

## Minutes of FTR Executive Committee Meeting on December 9, 2023

Location: OSDR Hare Scramble, Punta Gorda, FL

Call to order at 7:00 PM

Members Present: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Hare Scramble Chairman, BOD Representative.

Members Absent: Enduro Chairman

**Item 1:** Discussion of recent developments related to social media posts about FTR and FTR members. Kyle McAfee stated that he has reduced his involvement with the FaceBook page due to personal time constraints, and the other moderators are doing a good job maintaining the page. EC agreed to keep the FB page open, as it is an important and useful tool for disseminating information to members.

**Item 2:** Discussion regarding potential legal and liability repercussions in relation to allowing or prohibiting specific members to continue involvement with FTR. Reviewed information received from attorney. Agreed that more information and discussion is needed. Agreed that EC should schedule a conference call with the attorney, and that EC should prepare a list of questions prior to the call.

**Item3:** Discussion regarding accusations of “*conduct unbecoming of a member of the organization*” and possible expulsion against several FTR members and/or spouses of members. This is in regard to alleged threats, intimidation, slander/libel against the FTR organization, other FTR members and family of FTR members, made via personal communications, public statements, and social media posts. In accordance with FTR rules, these members will be notified in writing to appear before the EC. This process is covered by Article IV (Bylaws), Section V of the FTR Constitution:

### ***V. Expulsion:***

*A. A member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming of a member of the organization.*

*B. Charges must first be made in writing and the accused member be given a hearing before the Executive Committee.*

*C. A two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee will be required for expulsion.*

**Item 4:** On Track Safety: Discussion concerning the need for all FTR officials, safety crew, and Course Workers to always be particularly vigilant, particularly while crossing an active track during a race.

**Item 5:** The EC received Election Results from the Election Chairman. Results to be published immediately on the FTR website.

**Item 6:** The EC thanked Kyle McAfee for his years of dedicated service to FTR as a BOD and EC member. A new EC member selected from elected Area Directors will be chosen at the next BOD meeting, tentatively scheduled for January 13, 2023 in Lakeland.

**Item 7:** It was discussed that problems related to Pit Riding have been significantly reduced since FTR stepped-up enforcement at the beginning of this season. We must continue to be diligent enforcing these rules to ensure member safety.

**Item 8:** Discussion regarding the possibility of bringing back Tech Inspection with a focus on correct Number Plates.