

Hare Scramble Committee Meeting

01/07/2012

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the chairman. Role was taken, in attendance were:

Mike Belle (Chairman)
Don St. John (Scorekeeper)
Donny Richardson (Referee)
Michael Sacco (Saturday Rider Rep.)
Kerri Chambers (Specialty C & Women Rider Rep.)
Kayla Vawter (Quad Rider Rep.)
Kyle Parsons (AA, A & B Rider Rep.)
Jeremy Powell (Specialty A & B Rider Rep.)
Bill Jenkins (CFTR)
Chad Hunter (DDR)
Peter Rose (OSDR)
Brad Stanton (RCDR)
Kevin Vaughn (SADRA)
Kyle McAfee (SEFTR)
Troy Stainbrook (Suncoast)
Jack Terrell (Sunrunners)
Paul Ladoceur (FTR Benefit)
Quorum was verified.

Old Business

Second Vote On Proposals From Meeting On 11-05-2011

Proposal #1

Motion made by Jack Terrell to accept this proposal for the second time after being published in the FTR magazine. Motion was seconded by Mike Sacco and was subsequently **PASSED**. The proposal will be forwarded to the BOD for final approval.

Proposal #2

Motion made by Don St. John to accept this proposal for the second time after being published in the FTR magazine. Motion was seconded by Donny Richardson and was subsequently **PASSED**. The proposal will be forwarded to the BOD for final approval.

Proposal #3

Motion made by Donny Richardson to accept this proposal for the second time after being published in the FTR magazine. Motion was seconded by Kayla Vawter and was subsequently **PASSED**. The proposal will be forwarded to the BOD for final approval.

Proposal #4

Motion made by Donny Richardson to accept this proposal for the second time after being published in the FTR magazine. Motion was seconded by Troy Stainbrook and was subsequently **FAILED**.

Proposal #6

Motion made by Jeremy Powell to accept this proposal for the second time after being published in the FTR magazine. Motion was seconded by Mike Sacco and was subsequently **PASSED**. The proposal will be forwarded to the BOD for final approval.

New Business

Maynard Patterson, through Donny Richardson, petitioned the committee to be allowed to move from "AA" back to the "A" division. Donny explained that Maynard has not raced in four years, other than a couple of Evo races where he placed mid pack in the Evo-A class. Maynard is now focused on his career and doesn't have the time or desire to do what it takes to compete and feel comfortable in the "AA" class.

Jeremy Powell made a motion to grant Maynards petition and allow him to move back to the "A" division effective immediately. Kayla Vawter seconded the motion and after a brief discussion, the motion **PASSED**.

Peewee Advancement Proposal

Reason for Rule change proposal:

The peewee-C class has been reduced in size by the current advancement system. This proposal changes the number of "top five finishes" required for promotion from 3 to 4, and allows promotions earned after the half way point of the season to be effective at the beginning of the next season. This should help keep a reasonable number of riders in the peewee-C class.

Chapter VII, Hare Scramble Scoring

C. Rider Advancement

Currently:

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.

Change to:

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 - **4** top five finishes.

A motion was made by Don St. John to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Chad Hunter.

The motion **PASSED** and will be effective immediately as allowed by Chapter VII, C, 5.

Proposal #7

Reason for Rule change proposal:

There have been issues with starting Quad-A and Quad-AA on the same line due to the competitive nature of these racers.

Current Rule:

Chapter VI

Hare Scrambles Rules

C. Event Rules

2. Only the following divisions may be run together at the same time with one minute between starting different groups. The races will be run at the times listed unless permission to change is approved by the Hare Scramble Committee prior to publication of the flyer. Starting times may be adjusted to accommodate available daylight hours. Race time deviations will be published on event flyer.

Saturday Race Schedule

Race 8 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Row 1 - Quad AA, Quad A

Row 2 - Quad B Open

Row 3 - Quad +30

Row 4 - Veteran Quad, Senior Quad

Row 5 - Quad 0-400, Super Senior Quad

Row 6 - Quad C Open

Row 7 - Women Quad, Women Vet Quad, Master Quad

Row 8 - Quad Utility Open, Quad Junior

New Rule: (changes/additions in **RED)**

Chapter VI

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C. Event Rules

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Race 8 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Row 1 - Quad AA

Row 2 - Quad A

Row **3** - Quad B Open

Row **4** - Quad +30

Row **5** - Veteran Quad, Senior Quad

Row **6** - Quad 0-400, Super Senior Quad

Row **7** - Quad C Open

Row **8** - Women Quad, Women Vet Quad, Master Quad

Row **9** - Quad Utility Open, Quad Junior

A motion was made by Kevin Vaughn to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Jeremy Powell.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal #8

Purpose: To allow quad peewee riders to also race a bike.

