

**Nanaimo Motocross Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2009 at 1pm
Room #14, Beban Park**

Welcome and meeting called to order at 1:00pm Attendance

Executive In Attendance: Andy Barry, Dave Barnes, Jaye Pugh, Donna Meyland, Mike Cardinal, Dan Smith, Dan Nikirk, Linda Sutherland, Harold Youland

Executive Regrets: Sam McDonald, Kim Brunelle

Audience In Attendance: Russell Sherman, Mark Ellis, Renee Cardinal, Mike MacDonald, James Latham, Bart McGuire, Sharie McGuire, John Geddes Skelding; Hayley Burns, Ellis Tull, Shelley Tull, Jake Bootsman

Introduce Current Executive

- President, Andy Barry
- Vice President, Dave Barnes
- Secretary, Donna Meyland
- Treasurer, Jaye Pugh
- Track Manager, Dan Smith
- Site Manager, Mike Cardinal
- Water Manager, Dan Nikirk
- Director, Harold Youland

Approval of Last Year's AGM Minutes

Minutes of last year's AGM reviewed and approved. Adopted by Renee Cardinal 2nd by Mark Ellis.

Treasurer's Report

- Jaye handed out financial statements
- The club had a good year, although is it unlikely to collect the balance owed by Big Easy
- Double headers saved money
- Membership was down from 424 in 2008 to 307 in 2009
- There was an increase in sponsorship dollars
- Motion to approve financial report from Linda Sutherland 2nd by James Latham

President's Report

- Andy Barry thanked the 2009 executive and directors

- Dave spent a lot of time on the website. Jaye and Donna kept it current. There was a big improvement with the website.
- Mike, Dan and Dan accomplished a lot of work around the track.
- Harold and Linda created a promo package for sponsors and changed the trophies. The trophies are much better. Linda managed to round up a lot of prizes and put in a lot of effort with sponsors.
- The Cardinals got the flaggers booths painted.
- Kim Brunelle did a great job with the concession and flaggers.
- Theresa and Sam ran the concession over the long weekend, which was great – we need to keep it up.
- Most of the executive is from out of town and we are all new to the positions except for Jaye. Travelling from out of town made it a little difficult to monitor things at the track especially if there was an issue. Jaye was called upon to do this more often than she should have been.

Accomplishments:

- Two double headers were very successful.
- Nanaimo had the most sign ups of any club in BC at 945.
- Huge improvements were made around the facility. We created a hospitality area around the sign up tower and we had very positive responses to the changes.
- We managed to bring Yamaha of Canada on board, Kawasaki as well who gave us a monster tent to raffle off as well as tuff block covers and banners
- Voted on track spending:
- Welcome sign
- Finish line banners
- Banners on towers
- Two pit washing stations (helped to control water run off into the pits)
- 300 feet of fence was erected
- Pads for toilets
- Increased area behind start gate
- A lot of the water system is redone
- Roofs replaced on flagging booths
- New start gate booth
- Gravel laid in sign up area
- Parking lot barriers replaced
- Finish line was moved to help scorers
- Website now has pay pal and is a lot more interactive.
- Bank was changed and we now have a minimum of two signing officers on the account, there are currently 3 signers Dave, Andy and Jaye.
- Richard Wilson helped the club out with donations to the concession over the long weekend race meet.
- We had two successful schools; we should continue to offer them.
- We had a couple of things happen at the track that were not positive. The lock on the tower was cut off although nothing was taken, and 30000 gallons of water drained out of the tanks, which meant that the club had to purchase water. A water pump also went missing.

