

AHRMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

October 17, 2009
Auburn, California

Trustees present: Dave Janiec, Beno Rodi Mark Hatten, Dick Mann, Matt Hilgenberg, Tom Bentley, Debbie Poole, Jeff Smith, Corky Root, Fred Mork, Craig Breckon, and Bob Goodpaster. Also present; Dave Lamberth (Executive Director) and Cathy and Tim Lile (Communication Directors).

Dave Janiec called to order at 8:10am

Approval of Minutes of Medina, Ohio Meeting

The Medina AHRMA Board meeting minutes, with all comments, were formally approved. Goodpaster asked for a clarification of the tie breaker rule. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hatten and seconded by Root. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion regarding the AHRMA Board meeting minutes from Deland, Florida followed that the minutes were approved in Medina and will be posted on the AHRMA web site.

Executive Director's Report

Lamberth stated that the Reliance Insurance check is on the way but at the time of the meeting the amount was not available.

The budget was reviewed for the period of November 2008 to September 2009 and it was noted that AHRMA was \$2.7K behind the budget projection for this period. A discussion ensued on the basis of the financial reports which required that Lamberth review the two types of accounting methods, cash accrual and cash flow. Lamberth talked about the future cost savings that will be in place for 2010 and that there are no past bills to pay as there were this year which were carried over from 2008.

Lamberth stated that AHRMA owes Ted Bendelow approximately \$51k plus periodic payments to creditors for bankruptcy settlement.

Janiec stated that multi-discipline events are a key for the future of AHRMA and Board members should state this. Our competitive advantage is that we have the variety of all disciplines to offer, allowing us to schedule major and historic venues that we could not otherwise afford with a single discipline (RR). Janiec stated that the AHRMA Board direction should be looking to the future, to promote events (and should carefully develop and monitor key "metrics" such as participation by discipline and class for each year, over consistent events from one year to the next. These are in addition to the overall financial and membership metrics we currently monitor. These metrics would then paint a relatively clear picture of the health and status of the association throughout the year, and over several years.

Mann wanted to put the life member's names on AHRMA web site. A discussion followed and Lamberth will check to ensure life members are OK with posting their names.

Lamberth stated that the AHRMA active membership is 4694 with 496 members pending. A pending status is a member who's membership has expired on a certain date and that the member has 90 days to renew, during which time he/she will retain his membership and racing numbers. After 90 days his/her membership number and race numbers will revert to the pool and his name will be taken off the pending list.

There was a general discussion regarding dirt track (West Coast and Daytona). Lamberth talked about the 2010 AHRMA schedule. Mann mentioned a new track in Oregon (near Bend). Milliken off road events have been moved to the fall and that Sand hill is a two day vintage, no PVMX. Road America contract concerns, worker passes, practice passes and camping were discussed. Smith's opinion of the cornerstone events is that they are better spread out over three days due to all the activities we try to fit in.

Recess

Janiec reconvened the meeting at 10:20am. In open session.

Lamberth reviewed the 2010 AHRMA Budget in open session. Handouts included the Treasurer's Report for 10/17/09, Actual to Budget Comparison YTD DEC 08 to Sep 09., ED information, A/R Aging Summary, 2008 Event Attendance Summary and AHRMA Budget for FYE 11/30/10.

The 2010 budget review noted a \$40k profit projection based on 100% of 2009 race entries. Staff will continue efforts to reduce expenses. Janiec asked that the ED also run a draft budget excursion based on a projection of 90% of 2009 entries, given continuing concerns for the economy. Lamberth noted that the membership budget has been set at 90% of the 2008 actual revenue due to the unknown impact of the upcoming membership rate change and the members that have taken advantage of the two year membership offer.

Lamberth advised that 2010 AHRMA budget is based on road race entry fee's based on \$85 for the first class and \$70 for each additional class as well as practice fee based on \$120. Lamberth advised that this change is due to the fact that road race track rentals continue to increase.

Series Tracker – Lamberth advised that AHRMA is talking with John Kuzma currently. AHRMA is working on a requirements document that will be provided to Kuzma as the first step to move forward with a possible conversion to the Series Tracker software package. Mork expressed concern over past experience in 2008 with Hatten stating that we should get a contract to John Kuzma as soon as possible. Lamberth assured the board extreme due diligence will be done before any recommendation is brought before the board for consideration.