Chapter VII, Hare Scramble Scoring

Currently reads:

A. General

3. A rider may ride one division or class per day. If they elect to move to another division, they must stay in the higher division and not return to the lower division without written request to and approval by the Hare Scrambles Committee. The division that the rider rides first (if the rider decides to change divisions on race day) will be the one that points will be kept on for that race. This is the lower-ranking of the divisions. After the race, they will be scored in the higher division. They will take up to 90% of the earned lower division points with them.

Change to: (changes/additions in RED)

A. General

3. A rider may ride one division or class per day, **except #10 below**. If they elect to move to another division, they must stay in the higher division and not return to the lower division without written request to and approval by the Hare Scrambles Committee. The division that the rider rides first (if the rider decides to change divisions on race day) will be the one that points will be kept on for that race. This is the lower-ranking of the divisions. After the race, they will be scored in the higher division. They will take up to 90% of the earned lower division points with them.

Add:

10. Peewee quad riders may also enter a bike class for which they are eligible. Advancement will be kept separately.

A motion was made by Don St. John to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Kayla Vawter.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal #9

Purpose: To minimize fire risk from four stroke header pipes.

Chapter VI

Hare Scrambles Rules

A. General

Add:

16. All four stroke machines racing on the main track will be required to have the header portion of their exhaust wrapped with exhaust insulating header wrap to minimize fire hazard from contact by flammable material. Any utility quad with the header completely enclosed by bodywork, will be exempt.

A motion was made by Jeremy Powell to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Mike Sacco.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal #10

Reason for Rule change proposal:

To modify the current Evolution Senior class to enhance the enjoyment of the participants by adding an A and B class and allowing riders to participate in the Sunday races.

Chapter III

D. Rider Classification

1. Riders shall be classified in the following divisions and classes:

Currently:

Evolution Senior 0-Open cc Drum brakes & Air Cooled 40/Above

Change to:

Evolution Senior (A,B) 0-Open cc Drum brakes & Air Cooled 45/Above

Delete next line:

(Saturday ONLY - riders may not ride in Sunday classes)

Chapter VI

C. Event Rules

2.....

Currently:

Race 7 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

- Row 1 - Evolution A
- Row 2 - Junior A
- Row 3 - Junior B
- Row 4 - Evolution B
- Row 5 - Junior C, Junior Girls
- Row 6 - Vintage, Evolution C, Evolution Senior
- Row 7 - Beginner

Change to:

Race 7 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

- Row 1 - Evolution A
- Row 2 - Junior A
- Row 3 - Junior B
- Row 4 - **Evolution Senior A**
- Row **5** - Evolution B
- Row **6** - Junior C, Junior Girls
- Row **7** - Vintage, Evolution C, Evolution Senior **B**
- Row **8** - Beginner

Chapter VIII

B. Riders

3.

Classes Number plate Color (3) Letters / letter and number color

Currently:

Evolution A, B, C & Senior yellow A, B, C, S / black

Change to:

Evolution A, B, C yellow A, B, C / black

Add on next line:

Evolution Senior A, B green A, B / white

The committee showed no interest in this proposal and no motion was made.

Proposal #11

Reason for Rule change proposal:

To eliminate the current Evolution-C class and to modify the current Evolution Senior class to enhance the enjoyment of the participants by adding an A and B class and allowing riders to participate in the Sunday races.

Chapter III

D. Rider Classification

1. Riders shall be classified in the following divisions and classes:

Currently:

Evolution (A,B,C) 0-Open cc Drum brakes & Air Cooled 13/Above
Evolution Senior 0-Open cc Drum brakes & Air Cooled 40/Above

Change to:

Evolution (A,B) 0-Open cc Drum brakes & Air Cooled 13/Above
Evolution Senior (A,B) 0-Open cc Drum brakes & Air Cooled 45/Above

Delete next line:

(Saturday ONLY - riders may not ride in Sunday classes)

Chapter VI

C. Event Rules

2.....