- The 2009 executive has not voted on anything that will affect the incoming 2010 executive, so no surprises.
- Non-current sponsors will not be on website anymore and their names will be removed from around the track.
- There are a few things we didn't do this year:
 - We need to take an inventory and create a checklist of all the things in the tower
 - Garbage cans need to be removed from the property
 - We need a lock on the main pump to protect the water in the tanks
 - Keep people from parking on the graveled area
- We purchased a water truck for \$5000.00 but it was only used twice. The truck is very bulky and it is not easy to get it around the track. It also has a small capacity tank. The club should maybe consider returning it to seller and recouping some money. Richard Meyer said he would refund the club
- We need to be better at monitoring riders who don't buy day passes. It is a major liability concern. We want to keep the track a safe and fun place to ride.
- Andy is proud of all the accomplishments made at the track. Even though we lost some sponsors we gained more. We need to encourage every member to promote our sport.
- We had one open house this year, maybe we need more. Let's try and fill all the start gates! There are only 511 BC CMRC members – let's see improvements in our numbers.
- Andy attended the BCMA meeting yesterday as club rep. He did some networking and left some sponsorship packages. It was a very long meeting attended by 24 people. There was a lot accomplished.

Vice President's Report

- Main role was to help and support President.
- Dave did take on the role of website co-coordinator with certain goals in mind:
 - Better communications with members
 - Self-service capabilities, membership purchase and renewal online
 - Manage memberships centrally.
- Would like to further promote online use by the membership. There is much less admin work if the website is used for sign-up and membership renewal. We had 22 online signups for the last race. Hopefully the website will become more of a community site over the next year. Dave would also like to finish work on his survey to gather member's input. He will publish the results next year. Let's see what the members want. This will be useful information for the new executive.
- Dave would also like to mention Donna for maintaining the website and Jaye for overseeing and inputting membership information on the website.
- Dave, on behalf of the current executive, would like to thank Andy Barry for all his work over the past year. He has contributed a lot to the track

Secretary's Report

Donna does not have much to report but Dave did ask everyone to talk about why the executive does what he or she does to which Donna has responded. She became a member of the club 5 years ago and has volunteered for a position every year. She has been club secretary for the past 3 years and has helped Jaye

in the tower. She spent time helping develop the sponsorship package and updating and maintaining the website. Donna has found it very satisfying to be a part of the NMA. She has gained new skills. She would like to recommend that the club have more practice days, more riding schools and would like to see the club spend more money on the watering system. She also thinks it would be great to see more grooming done in between race days for the non-race members of the club. She would also like to thank the sponsors.

Donna is stepping down from position of secretary.

Director's Reports:

Mike Cardinal, Elected Director, Site Manager

Mike said it was difficult to be effective in his role as site manager when you live out of town. However they did manage to get some maintenance done at the track. There were a few things not done like garbage barrel removal and the drain behind the start gate.

Dan Smith, Director, Track Manager

Dan Smith reports that it was a hectic year for him. He did manage to really rip the track up and felt that everyone has done a good job especially as the ground was so dry. It worked out that he groomed about once a month but couldn't really effect much change to the tracks condition. The double headers were especially difficult for one groomer. The club really needs two machines on race days because of the length of the track. However there were fewer injuries this year in part because of the work on the track. Dan also managed to make a few track changes, which had positive feedback.

Dan Nikirk, Director, Watering Manager

With the help of Mike MacDonald, Dan says they only got half as much done, as they would like to do with the watering system. They are looking forward to 2010 to complete the rest of the work needed to make the system more effective. Race days were hectic. There was simply not enough water this year. They are looking to make that a problem of the past in the upcoming year. The double header was a difficult race to host in the late summer because of the lack of water.

Linda Sutherland, Director, Current Sponsorships, Bike Shop Liaison

Linda managed promotions, membership and sponsors this year. She was able to collect a lot of prizes for race days from sponsors. She would like to recommend that there are more groomed practice days at the track. She has had a lot of feedback from the recreational club member who feels as though they are being overlooked in favour of the competitive racers.

Harold Youland, Director, Trophies and New Sponsorships

Harold introduced new trophies and put together a sponsors package. He looks forward to even better organization in 2010 so that he can continue to bring in new sponsors. He would like to see a summer riding camp. This would help to promote our sport and introduce it to young riders. Harold got involved in the sport by accident two years ago and although his son broke his femur in CR, they have enjoyed becoming a part of the motocross family. He knew nothing about the sport before they joined and as a result sees the importance of promotion within the local community. Harold would love to see more people come out to have fun at our tracks.