Treasurer's report – Smith read his report commending Lamberth for his efforts in bringing AHRMA back to financial health in 2008, but warned that until AHRMA receives the Reliance insurance settlement, our condition is still very tenuous. Smith advised that Lamberth paid \$74k

of 2008 debt with the only major debt of \$50k owed to Ted Bendelow is remaining. There is a very good chance that if AHRMA does not receive the Reliance payment in the near future, Lamberth may have to pull from reserves to have the cash required to meet expenses in November and December. Smith did advise that 2010 is looking very positive at this time. Lamberth will provide article for VV and the AHRMA website regarding the wellness of AHRMA.

Discussion took place on the fact that the Hollister off road event conflicts with the Barber Vintage Festival. Smith noted that Barber is hard date so we should see if we can move the Hollister date away from Barber date, as the Barber venue provides the single best venue for the final board meeting of the year. AHRMA could offer financial incentive to encourage a date change. AHRMA should have Board meetings at the cornerstone events to provide the greatest opportunity for members to attend.

Janiec noted that AHRMA needs to act now to see if we can move Hollister date due to the complexities of the event which include sound restrictions and working with the park where the event is held.

Bentley noted that Barber is good as a last meeting place and has all disciplines and that we should set this as the standard last meeting. Janiec stated if meeting were in the Barber Museum it could result in more members coming to the board meeting.

Smith stated that a financial audit should be done every three years with a financial review being done in the interim years. Cost is estimated to be \$2500 for a review and \$5000 for an audit. Hatten made a motion to conduct a financial review for 2009, Root seconded. The vote was 12 to 0 for the motion.

Janiec closed the open membership session.

Advertising/PR/Sponsorship and member benefit committee:

Before Smith presented the committee report, he pointed out that all reports to the commission should be carefully read and appropriate parts acted upon. Any report which is accepted and then filed is a total waste of valuable time and effort. Smith read the committee's report. Implementation should be done in conjunction with the Executive Director (Lamberth). 17 points in report but one is key point is who will do the work. Supercross events are key to passing out the AHRMA Annual Program.

Bentley asked if publisher of program (Royal) is best route for AHRMA to follow for the annual program. Discussion followed on what Cathy and Tim Lile have done regarding AHRMA producing the annual program. A discussion of a plan for AHRMA to produce the annual program in 2011 followed. For 2010 – AHRMA will work with Royal Publishing to create the annual program.

Janiec reviewed the publication report and suggested a conference call in three weeks for planning of 2011 actions. This will include current new activities and planned activities on this report.

Off road commission report.

Poole reviewed the report and stated that AHRMA is currently in the process of reviving the regions. Poole stated off road coordinator meeting should be held at the start of the year as was done in the past to bring all the coordinators together was a good thing and should be continued. Mann stated that using assistant coordinators is a good idea due to large amount of work that is required to properly run an off road region. Fred Guidi is behind driving this support of regional coordinators.

Lunch recess 11:52 am.

Janiec reconvened at 12:17 pm.

Janiec – Voting for AHRMA Trustees. AHRMA should publish information on the use of the AHRMA mailing list for trustee candidates to use in mailing out information to the membership and that all Trustee candidates have this information. The use of the AHRMA mailing list is controlled through the national office only and that any such mailing must go run through AHRMA. The process should be made public by publishing in vintage views and on the AHRMA website. The last item that must be published is the criteria of who can run. Discussion took place as to the fact that a compensated employee of AHRMA cannot hold a Board position and is outlined in the current bylaws published on the AHRMA website. Differentiate that per diem is not considered compensation per the IRS, while an independent contractor fee is considered compensation. Statement for mailing will come from Lamberth.

A motion to clarify the per diem and salaried employee was made by Hatten and second by Breckon. The vote was 12 to 0 to approve the motion.

Approval of the proposed AHRMA rule changes

Modern Road Race:

Rule 3.7.d add the following wording “The racers causing the red flag may be disqualified at the discretion of the Race Director.” Committee Yes. Board Action Yes. Medina vote 11-1. Final Auburn action: Hatten made the motion to approve and Breckon seconded the motion. The final vote was 12 to 0 to approve the motion.

Super Mono class name change. Hatten made the motion and Breckon seconded to change the name of SuperMono and SuperMono2 classes to Sound of Singles 1 and 2 respectfully. The final vote was 12 to 0 to approve the motion.