Currently:

Race 7 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Row 1 - Evolution A
Row 2 - Junior A
Row 3 - Junior B
Row 4 - Evolution B
Row 5 - Junior C, Junior Girls
Row 6 - Vintage, Evolution C, Evolution Senior
Row 7 - Beginner

Change to:

Race 7 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Row 1 - Evolution A
Row 2 - Junior A
Row 3 - Junior B
Row 4 - **Evolution Senior A**
Row **5** - Evolution B
Row **6** - Junior C, Junior Girls
Row **7** - Vintage, Evolution Senior **B**
Row **8** - Beginner

Chapter VIII

B. Riders

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Classes Number plate Color (3) Letters / letter and number color

Currently:

Evolution A, B, C & Senior yellow A, B, C, S / black

Change to:

Evolution A, B yellow A, B / black

Add on next line:

Evolution Senior A, B green A, B / white

A motion was made by Bill Jenkins to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Donny Richardson.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal 12

Purpose: To create a built in delay between the 2:15 Saturday race and the quad race.

Chapter VI

C. Event Rules

2.

Saturday Race Schedule

Current:

Race 6 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

- Row 1 - Mini A
- Row 2 - Mini B
- Row 3 - Mini C, Mini Girls
- Row 4 - 65A
- Row 5 - 65B
- Row 6 - 65C, 65 Girls

Race 7 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

- Row 1 - Evolution A
- Row 2 - Junior A
- Row 3 - Junior B
- Row 4 - Evolution B
- Row 5 - Junior C, Junior Girls
- Row 6 - Vintage, Evolution C, Evolution Senior
- Row 7 – Beginner

Change to:

Race 6 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

- Row 1 - Mini A
- Row 2 - Mini B
- Row 3 - Mini C, Mini Girls
- Row 4 - 65A
- Row 5 - 65B
- Row 6 - 65C, 65 Girls

Race 7 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

- Row 1 - Evolution A
- Row 2 - Junior A
- Row 3 - Junior B
- Row 4 - Evolution B
- Row 5 - Junior C, Junior Girls
- Row 6 - Vintage, Evolution C, Evolution Senior
- Row 7 - Beginner

A motion was made by Donny Richardson to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Kayla Vawter.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal 13

Purpose: To move the faster 65-A class in front of the slower Mini-C and Mini Girls row..

Chapter VI

C. Event Rules

2.

Saturday Race Schedule

Current:

Race 6 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

- Row 1 - Mini A
- Row 2 - Mini B
- Row 3 - Mini C, Mini Girls
- Row 4 - 65A
- Row 5 - 65B
- Row 6 - 65C, 65 Girls

Change to:

Race 6 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

- Row 1 - Mini A
- Row 2 - Mini B
- Row 3 - 65A**
- Row 4 - Mini C, Mini Girls**
- Row 5 - 65B
- Row 6 - 65C, 65 Girls

A motion was made by Jeremy Powell to accept the proposal and it was seconded Donny Richardson.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal 14 (Written by: Rocky Gavins & modified by committee)

Purpose: To create a class for the more casual or occasional rider interested in racing hare scrambles.

Chapter III, D. Rider Classification

1. Riders shall be classified in the following divisions and classes:

ADD after "Beginner 0-Open cc 13/Above"

SPORTSMAN 0-Open cc 13/Above*

2. Add to end of paragraph

Sportsman class riders shall not be eligible for Event Trophies nor Year End points or Awards. Sportsman class riders will not receive advancement points, and will not be eligible to ride any Sunday Class at the same event they ride the Sportsman Class on Saturday. Sportsman class riders may not protest scores.

Chapter III, L. Competition Apparel & Equipment, 6. Equipment Vehicle displacement classes are as follows:

Hare Scrambles:

Currently:

0-Open cc AA, Veteran, Senior,
Super Senior, Master,
Golden Master,
Women, Women Vet,
Vintage, Evolution,
Evolution Senior,
Beginners, Quad
AA, Quad A, Quad
+30, Veteran Quad,
Senior Quad, Super
Senior Quad, Master
Quad, Women Quad,
Women Vet Quad,
Quad Utility

Change to (Changes red/underlined):

0-Open cc AA, Veteran, Senior,
Super Senior, Master,
Golden Master, **Sportsman**,
Women, Women Vet,
Vintage, Evolution,
Evolution Senior,
Beginners, Quad
AA, Quad A, Quad
+30, Veteran Quad,
Senior Quad, Super
Senior Quad, Master
Quad, Women Quad,
Women Vet Quad,
Quad Utility

**Chapter VI, C. Event Rules, 2.
Saturday Race Schedule
Race 7**

Currently:

Row 6 - Beginner

Change to:

Row 6 – Sportsman

Add

Row 7 - Beginner

Chapter VIII, B. Riders, 3.