Sam MacDonald, Director, Concessions

Andy for Sam; Sam did a great job in the concession. The roast beef dinner was a success. It created an event not just a race – we should try and keep up the hospitality, it attracts people.

Kim Brunelle, Director, Flagging and First Aid Coordinator

Jaye for Kim; Kim wants to start early in 2010 trying to recruit teams to act as flaggers. Getting teams involved saves the club money. Teams take a flat fee.

Questions/Feedback for current Executive

- Mark Ellis wanted to make some comments to the executive.
 - Mark commends the group for all that they have done for and around the track this past year. The track has come leaps and bounds and he had great fun riding at Nanaimo this year. He really enjoyed the double headers. Can't wait for the 2010 season to start.
- Final discussion before voting in new executive:

BCMA/VIMX Overview – Andy/Dave

Andy Barry attended the BCMA meeting in Vancouver on the 21st November. They discussed the future of the VIMX. The VIMX was formed last year to bring together the island clubs. The VIMX will be a stronger representation for the needs of the island clubs with CMRC. A new executive will be voted on in January of 2010. There were 24 people in attendance at the BCMA meeting including Brett Lee. Individual clubs were discussed, membership dollars and schedules. The schedule should be finalized in January 2010. Dan Coombs was voted in as BCMA president and Myrna Hansen as island director. Andy discussed the need to go back to the grass roots of motocross and encourage the weekend warrior, non-racer, out to the tracks on the island.

Executive and Volunteer Roles Review - Donna

Andy introduces proceedings for vote on new 2010 executive and asks Donna Meyland to review positions.

Donna reviews roles: this year we have 9 key positions, we came to this decision based on past experience – we need a minimum of 5 positions to be a society.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Track Manager
- Water manager
- Promotions
- Memberships

There are many more volunteer roles, which do not require the member to be on the executive. However volunteers will report to an overseeing director. The new executive does not have to follow this recommendation.

Andy - team work makes the load lighter.

Dave - we created the position of Promotions Manager because we feel that there is a lot of growth for potential for the club here.

Election Process Overview - Donna

Donna explains the election process: start with Presidents call for elections. If there are two or more people to stand for a position, there will be a secret vote. You cannot nominate yourself. You can decline a nomination. You have to be present to be nominated. If there is only one person nominated they will win by acclimation.

Elections - Donna

President:

Nominees:	Dave Barnes	Nominated by Andy Barry
	Andy Barry	Nominated by Mike Cardinal

Andy Barry declines nomination Dave Barnes in President by acclimation

Vice President:

Nominees:	Harold Youland	Declined
	Kelly Rowlett	Nominated by Donna Meyland

Kelly Rowlett is Vice President by acclimation

Treasurer:

There are no nominees for this position. Jaye Pugh will continue on as acting Treasurer until someone steps forward. (You cannot have a society without a treasurer)

Secretary:

Donna Meyland is stepping down. There are no nominees for this position at this time.

Membership manager:

Nominees:	Linda Sutherland	Declined
	Sheree McGuire	Declined
	Renee cardinal	Declined

Site Manager:

Nominees:	Mike Cardinal	Nominated by Andy Barry
	Dan Nikirk	Declined
	Robert Wolfe	Nominated by Jaye Pugh

A secret vote was held and Robert Wolfe wins by majority.

Track Manager:

Nominees: Dan Smith Nominated by Dan Nikirk

Voted in by acclimation

Water Manager:

Nominees: Dan Nikirk Nominated by Donna Meyland
Mike MacDonald Nominated by Dan Smith
Mike Cardinal Declined

Secret vote was held and Mike MacDonald wins by majority.

Promotions Manager:

Nominees: Harold Youland Nominated by Andy Barry
Linda Sutherland Declined

Harold Youland by acclimation

The new 2010 Executive was introduced and welcomed

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held at HarbourCity Motorsports on January 7th 2010 at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Dave Barnes closed the meeting with a thank-you to the new and past executive.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.