

# MANITOBA DIRT RIDERS

## 2024 AGM MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by President Paul Swiscoski.

Mike Artemchuk motioned to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Chris Jebb 2nd it, all in favor and zero opposed.

Secretary Mauws read minutes from the 2023 AGM.  
Zach Holden made a motion to adopt minutes as read 2nd Steffan Zinn, all in favor zero opposed.

Mark Fosty mentioned we should look into a dot on #plate or rider helmet to identify class/ loop. On list to discuss further.

President report- Paul started with thank you to the board and their dedication, to the sponsors, and volunteers.

At the request of the land owners, the Oaklake track was rested for the 2024 season. Recap report on each of the race venues for the 2024 season:

Fisher Branch -board rep Colin, 148 riders, one the best rider turn outs

Melita- board rep Ian, 202 riders on Saturday & 201 for Sunday

Miniota - board rep Aaron, 173 riders on Saturday & 192 for Sunday

Rivers - board rep Paul, 180 riders on Saturday & 189 for Sunday

Cypress River - board rep Kelly, 224 riders for Saturday & 231 for Sunday  
\*Note that there was a break in and items stolen after the Cypress work party and before the race weekend. The impressive outpouring from

members and other dirt bike clubs who offered equipment and help to ensure the race still went on was extremely heartfelt and appreciated\*

Motion made by Ian Cottingham to accept presidents report, 2nd Kyle Decosse. All in favor zero opposed.

Finance report - compiled by treasurer Rhonda Rudneski, read by Paul. Shows a breakdown of income/ expense per race, merchandise, other costs /expenses for the year and bank balance Oct/31 2024.

Discussed- possible more advertising for the club (can we handle more riders? Pro/cons) volunteer's shortage- options to entice people to help, maybe show year to year financial comparisons, discuss more on insurance, more members increased income for the year, discuss the "startup" the year fund kept in savings, chat on moto tally fees etc.

Motion made by Dan Huberdeau to adopt the financial report as presented, 2nd by Marshal Askew, all in favor zero opposed.

Motion made by Val Bugera to have an internal audit of the financials by Zach Holden, 2nd by Kelly Mauws, all in favor zero opposed. Paul explained further that we will have a member to review the financials as voted on, as well as a 3rd party independent auditor. Rhonda has been working with a chartered accountant to clear up the financials, so all financials will also be reviewed by Helene.

Brief comment on a resignation of a board member at the start of the 2024 season, the board absorbed the duties as a team and placed Kelly Mauws in the position for the remained of the season.

Election-

Vice President -Paul Swiscoski nominated Ian Cottingham, Ian accepted, 3 calls for other nominations, no others, all in favor Ian accepts a 2-year term in the Vice-presidential position.

Officer representative - Paul Swiscoski nominated Clark Hnatiuk, Clark accepted, 3 calls for nominations, no others, all in favor Clark accepts a 2-year term as an officer representative. \*Filling Ian's position.

Rider representative - Paul Swiscoski nominated Derek Fairley, Derek

accepted, 3 calls for other nominations, no others, all in favor- Derek accepts a 2-year term as officer representative. He is replacing Aaron Ashcroft's position.

Rider representative- Paul Swiscoski nominated Mark Leflar, Aaron face timed with Mark, Mark accepted, 3 calls for other nominations, no others, all in favor, Mark accepts a 2-year term as rider representative. He is replacing Colin Scarfe's position.

On behalf of the board, Paul thanked Colin Scarfe and Aaron Ashcroft for their dedication and commitment to the MDR board.

Paul then introduced the new MDR Board

Paul Swiscoski - President

Ian Cottingham - Vice President

Rhonda Rudneski - Treasurer

Kelly Mauws - Secretary

Officer representative - Damien Deschambault

Officer representative - Clark Hnatiuk

Rider representative - Derek Fairley

Rider representative - Mark Leflar

Dan requested a description of each board member's duties, Paul read what the constitution listed and noted that the board works as a team with some tasks.

Bike classes -- lots of discussion on the class changes implemented for the 2024 season. It however had flaws and was missing structure in certain areas.

Damien created a color coded chart with bike sizes, course color, duration of race and class to move up *too*. Zach volunteered to help create a spreadsheet that will be available on line and in score trailer.

Paul Swiscoski made a motion to move back to the original style with bike size, rider's age and experience. 2nd by Mike Artemchuk, all in favor, O opposed.

Paul Swiscoski made a motion to increase the land owner fee for 2025 and

going forward to \$1000 for the land rental and \$500 for cleanup. 2nd by Dan Huberdeau.

Sweepers- discussion on some sweepers not doing their actual job on the track. Sweepers priority is the safety of ALL riders, to do the job with integrity and due diligence. We need to make a more structured accountability plan. Paul made a motion to create a sweeper's code of conduct over the winter, 2nd by Dave Rand, all in favor zero opposed.

Discussion on class qualifications, wording in the constitution on races, results and series championship. Paul made a motions to change the wording from "competed in more than 3 events" to read "competed in 3 or more events" 2nd by Shane Fairley, all in favor, zero opposed, 1 abstained vote Mike Artemchuk.

Proposed Capital Expenses for 2025-presented by Paul Swiscoski \$2000 for security (trail cameras - look into air tag tracking)

\$10000-\$15000 for club quad

\$2000 - \$3000 for trailer repairs & maintenance

\$1000 - \$2000 for scoring speakers, mega phone, possibly monitor for live feed

\$20000-\$25000 for cargo trailer

Note- We need more temp plates in score trailer, team race plates- leaving some blank for custom team names to be written in.

Zach noted that if we intend on doing live feed that it would require wifi and the wifi could also be beneficial to the medic team.

2nd by Mark Fosty, all in favor, zero opposed

Opened the floor to comments-

Dave Rand suggested that local riding clubs try to work together to reduce or minimize overlap of race dates.

Discussed possibly hosting a rider clinic mid-season.

Zach asked questions on how sponsorship works. (\* sponsorship does need some updating for the 2025 season).

He suggested to get more people to work parties that if you attend a work party you get a series championship point.

Zach made a motion for the 2025 season to implement that 1 series volunteer championship point will be awarded for attending a work. This will be tallied before the tie breaking policy that already is in our MDR constitution. The volunteer point will show up in Moto Tally to give recognition / distinguishment of volunteers, which may have the added effect of promoting work party attendance.

2nd by Marshal Askew voted on 16 in favor, 11 opposed, 1 abstained. Note- Attending more than 1 work party will not grant you more points towards the series.

Mike Artemchuk made a motion that the Vet class be reduced from 35+ to 30+, This will provide more separation from the Masters Class (40+) and be more in line with other race series. 2nd by James Drysdale. Voted on 17 in favor, 3 opposed, 8 abstained.

Zach said from being involved he loved the community spirit the club has. He recognized the need to entice people to get involved with volunteering more, he hopes to help bring that back. Myron also noted that there has been a drop off people who come help, it really is needed.

Dan Huberdeau asked if the club plans on hosting 5 races or more for the 2025 season. At this time it is too early to commit. Landowners need to be contacted. Discussion on if the club can handle the building of more tracks or not.

Colin Scarfe proposed hosting an adventure bike class, racing the

sportsman loop. Discuss more on weight of the bikes to define the class and, get feedback from riders, and if it can be a consistent class, and possibly host it on a Saturday when the venue allows.

Discussion on the option of a vintage bike class on a Saturday again if there is enough interest and venue allows it. Might be able to implement in a few years - These specialty classes to be discussed more over the winter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm by Paul Swiscoski.