwise subject to the same requirements and rules as General Members. There is no limit to how many Single-Event memberships a person can use in a single season.

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**Proposal #3:** Motion made, seconded and passed by 15 to 0 vote to change Article VIII (Page 4) by deleting the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph related to the duties of the Geographical Area Directors. This deletes the requirement to work sign-up at all FTR sanctioned events in their area, to provide FTR application blanks, handle all FTR paperwork and collect all monies necessary to sign up new or renewal FTR members.

Discussion regarding compliance with new AMA rule that applies new age restrictions on youth riding 250cc and 450cc motorcycles. Motion made, seconded and passed by 15 to 0 vote to appoint William Toreki to research the issue and report back to the Board of Directors.

Discussion regarding need to replace Rhino used by Safety Team. It is reported that a replacement can be obtained for approximately \$8000. Joe Carrasquillo volunteered to head up an effort to raise \$7000 in contributions to fund the purchase. Motion made, seconded and passed by 14 to 0 vote to authorize purchase up to \$8000.

Greg Davis presented an outline of a Pro-Am series that he would like to be run in conjunction with 4 FTR hare scrambles events. Motion made, seconded and passed by a 15-0 vote requesting Greg to provide additional details regarding event rules and outside sponsorships, and to present these details for consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 2:00PM.

Submitted by Jack Terrell, FTR Secretary