

Minutes of August 8, 2015 FTR General Membership Meeting

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, Daytona Beach, Florida

Meeting called to order at 9:38AM by President Randy Faul

Roll call conducted – 28 current members present. The President noted that a quorum was present.

Reports of Officers

The President noted that it was his intent to keep the meeting short and to the point so that members could move on to enjoy the Awards Expo across the street in the Ocean Center. The President recognized the outstanding effort provided by Ellen Fleming who has stepped up to manage the Awards Expo. The President asked the membership to help out at the Awards Expo, and to get more involved in the operation of FTR.

The President introduced the new Business Manager, Tiffany St. John, who was attending the meeting. He also recognized Dave Dekmar, the new Magazine Editor, and announced that a new magazine has been published.

The Treasurer presented a summary of FTR financial status. A package of financial reports is provided to all Board of Directors and is available to all FTR members. A motion was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer's financial report.

In the interest of conducting a short meeting, no other officer reports were presented.

Old Business

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2014 General Membership meeting. Passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

Motion made and seconded to approve the following change to FTR Bylaws, Article XV – Bylaws, Section IV, Approval of Expenditures, Paragraph C currently reads: "Board of Directors have to approve expenditures \$2500 and above". Change 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." This change has been approved on first and second reading at two previous Board of Directors meetings. Motion passed by 24 to 0 vote of the General Membership meeting.

Motion made and seconded to approve the following change to FTR Bylaws, Chapter I, Article XIII -4, Chapter I, Article XIII-2, Article XIV-C-3e, Article XIV-E-1, and Article XIV-F-1b. The changes allow notice of runoff elections, notice of proposed constitutional amendments, publication of event results and competition standings, notice of General FTR Sanction Meeting, and notice of proposed rule changes to be published on the FTR website rather than in the FTR magazine (see attached description of the specific wording of the proposed change). This change previously has been approved on first and second reading at two previous Board of Directors meetings. Motion passed by 26 to 0 vote of the General Membership meeting.

Pit riding and poor behavior on the part of some participants and spectators at hare scrambles events was discussed. The President and Hare Scrambles Chair referred this issue to the Hare Scrambles Committee with instructions to take appropriate action to resolve this problem.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Approved by unanimous vote at 10:18AM.

Minutes submitted by Jack Terrell, FTR Secretary

Topic: **Updating FTR Rule Book to be consistent with modern technology.**

Synopsis: Current rules require proposed rule changes to be published in the FTR magazine prior to final vote. It would be more efficient and cost-effective to require publication on the official FTR website instead of the magazine. Publication and postage costs would be reduced, and information can be more readily exchanged.

The following changes to the FTR Rule Book are proposed:

Chapter I - Article IX - 4: Current: *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 an official ballot inserted into the FTR magazine in the subsequent month and on the FTR website.*

Proposed: 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 an official ballot published on the official FTR website.

Chapter I – Article XIII -2:

Current: This Constitution may be amended:

- 1. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for consideration. The amendment must be specific in that it denotes the place/places in the Constitution where it belongs and what it replaces.*
- 2. The proposed amendment will be published in the following FTR Magazine for exposure to the General Membership.*
- 3. The amendment must be voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following said publication and presented to the General Membership at the Annual General Membership meeting.*

Proposed: This Constitution may be amended:

- 1. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for consideration. The amendment must be specific in that it denotes the place/places in the Constitution where it belongs and what it replaces.**
- 2. The proposed amendment will be published on the official FTR website for a minimum of 30 days prior to the Board of Directors meeting for exposure to the General Membership.**
- 3. The amendment must be voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following said publication and presented to the General Membership at the Annual General Membership meeting.**

Article XIV- C - 3e:

Current: e. The Scorekeeper should publish, at least bimonthly in the FTR magazine, the competition standings at that point in time.

Proposed: e. The Scorekeeper shall publish the event results and competition standings to the official FTR website within 15 days.

Article XIV- E - 1:

E. Sanctions

Current: 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 announced in the FTR Magazine at least 30 days in advance.

Proposed: 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.

Article XIV - F-1b:

Current: b. These proposed rule changes will be published in the following FTR Magazine for exposure to the general membership.

Proposed: b. These proposed rule changes will be published on the official FTR website for a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting for exposure to the general membership.