Revise text for clarity to read “limit water-cooled four-valve singles to 250cc; air cooled four-valve singles to 510cc and air-cooled two valve singles to 610cc.” Committee: No. Board

Action: No. Medina vote 8 to 0 with Poole, Janiec, Smith and Rodi abstaining. (Would also change Rule 10.12.1.a) Goodpaster made to motion to uphold motion to not change the rule and Breckon seconded. The final Auburn vote was 11 to 0 with Janiec abstaining to not change the rule.

Revise the current rule to lower displacement limit of 4 valve water cooled singles in Super Mono2 from 510cc to 450cc. Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 9 to 0 with Janiec, Smith and Rodi abstaining. (Would also change Rule 10.12.1.a). Hilgenberg made the motion to revise the current rule and Breckon seconded. The final Auburn vote was 11 to 0 with Janiec abstaining.

Hatten stated that the third rule change was in error; it was a duplication and was withdrawn,

Revise text for clarity to read “Unlimited displacement single-cylinder four-strokes” Discussion: The Board agreed to approve this housekeeping proposal. Board Medina Vote 12 – 0 was unanimous with Smith and Rodi voting yes by proxy. Breckon made the motion to approve the change with Hatten seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0 for the motion.

Proposal to place the Motard class on probation for the 2009 season and eliminate it in 2011. Committee; Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee that AHRMA should place the Motard class officially on probation. Board: The Medina vote was 10 to 0 with Rodi and Smith abstaining by proxy. The committee changed to recommend that AHRMA take the Motard class off probation. Mann made the motion to remove the Motard class from probation and Breckon seconded the motion. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0 in favor of the motion to remove Motard from probation.

General RR rules

Rule 9.3.d: add the following to the existing wording “Oil coolers, if used, must be frame mounted (no fork mounted oil coolers).” Committee Yes. Board Action: Yes Medina Vote 12-0. Hilgenberg made the motion to approve the addition and Breckon seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0 in favor of the motion.

Rule 9.6.4.b: To add “b” to the existing rule to read: “The racer must use his or her registered transponder on any bike they race.” Committee: Yes. Board Action; yes. Medina Vote 12-0. Hatten made the motion and second by Breckon to change “his or her” to “their” registered transponder. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0 in favor of the motion.

Rule 9.6.4.c: To add “c” to the existing rule to read: “c) If a racer wants to be manually scored, a fee of \$50 per class will be charged. The racer must notify the race director prior to the race to be manually scored.” Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 11-1 with Smith voting no by proxy. Hilgenberg made the motion to add the text and the motion was seconded by Breckon. The final Auburn vote was 11 to 1 with Root opposed.

Rule 9.6.4.d: To add “d” to the existing rule to read: “d. Scoring of a racer with a malfunctioning transponder will be at the discretion of the race director.” Committee: Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 11-1. Breckon made motion to accept the addition of the text and it was seconded by Hilgenberg. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 9.6.4.e: To add “e” to the existing rule to read: “e. AMB timing and scoring results are to be used to determine the final finishing positions. Mylaps.com results are not official AHRMA results. Official AHRMA results will be posted on ARHMA.org.” Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 11-1. Hilgenberg made the motion to accept the addition of the text and it was seconded by Breckon. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.11.e.9: Discussion regarding the flat number plate in front in the rule change. The wording was changed to read “a flat front number plate.” Root made the motion to approve the rule and Poole seconded the motion. The vote was 12 to 0 to approve the motion.

Add the word “flat” so that the rule reads “All motorcycles must use white 10x12 inch number plates with black numbers and a flat white plate on front. Breckon made the motion to accept the additional text and Goodpaster seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

