

## Manitoba Dirt Riders 2012 AGM minutes

Taken and prepared by Keith Lillies, club secretary.

January 21, 2012 at Motel 6 boardroom in Headingly, Manitoba.

Meeting was called to order.

31 members were in attendance.

Agenda was handed out to the membership and adopted.

Minutes from the 2011 AGM were presented by Keith Lillies, club sec. Motion to accept minutes was made by James Hogue, seconded by John Thompson, carried.

Financial report was given by Pat Wickett, club Vice Pres. on Terina Wickett, club treasurer's behalf. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Cory Halbert, seconded by John Thomson.

Brent MacDonald, club pres. presented an overview of the 2011 race season. Due to the excessive moisture of 2011 only 3 races were held. All 3 races were a success and enjoyed by the membership.

Keith Lillies, club sec. handed out information to the membership pertaining to his objection to changing the constitution of MDR to allow proxy voting at AGM meetings by the membership.

### Old Business

Information on the purchase of the club's cargo trailer was provided to the membership. The hope is that by having all race prep equipment in the trailer, that working on the race course will be easier for volunteers. Also come race day the trailer can be used to host the scoring system. Insurance has been placed on the trailer for the 2012 season. Keith Lillies has not yet been paid for the insurance and he is the insured party on the policy since the MDR club has not obtained its Corp. status as of yet.

Keith Lillies, club sec. presented information on the club's insurance. No changes are anticipated in the insurance fees if the previous provider is used. There are alternative insurance sources which may be cheaper. One is Wyatt insurance out of Winnipeg, which is working with the Manitoba Motocross Association this year. The other is to get insurance through CMA, as the Manitoba Oldtimer Motocross group has done.

Keith Lillies, club sec. presented information on the scoring system purchased in 2011. By all accounts the system works well however it does require a certain knowledge in computer software/hardware usage. Keith expressed confidence that the equipment and system could work for the 2012 season if the right person was operating it. Brent MacDonald indicated that Ron Routledge has much expertise in the computer field and has been running the scoring system in his shop with some good success.

Keith Lillies, club sec. presented information on the corporate status of the MDR club. He indicated that after several back and forth communications with Corporations Canada in 2009 it was his understanding that corporate status had been approved. This past fall it came to his attention that a

final letter, showing a final change in the constitution which was needed to obtain acceptance had not been sent to Corporations Canada. After contacting them he was informed that the process would have to start over since the time frame for the original application had run out. The club has been functioning on the constitution that fulfilled all of Corporation Canada's needs. The insurance company, and the bank have been fine with corp. status being pending thus far. Keith indicated that he is resubmitting the application for Corporate status. There will be another fee of \$ 200.00 for this application. No further problems are expected in the application process.

The secretary's report was motioned to be accepted by Pat Wickett, seconded by Brent MacDonald, carried.

Pat Wickett, club VP presented information on his Political Liason activities. He has attended 2 meetings thus far. One with concerned persons and the Gov of MB representatives. Another with a focus group set up to look at how the public could continue to share the use of the Mars sand hills. Pat agreed to continue to represent MDR in efforts to save riding oportunities in the Mars WMA .

Brent MacDonald, club pres. informed the membership that an autitor was required to be appointed at this AGM. The auditor would review the financial statement for the year 2011. John Thompson motion that James Hogue be the auditor, Corey Halbert seconded, carried. {James Hogue indicated that his bros-in-law was an accountant and he could persuaded to do the auditor task by James.}

#### New Business

Discussion from the membership was held on the following:

- 1 A championship series in which a race could be dropped for points.
- 2 A worker rule
- 3 An outlaw class was explained by John Thompson, the races would be shorter in duration and held in the morning.
- 4 A motion to allow proxy voting to occur at AGM meeting by the membership was made by Brent MacDonald, seconded by Pat Wickett. A vote was taken. 1 yes vote, 14 no votes, 5 abstained. The motion did not carry.
- 5 Aoapting a simple A,B,C class system for the rider classes.
- 6 No longer giving trophies to the adult racers.

Brent MacDonald, club pres. suggested to table the above topics and have the new board of directors review the topics at a later date.