Classes Number plate Color (3) Letters / letter and number color

ADD after "Beginners White none / black"

Sportsman Blue** none / black**

****** Temporary backgrounds and hand drawn numbers are allowed. Numbers should be at least 5 inches tall where possible.**

A motion was made by Donny Richardson to accept the proposal and it was seconded Troy Stainbrook.

The motion **PASSED** and will be published in the magazine and presented for a second vote at a subsequent committee meeting.

Proposal 15

Proposal to Establish A Pit Riding Permit System

Drafted by: Nic Frey FTR# 12-49379A

The purpose of this proposal is to establish a permit system for Pit Riding at FTR sanctioned events. The intent of the rule is as follows; by requiring a yearly permit, purchased for a nominal fee to cover the cost of materials and administration, FTR officials can more proactively regulate and police Pit Riding by competitors and spectators at an event.

The addition of a numbered permitting system to non-competition vehicles gives a means of recognition to these previously anonymous vehicles. While all pit vehicles require numbering, some vehicles such as Side by Sides are not conducive to numbering per the FTR competition rules. This results in vehicles with no means of identification. The permit is a cheaper, more widely accepted means of identification. Officials then can identify an offending vehicle by their competition number or permit number. This puts the responsibility of the FTR member to manage the use of their vehicle. Pit Riding is a luxury not a right. By having a small financial investment people are more apt to follow the rules in order to not lose that investment. In addition this will reduce the number of people Pit Riding at events as some will not be willing to pay for a permit.

Key Points of the Proposal:

- The suggest fee for this permit is \$10 per non-competition vehicle per season.
- The permit is to be similar to the Withlacoochee Forest OHV Area permit, in that the permit is to be serialized, color shall change from year to year(match membership card), and the permit number shall be tied to an FTR member in good standing.
- A line shall be added to the general entry form to purchase permits along with membership.
- A new form shall be created to facilitate purchasing of a permit. The form will require an FTR membership number and only be available to FTR members in good standing.
- In a similar manner to team entry a FTR representative will be responsible for collecting permit monies and forwarding it to FTR. Dispersion of the permits themselves will be handled by FTR through the scoring trailer.
- Non-competition vehicles shall be defined as any unlicensed motorized vehicle without FTR/AMA compliant competition numbers for a rider in good standing with FTR (motorized wheelchairs excluded).
- The permit shall be located on the front right side of the vehicle in a conspicuous location.
- Any excess monies will be deposited in the FTR General Fund.
- Revocation of the FTR member's Pit Riding permit(s) shall be added as a level of punishment for breaking any of the current Pit Riding rules in the FTR rulebook.
- Pit Riding without a permit shall be given 1 warning, as means to go purchase a permit. The 2nd offense shall result in discharge from the event property.

Note: For the following proposed rulebook changes new and additional wording is indicated in bold.

Chapter II, Definitions, Page 10

Add the following definitions:

- **Non-Competition Vehicle** - shall be defined as any unlicensed motorized vehicle without FTR/AMA compliant competition numbers for a rider in good standing with FTR (motorized wheelchairs excluded).

- **Pit Riding Permit** - A non-refundable permit issued on a yearly basis for the Pit Riding of Non-Competition Vehicles. The permit is to be serialized, color shall change from year to year in conjunction with the FTR membership card, and the permit number shall be tied to an FTR member in good standing. (See Figure 1) An FTR member is allowed to purchase as many permits as many times as desired as long as the member is in good standing.

Chapter III, General Rules, C. Pit Riding, Page 11

From:

3. All unlicensed vehicles shall identify the responsible party.

Licensed vehicles (with license plate mounted) are exempt from identification requirement.

a. Identification shall be by competition number plate as registered through the FTR scorekeeper.

b. The competition number plate shall meet all requirements as if on a competition machine of similar type.

c. Identification shall be readily visible and legible at a distance.

7. Any FTR member in violation of these rules shall be subject to the following:

a. Responsible FTR member is disqualified for the event.

b. If the member is not competing at the event then the rider shall be requested to leave the event property.

c. All disqualifications shall count in the year end standings.

d. A second offense within the same competition season shall result in an automatic suspension from all FTR competition for one calendar year following the date of the second offense.

