



Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Association

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: General Meeting
Date: September 18th, 2008
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Sawmill Pub, Port Kells, Surrey
Chairperson: Andrew Florence
Attendees: Andrew Florence, Sylvie Dufour, Ted Blow, Mike Fodor, Jane Yaschuck, Brian & Carol Knott, Dave Lock, Christine Carefoot, Ken Dyck

1.0.) Minutes of the last meeting held on: May 15th, 2008.

2.0.) Additions to the Agenda

3.0.) Prioritization of the Agenda

4.0.) Treasurer's Report – Sylvie Dufour: Has a computer problem. But the PN finances are good.

5.0.) Webmaster's Report – Mike Fodor: Same old, same old. Some tweaking suggestions are made with some of the forms on the site.

5.1.) Sponsors Page. Promotion of the ISDE. Promotion of Ray Keller & West Coast WeldTech.

5.2.) Pay-pal Registration. Possibly introduce it for the 09 series, to avoid the rush at the first race of the year. However the idea of having PayPal take a chunk of our money is not well received.

5.3.) Make a host club page, with all required forms and information. The Poster's page is too large for all the information. Also MOTSA information should be updated and added as well.

5.4.) Also there will be changes made of the forum and photo gallery software.

6.0.) Pointkeeper's Report – Mark Smode: not available

7.0.) Director of Insurance's Report – Angie Quaale: not available

8.0.) Director of ORV Issues – Dave Lock & Ken McClelland: Trail Pass 2009. Proposal from BCORMA for all riders to sell trail passes for \$30 with \$20 going back to the the club that sold the Pass. The goal is to sell 1000 passes. The aim of this is to make the BCORMA be financially self-sufficient. Dave is also participating in signing out Vedder with trail names and difficulty ratings. Also MOTSA is putting up an information booth at McNutt. The license proposal has fallen apart due to government disinterest. The tragic part is the loss of the trust fund that was to provide funds for trails and the clubs that maintain them.

9.0.) Old Business

9.1.) Race Series Update: There has been a drop in race attendance across the board. The attendance has been good at the beginning of the year, but has dropped off. We hypothesise that the higher fuel prices have discouraged riders to drive out to races.

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9.1.1.) Sportsman Class is a non-speed event. One hour max, easy course. Lottery decides who wins. A standard should be set for the Sportsman class so there is some consistency. Also formal rules should be written. Also Sportsman must be promoted as non-speed.

9.1.2.) Trail Marking needs to be clarified and uniformly applied. Arrowing guidelines are available on the website. Education of the member clubs is key. The PN puts forward the idea to purchase arrows in bulk to supply the races with good arrows. Trail-marking is the key to safety. There have been several incidents of unmarked dangers especially on high-speed sections on races. Also Moose arrows are hard to read.

9.2.) Sound Testing. The amount of failures has dropped from 33 at the Bent Spoke to 3 at the Big Rooster.

9.2.1.) More meters. The amount of meters the PN has (2) is plenty for the time being.

9.2.2.) Sound levels for future, 94dB. No discussing was made at this time lowering the sound limit from the current 96dB

9.2.3.) Tech Inspections. Use the California method which gives you a ticket for passing the Test and which allows the rider to get their race tag. There has been a great amount the failures regarding Spark Arrestors. Window mesh clamped on with a hose clamp can work.

Also one rider almost didn't finish the Zofka Ridge race due to a badly maintained bike. The idea is presented to do a basic tech inspection to make sure bikes can finish the race safely.

9.2.4.) Jane puts forward a motion to eliminate the third strike clause. Now with two fails, the third test must be a pass. MOTION PASSED, ALL APPROVED.

9.3.) Decals, Bumper Stickers, Christine. The decal design is to be changed with a white background. The size will remain the same.

9.4.) OHSS Series & Licenses (Blue) Mike & Ted. The blue card system has worked well.

10.0.) New Business

10.1.) Bike Show. Will be in conjunction with the Squamish Club, The FVDRA may not be in for the 2009 Bike Show. The date will not coincide with the Awards Night.

10.2.) Calendar should be updated with correct numbers.

10.3.) Transponder deployment for 2009. The PN executive will do less travelling, with more club involvement.

10.4.) Work Point rule clarification: competitors can get work points for two events for one event for their own club and one other club or your own, after racing half of the total series. Jane puts forward the idea that training night with the computer scoring system would count for workpoints.

10.5.) New contact information for Jane and Christine.

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10.6.) Awards Night may be held in Kamloops and will be tentatively booked for the weekend after the bike show. (possibly Jan 31st)

10.7.) Dawson / Taylor races, questions put forward to hold the races for the PN. No reason is brought forward, so the races will stay in the series.

10.8.) Land Access fund to be discussed with a conference call. Some of the fund to be used to pay for the sign at Nicklemine to reimburse the FVDRA.

10.9.) Add members-at-large positions for the new volunteers. Ken Dyck & Brian & Carol Knott.

10.10.) Add Weekend passes for PN onto the license sign-up sheet. (1/2 price) Can be good for double headers. Also upgradeable with a full license being available for the other 1/2

10.11.) Create a sign-up sheet online for the individual races. It is noted that racers can download the forms off the website and bring them to the race already filled out. Many of the races are using the generic form created by Jane, which is available on the website.

11.0.) Summation of Motions Passed

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12.0.) Summation of Motions to be Tabled at a later date

12.1.) None at this time

13.0.) Adjournment of the Meeting