- 7 Dana Feal described how District 23 harescrambe races in the US get their riders to help at their races. A worker rule exists where they need to put in a minimal of 20 hours work and help

out at one of the races. The worker gets first place points for that race in which they help out. A championship can not be won without having worked.

Keith Lillies motioned the board will explore the District 23 process for increasing club volunteerism, seconded by Pat Wickett, carried.

8 Randy Beta thanked the club on behalf of the Peterson Culee crew. He suggested that the Peterson Culee could be included in the MDR points count for a championship. John Thompson motioned to have the board investigate including the Peterson Culee race on the MDR race calendar and combine the points for a championship. Insurance considerations would need to be investigated. Seconded by Pat Wickett. carried.

#### Board of Director positions needing to be filled

Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, Rider's Rep, Officer's rep

Vice President. John Thompson nominated by Keith Lillies, seconded by James Hogue. John Thompson declined the nomination. John Rooney nominated by Brent MacDonald, seconded by James Hogue. No further nomination. John Rooney is Vice President by acclamation.

Secretary. Ron Routledge nominated by Brent MacDonald, seconded by Pat Wickett. No further nominations. Ron Routledge is secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer. Corey Halbert nominated by John Thompson, seconded by John Rooney. No further nominations. Corey Halbert is Treasurer by acclamation.

Rider's rep. John Thompson nominated by James Hogue, seconded by John Rooney. No further nominations. John Thompson is rider's rep.

Officer's rep. Travis Ferguson nominated by John Rooney, seconded by Pat Wickett. No further nominations. Travis Ferguson is officer's reps.

Leaving the MDR board of directors are Pat Wickett, Terina Wickett, Marshal Askew, Keith Lillies.

The new Board of Directors was introduced to the membership and continued to conduct the meeting.

Brent MacDonald, club pres. thanked the departing board members for their contributions to the MDR club and off road motorcycle riding in Manitoba. He also thanked the 2011 officers for all their help and as directed by the constitution released the officers from their duties.

The 2012 race schedule was presented by the Board. Locations available for racing are Mordon, Melita, Mineota, Moosimin, Oak Lake.

Moosimin in early May is ready to go by the land owners, they are prepping the course.

Melita is hosting an MMA race 22 May, otherwise they are flexible.

Oak Lake is ready to go and their dates are flexible. The land owner will prep the course.

Mineota is flexible on dates and a verbal agreement has been obtained to allow MDR to hold a race at the site.

Brent MacDonald, club pres. spoke on the importance of more volunteers. The membership needs to be involved in the club. The topic of each member dedicating to help out at one of the weekend events was discussed.

#### The floor was opened for general discussion.

Discussion about having two day race weekends was held. The merit of ending earlier on Sunday was discussed. This could help in getting more volunteers to help pull the course down.

More efficient course marking was discussed. The ease in which the course is pulled down can be effected by the type of marking used on the trail. It was identified that the tear down part of the race work weekend is very hard to achieve due to volunteers being exhausted, the time of day the race finishes, the tear down crew will be late getting out of the race site.

The board indicated that a 2 day event would be investigated.

The following members volunteered to assist at the Melita race. Joh Rooney, Dana Feal, Don Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ ?Wolfe.

Discussion to pay the membership a fee to motivate them to work on the race course was held.

Doing away with Trophies for adults was discussed.

Doing away with the pro payout was discussed.

Disistrict 23's method with a championship series was discussed.

Potential race sites at Lee River and Meleb, Manitoba were discussed.

Fundraising methods for the club were discussed. These included the following: 1  
selling advertising on the club web site.

2 making and selling club t-shirts and, or hoodies.

3 50/50 draws at the race events.

4 raffling off a quad over the 2012 season.

The topic of pre riding the course was discussed. No pre riding of the course was strongly agreed upon by the membership. Members found to be pre riding race courses prior to the organized site lap will be dealt with harshly. Having a parade lap on the day of the race was discussed. The problems of this type of site lap were identified. Members who did not attend the track the eve before race could use the parade lap to familiarize themselves with the track. It was identified that if a rider had not seen the course they should ride with due caution until they were familiar with the course layout. Having a parade lap for the kids was discussed.

The topic of holding shorter races was discussed, as was mutlitple motos.

Randy Beta made the motion to adjorn the meeting, seconded by Keith Lillies, carried.