

**Nanaimo Motocross Association
General Meeting
Sept 17, 2009**

Attendance: Dave Barnes, Donna Meyland, Jaye Pugh, Dan Nikirk, Mike MacDonald, Kim Brunelle, Linda Sutherland, Harold Youland, Mike Cardinal, Ken Clarke, Dan Smith, Brian Gilbert, Dustin Dennis, Rob Wolf, Lindsay Dennis, Pam Geddes-Skelding

Regrets: Andy Barry, Sam MacDonald

Called to order 7:15 pm

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Distributed and approved.

Vice President – Dave Barnes

Dave chaired the meeting in Andy's absence. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard at the Fall Races!!

Website – Dave thanked Donna and Jaye for all the good work done on the website this year. Jaye does the membership management. Donna does the rest except for technical issues that Dave can resolve. There have been 1500 hits by 1000 different users in the last 30 days so the site is being used. We would like to try to encourage more online sign ups next year.

VIMX update- Dave indicated that the next meeting is planned for Sept 25 at Harbour City. He heard from Jeff Evernden that BCMA will pay for the Spring Prizes for the banquet and donate 12 gear bags. Motovan will donate the Fall Prizes. Island Clubs will pay for the Fall Trophies. There will be no riders tax charged this year. VIMX is talking about doing a survey to island members regarding what members would like to see next year ie scheduling etc. Should VIMX fall under BCMA update and discussion. Dave explained some of the issues. Of the 9 Board Members present none are opposed to standing alone and having VIMX deal with CMRC directly.

Victoria Club News – They are having a fun race on Sept 27th to try out the new extended track. As a courtesy Donna always distributes Victoria's announcements to all of our members to keep them informed.

Dusty Klatt- Wants to do some more riding schools in Nanaimo. He is also interested in one on one slots. He has spaces open for one on one's where you live and learn from him for 5 days for \$1500. The riding schools put on by Dusty and Kyle Beaton this year was well received and it would be great to do some more next year.

Ken Clarke would like to thank us for having a meeting in Nanaimo this year. The others joining us expressed this also. Harold commented did comment that if we had more Board Members residing in Nanaimo we would have more meetings there but as it stands right now our area is Malahat to Parksville weigh scales, so this year we meet in the middle.

Treasurer's Report- Jaye Pugh

Jaye distributed the statements for review. She is in the middle of moving to a bank account that doesn't charge service fees. Yamaha did not pay their sponsorship. Andy was to follow up but nothing received yet. Memberships are down \$8700 from last year. We did do well at the BC's in terms of gate fees due to the Music Festival. We believe perhaps people were coming to our event to listen to the music without having to

pay for the expensive ticket. Bank Statements were brought to our last Directors only meeting in August and to this one. Andy was not at either one so she will pop them in the mail. Insurance has increased this year.

A couple of suggestions made in regards to memberships were that perhaps we could also focus on riders who are not racers. We have many members who do not race and they feel we have focused too much on racing only this year. More practice days for sure. Another idea was we could have a referral fee when a current member signs up a new member.

Statements accepted as distributed.

Secretary- Donna Meyland

Thought the practice day was well received. Mentioned that some things were not done for the event and others had to step in and do more than their normal job, but we got it done, and people were happy in the end. Donna would like to see more practice days next year. Race days went smoothly and did not hear too many complaints other than garbage laying around. She would really like to thank Dave Barnes for stepping up where needed in the latter half of this year. It's much appreciated.

Mike Cardinal- Site Manager

Mike's focus is with the ditch drainage along the start area.

Dan Nikirk-Water

Would like to look at spending some money on sprinklers next year. We can't drag hoses over the whole course. It's too laborious.

Linda Sutherland- Sponsorships

Linda is getting some sponsor recognition plaques done for a couple of the major sponsors as a thank you.

Kim Brunelle- Flagging and First Aid

In regards to flagging one of the clubs pays more to flaggers who work the second day and only pay the flaggers on the Sunday. Might be a good idea for us to try as sometimes flaggers do one day, get paid and then don't show up for day two.

Sam MacDonald- Concessions

Not present

Agenda Items

Fall Series Rounds 1 & 2 Review

People thought the track was good and dust was kept to a minimum which is great considering it was August! Great job getting water. People also liked the new berm on the corner before the finish line. Not having a berm there was a safety issue.

Big Easy Music Festival

Dan Smith says they lost \$80K. We were paid just under \$5000. We benefited more from the festival than they did in terms of gate fees. We had a discussion regarding what to do as the contract stated \$10000. Jaye asked if she should send them an invoice for the balance. After the discussion we decided Dan S will talk to Dave O'Holloran about our payment, but at this point we will take what we get and forgive the rest due to this being their first trial year.

Fall Site Preparation

Andy was able to provide Dave B with a list of things that need to be done at the site in order to winterize it. Others also added to the list. The names beside the items are who is responsible to line up getting it done, or coordinate it for the work party.

Clear pond area- Mike C

Hay bales have to be put into the pond and the tires need to be pulled out- Mike C

Pond liner needs to be pulled back up while the pond is empty – Mike C

Drain the watering system – Dan N

Dan S is grooming once more

Ditch behind start gate needs to be done (Mike C has Ryan Bachinski lined up to do this)

Garbage can removal and pick up any leftover garbage – Mike C

Clean up and dispose metal waste – Mike C

Tower area – put up no parking sign - Mike C

Safety Clean needs to empty the oil bins- Mike C

Clean culverts on the track- Mike C

Pumps – Dan N will take them from the Dennis'. Luckily they were not stolen during our break in.

With all this work needing done we will have a **Work Party/Practice Day Nov 15th**

\$1500 Grant – We did not qualify for one this year as we did not have Nationals. BC's wasn't a big enough event. However we should try again next year if we have a BC's now that we have some real numbers to go off of.

AGM Date – Sunday November 22nd, Beban Park 1:00- 4:00, Room #14. Donna will send email to members, post on website. Minutes from last years AGM are already on our website.

Next Years Executive- Many feel that we had too many Board Members this year. We would like to recommend having less Board Members next year and more coordinated volunteers. We have to have a minimum of 5 being President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and one other. We feel a maximum of 7 or 8 is sufficient because a Site Manager, and a Track Manager should be a Director position. Next year we may want to look at Hare Scrambles (Chris Stokes) and perhaps a summer riding camp.

Perpetual Awards – Donna emailed everyone the award sheet explaining each award and past winners. Please send votes to her directly by Oct 15th.

Arenacross- Dan Smith wants to explore doing an Arenacross in January 2010. If we could run it through a venue like Nanoose. Linda offered to help research this. However we must keep in mind the timing. A new Executive will be in place in November so it would likely be their decision to make.

Tower Break in- Broken into yesterday. It doesn't look like anything was taken. The tower needs a new lock. Dan Nikirk got the lock off the tower, Jaye will get a new one. Thanks to the Dennis family who reported it and took care of our pumps for us!

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