SOS Two stroke and Open Two Stroke rule 10.12.1.c” Make extensive changes to class to allow any two stroke productions motorcycle, factory road racer and original build. Change the name of SOS Two Stroke to Lightweight Two Stroke. Committee: No. Board Actions: No. Medina Vote: 12-0 to not accept the proposal. Hilgenberg made the motion to not accept the proposal and Breckon seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.2.4: Change the text to read”...175cc twin including later CB/CL 175 vertical engine”. Committee: Yes. Discussion” This was a clerical error and should have read “Vertical engine” not “Slant engine”. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 12-0. Goodpaster made the motion to accept the text change and Hilgenberg seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.4.2.a: Add Section “j” to read: “Indian big base scout crank cases may be used in rebuilds of Pre-40 Indians.” Committee: Yes. Discussion: It was previously agreed on but left out of the 2009 Handbook. Board: Yes. Medina Vote 11-0 with Rodi for by proxy and Smith abstaining. Hilgenberg made the motion to accept the text change and Root seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.4.2.a Add Section “i” to read: “i. Dampers may be used on the hydraulic plunger of BMW’s in Pre-40 class.” Committee: No. Board Actions: No. Medina Vote was 11-0 for not accepting the proposal with Rodi for by proxy and Smith abstaining. Breckon made the motion to not accept the proposal and Poole seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.4.3. Allow Rickman frames in Classic 60’ class. Committee: No. Board Action: No. Medina Vote 9-1-2 to not accept proposal with Rodi for and Smith and Janiec abstaining. Breckon made the motion to not allow Rickman frames in Classic 60’s class and Hilgenberg seconded. The final Auburn vote was 10-1 and 1 with Goodpaster voting No and Janiec abstaining.

Rule 10.6.1: Add the following wording “This does not exclude Historic Production racers from racing another bike eligible for any other class.” Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 10-1, Rodi abstaining and Smith vote was no by proxy. Breckon made the motion to add the wording and Mann seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.6.4.b: Remove the text that reads “all Historic Production bikes must use OEM exhaust” and add the following text “must use OEM exhaust configuration (4 into 1 or 2 into 1). Committee: Yes. Board Actions: Yes. Medina Vote: 11-1, with Smith voting yes by proxy and Rodi abstaining. Hilgenberg made the motion to accept the text change and Hatten seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 10.8.2 Allow tire warmers in vintage Super bike classes. Committee: No. Board Actions: No. The Medina vote was 8-1 with Smith voting no by proxy and Janiec, Rodi and Breckon abstaining. Hilgenberg made the motion to not allow tire warmers and Goodpaster seconded. The Auburn final vote was 10 to 0 to not allow tire warmers with Janiec and Breckon abstaining.

Rule 10.13.1: add a line of text between e) and d) that reads “any eligible Open Two Stroke class machine. Discussion. The Board agreed to approve this housekeeping proposal. The Medina vote was 12-0 with Smith and Rodi voting yes by proxy. Hilgenberg made the motion to approve this housekeeping proposal and Mann seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Add a new class “500 Classic Premier”. This class will separate the “specials” from the other bikes in the current 500 Premier class. This new class will be in GP class section. Mann made the motion to approve the class and Smith seconded to go with original wording (any 500 Premier eligible bike with a stock stroke and weigh at least 285lbs. dry) to include OEM 4 speed or on the Indian Royal Enfield (restricted to 4 speeds). Committee: Yes. Board Actions: Yes. Medina Vote was 10-1 with Hatten against, Janiec abstained and Smith and Rodi yes by proxy. The final Auburn vote was 9-2 and 1 with Goodpaster and Hatten opposed Janiec abstained. Hilgenberg to come up with class name.

Vintage Moto Cross:

Rule 11.1.5.c: Allow Honda 4-strokes in Classic class to run electronic ignitions. Committee: No. Board Actions: No. Medina Vote 12-0. Mann made the motion to not accept the rule change and Root seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 11.1.2: Move the 350 BSA B40 and narrow case 350 Ducati from the Premier 500 lass to the Classic 500 class in VMX. Board Action: No. The Medina vote was 4 for and 6 against, for Bentley, Mork, Mann, and Goodpaster and opposed Janiec. Poole, Hatten, Root with Rodi and Smith voting no by proxy. Breckon and Hilgenberg abstained. The motion was made by Mann to move the classes and seconded by Mork. The final Auburn vote was 5 for (Goodpaster, Mann, Bentley, Mork, Poole) to 6 against with Breckon abstaining. The motion was defeated so the rule stays the same.

Recess

Janiec reconvened at 2:24pm in open session

Post Vintage Moto Cross:

Rule 12.1,5 proposal to allow any AHRMA legal 4-stroke VMX machine to be eligible in PVMX regardless of displacement. Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 11-0 with Janiec abstaining. Hilgenberg made the motion to accept the rule change and Mann seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Vintage Trials:

The changes to Rules 13,1,3, 13.3.e, 13.3, 13.6 and 13.6.e were voted on as a whole. Hatten made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the five rule changes and Hilgenberg seconded the motion. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0 to affirm the Ohio vote and approve the five changes.

