

FTR Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 13, 2024
Location: Lakeland FL

Call to Order: 11:02 AM, by Randy Faul

Roll Call:

FTR President Randy Faul
FTR Vice President Pete Rose
FTR Secretary William Toreki
FTR Treasurer Kayla Vawter
Enduro Chairman George Tolson
Hare Scrambles Chairman Randy Rash
Director Area #1 Brandon St. John - ABSENT
Director Area #2 James Benton
Director Area #3 Allen Pearce - ABSENT
Director Area #4 Mike McGuire
Director Area #5 Dale Ellis
Director Area #6 West Anderson
Director Area #7 Will Busick – ABSENT
Director Area #8 Shaun Foutch
Director Area #9 Brian Dugre
Director Area #10 George Pollard
Director Area #11 Ken Redford
Director Area #12 Austin McAfee - ABSENT
Director Area #13 Mickel Pares – ABSENT
14 of 19 Members PRESENT – Quorum

Guests: Darlene Riggs, Ron Thomas

Welcome to 7 new BOD members

Distribute printed copies of updated Rulebook

President's report:

- James Benton has volunteered to be the new Pee-Wee Coordinator.
- Pit Riding violations at events have decreased significantly, but we need to continue enforcement efforts.
- Tim & Lisa Nordle intend to retire from running Hare Scrambles Scoring after two more seasons. We need to find capable replacements.

Vice President's Report:

- Thanked all the committee chairpersons for their service. (Election, Scholarship, Banquet).
- Discussion about the need to continue enforcement and education about Pit Riding led to suggestion that a QR Code for the FTR rulebook be added to FTR membership cards.

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary's Report:

- Contact info for BOD members updated.
- Rocky Mountain Race Gas program going well. RM donated some t-shirts for the banquet
- Secretary is working with webmaster to improve the website.
- FTR has filed with USPTO for two registered trademarks (FTR and Florida Trail Riders). Discussed proper use of trademarks on website, magazine, correspondence and merchandise.
- FTR will file for ISSN number for magazine. The cost is approximately 50 dollars. FTR magazine needs to include proper publisher's information in every edition.
- The scholarship committee is always looking for new members. Contact Jenni Lamb.
- The BOD asked that the current rule requiring SC members to be college graduates be reconsidered.

Enduro Chairman's Report:

- 8 Enduros on the schedule, and one is re-scheduled.
- Potentially will have 9 Enduros next season (new event in panhandle possibly).
- Requested up to \$6,000 for new equipment. (see New Business)

Hare Scrambles Chairman's Report:

- DDR event has been rescheduled.
- James Benton has accepted the Pee-Wee Coordinator Position.
- Pit Riding violations at events have decreased significantly, but we need to continue enforcement efforts.
- Clarified that Quad riders are allowed one "mechanic" on the starting grid with proper wristband.

Business Manager, Darlene Riggs: Gave update on this year's FTR Awards Banquet. It will again be at Doubletree in Orlando with similar format to last year. Date is July 20, 2024. See below for action on banquet funding by BOD.

Old Business:

1. Approve BOD meeting minutes from 7/15/2023. PASSED (unanimous)

New Business:

1. Choose one Area Director to serve on Executive Committee. – Three nominations. Board voted to elect James Benton as member of the EC.
2. Enduro Proposal to remove EVO class due to low participation. Passed 2nd vote of Enduro Committee. The only changes required are in Chapter 3 (General Rules), Section D (Rider Classification): Remove line for Evolution class under Enduros. (Also, in Section J6.) Also, FTR Secretary suggests to add as house-keeping change to add [0-250 cc Schoolboy] in Section J6 (it was omitted when the class was added). PASSED (unanimous)
3. Hare Scrambles Proposal #1: Remove age-specific classes from rule for advancement of top-10 A riders to AA class. Passed 2nd vote of HSC. PASSED (unanimous)
4. Hare Scrambles Proposal #2: Change engine displacement requirement for Junior classes to allow 85cc 2-strokes. Current rule specifies 86-200 cc. PASSED (unanimous)
5. Proposal: Add language requiring Chest and Back Protection for all riders in Youth Classes. This is to be consistent with new AMA requirement. Also, adds recommendation for ALL riders to wear (as per AMA rulebook). It would be added as sub-section 10 under **J. Competition Apparel & Equipment in Chapter III** of the FTR Rulebook (**General Rules**), and read:

“It is highly recommended that chest and back protection be worn by all competitors. It is required for all competitors in Youth Classes to wear chest and back protection as per AMA Off-Road Rules. This applies to Hare Scramble PeeWee, 65, Mini, Junior, and Quad Junior classes, and also to Enduro School-Boy Class.”

PASSED (unanimous)

6. Pee-Wee Coordinator Position. James Benton has volunteered to be the new Pee-Wee Coordinator.
7. New Proposal by William Toreki to reduce FTR annual dues by \$10 (to \$40 for Adults and \$20 for Youth). DID NOT PASS (7/7 tie vote).
8. New Proposal: The Top 3 year-end finishers in every FTR class will get a FREE Banquet Ticket for this season only. PASS (unanimous)
9. New Proposal: Approve Expenditure of up to \$6,000 for new Enduro Scoring Equipment. PASS (unanimous)

Adjourned: 1:37 PM