Multiple offenses may count even at a single event.

e. A third offense shall be defined as "Conduct unbecoming an FTR member" and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by the Scorekeeper.

To:

3. All unlicensed **non-competition** vehicles shall identify the responsible party **by displaying a Pit Riding Permit**. Licensed vehicles (with license plate mounted) are exempt from identification requirement.

~~a. Identification shall be by competition number plate as registered through the FTR scorekeeper.~~

~~b. The competition number plate shall meet all requirements as if on a competition machine of similar type.~~

~~c. Identification shall be readily visible and legible at a distance.~~

a. The Pit Riding Permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous location on the front right side of the Non-Competition Vehicle.

7. Any FTR member on a **Pit Riding Permitted vehicle** in violation of these rules shall be subject to the following:

a. The first offense with in the same competition season shall result in the removal of one half of the Pit Riding Permit.

b. The second offense will result in the removal of the Pit Riding Permit on that vehicle and the responsible FTR member is disqualified for the event.

i. If the operator is not competing at the event then the rider shall be requested to leave the event property **and the responsible FTR member shall be disqualified for the event.**

ii. All disqualifications shall count in the year end standings.

~~d. A second offense within the same competition season shall result in an automatic suspension from all FTR competition for one calendar year following the date of the second offense.~~

d. Multiple offenses may count even at a single event.

~~e. A third offense shall be defined as "Conduct unbecoming an FTR member" and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by the Scorekeeper.~~

e. For a non-permitted Non-Competition Vehicle the operator shall be given one warning, as a means to purchase a Pit Riding Permit. The second offense will result in the request for the operator to leave the event property.

f. At any given time another permit may be purchased to replace a vehicle's that has already committed a pit riding offense.

Chapter III, General Rules, J. Fees, Page 14

Add:

7. Pit Riding Permit fees will be \$10.00 per Non-Competition Vehicle, and will be applied to the FTR General Fund.

Chapter III, General Rules, M. Official Duties and Powers, 2. FTR Responsibilities, Page 15

From:

b. Provide FTR application blanks, handle all FTR paperwork, and collect all money necessary to sign up new or renew FTR members.

To:

b. Provide FTR application blanks, **Pit Riding Permit** blanks, handle all FTR paperwork, and collect all money necessary for **Pit Riding** and sign up of new or renewing FTR members.

Add:

f. Provide Pit Riding Permits to FTR members in good standing who wish to purchase a permit for the current competition season.

g. Maintain a record of the FTR member Pit Riding permits.

Chapter III, General Rules, M. Official Duties and Powers, 3. , Page 16

Add:

5. An FTR representative will collect all Pit Riding Permit money and forward to FTR Treasurer for deposit in the general fund.

Example Pit Riding Permit

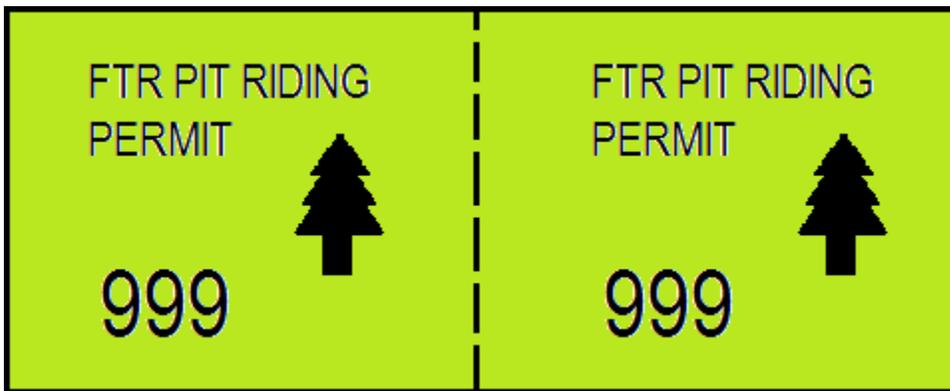


Figure 1

A motion was made by Jeremy Powell to accept the proposal and it was seconded Jack Terrell.

The motion **FAILED**, but Nic was thanked for his hard work in drafting the proposal and members of the committee thought it may have potential with a few more details worked out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Mike Belle (HSC Chairman)