A new class “Twin Shock Class” for model years up to and including 1987 was proposed. Committee: No. Board Action: No. Medina Vote was 10-1 against approval with Root against by proxy and Breckon abstaining. Goodpaster made the motion and Mann seconded to vote no on the twin shock class proposal. The final Auburn vote was 10-2 with Root and Smith opposed. The twin shock class was voted against.

Dirt Track:

Rule 14.2.1 Mann made a motion to add a second sentence “The motorcycle engine, transmission, frame and forks must be from the same manufacturer and model.” Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote: 11-1. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 14.2.2 and rule 14.2.3 Hilgenberg made a motion to add a second sentence “The motorcycle engine, transmission and frame must be from the same manufacturer and model, an aftermarket rigid racing frame may be substituted – i.e., Sonicweld or Swanson.” and Goodpaster seconded the motion. Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote was 11-1. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0 in favor of the change.

Rule 14.3.2 and 14.3.3. Insert the words “The motorcycle engine, transmission and frame must be from the same manufacturer and model.” Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote: 11-1. Breckon made the motion and Hilgenberg seconded the motion to approve the text change. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

Rule 14.6.b. in line 4 insert “Classic and Dinosaur bike must use OEM drum brakes.” And in line 4 delete “Classic and...”. Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote: 11-1. Hilgenberg made the motion and Smith seconded to disallow the change, needs to be researched. The final Auburn vote was 10-2 to not make the change in the 2010 Handbook.

Cross Country:

Rule 15.1.1.d: Add the following: The 650 Sportsman Twin is eligible to run in the Classic Class (see VMX class 11.1.11)”. Discussion: Presently there is no such thing as a classic twin. We could move the sportsman twin into open classic. Committee: Yes. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 11-1 with Smith voting no by proxy, Hilgenberg made the motion to accept the rule change and Mann seconded. The Auburn final vote was 12 to 0.

A rule change to add a women’s class to Cross Country was submitted. Committee: Yes. Discussion: A motion to create one class with three skill levels was made and seconded. Board Action: Yes. Medina Vote 9-2 with Janiec no and Rodi yes by proxy and Smith no by proxy. Root made motion to add the class and Mann seconded. The final Auburn vote was 12 to 0.

General rules changes/housekeeping:

Hatten made a motion to change “double the pre-entry fee” text in 4.6.e to read “at a designated higher post entry fee for the first class” and seconded by Breckon. The final Auburn vote was 11 to 0 with Root abstaining.

Smith made motion to add to 6.2.1 “penalties and reprimands” should be added and restore wording “and will be printed and explained in the Vintage Views” and Breckon seconded. The final Auburn vote was 11 to 0 and Mork abstained.

Smith noted that on page 17 we should change the wording rulebook to handbook. No vote was necessary. Communications will look for more rulebook references.

Smith noted that in 6.7.2 process must presented to steward and the term should be referee. Accepted.

Smith noted that the editorial review committee has had a change in composition. The chairman asked Poole if she would chair the committee and she agreed. Goodpaster agreed to chair the Benevolent fund committee.

Hilgenberg noted that italic should be used in the Handbook on the preferred contact. Hilgenberg preferred is email.

Policy committee report.

Mork looked at the past Vintage Views and presented the polices that were announced in the Vintage Views over time. The committee feels that the policies documented should be placed online and referenced by the minutes of the period.

Goodpaster asked if AHRMA have an operations manual. Smith replied yes it is really the list of job descriptions dated 1991 and should be updated.

New business

Lamberth noted that there has been some discussion of holding the off road banquet in conjunction with Diamond Don's off road national in April. The board directed Lamberth to assemble the pros and the cons of holding the off road banquet in Florida, Arizona and Texas and provide to the Executive committee.

Goodpaster noted that the Barber road race town hall meeting had 6 trustees and 48 members. He reviewed the topics and discussions that members brought up at the town hall meeting for the benefit of the entire board. Discussion took place on the time to get the board meeting minutes posted on the website. It is consensus that the minutes should be approved in 30 days.

AHRMA will publish in VV and web, a statement about the difference between a salaried employee and per diem personnel and how to contact the AHRMA Board and how to use the mailing list.

A proposal to raise non-competitive membership fee to \$35 per year was made by Smith and Goodpaster seconded the motion. The final vote was 11 to 0 and Hilgenberg abstained.

Root made a motion to recess and reconvene in closed session and Hilgenberg seconded. Motion approved 12-0.

5 minutes recess.

Meeting adjourned at 5PM.