

AHRMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
July 20, 2009
Medina, Ohio AHRMA MINUTES

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, all votes were unanimous. Items

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

Dave Janiec called to order at 8:05am

Approval of Minutes of Deland Meeting

There was a discussion on the format of the Deland meeting minutes. Janiec stated this was due to the minutes being based on a transcript of the meeting. Mork made a motion to approve with Lamberth to review. Mann seconded the motion. There was a discussion about confidentiality of AMA comments and why not make them public. It was decided that there would be legal ramifications in making all of the AMA comments public. The Board voted to approve the minutes with the assignment to Lamberth to clarify with a suspense date of July 31 to edit the minutes for spelling changes with final approval for content. The vote on the motion to approve was 11 to 1 with Hatten against.

The minutes of conference calls of April 13, April 29 and July 2 will be taken up in closed session per Janiec.

Executive Director's Report

Review of Medina and Windham off Road events

Lamberth reviewed the Windham and Medina, Ohio events. The turnout was not stellar but a good weekend, which was expected due to the fact the events were added after many members had already made vacation plans around the VMD dates. The numbers were 140 for VMX and 148 for PVMX. CC was approximately 75 and Trials was 12. No injuries were reported and there were no complaints brought to the attention of AHRMA officials at these events. The track owner of Medina stated he would like AHRMA to return next year as did the manager of the Windham location.

Membership update

Lamberth reported membership numbers are for active members only. VV's to members is a good metric. Active membership was 4715 as of July 10, 2009 which is up over 300 from January 2009. Janiec stated the membership does swing and discussed health metrics of tracking membership and membership in discipline and financials. The Board thought it was a good idea to use the metric of end of month active members as our benchmark going forward.

Event participation for 2009

The attendance summary was discussed and a trend of increased post entries was noted. Considering the planned attendance for the 2009 budget was a 20% decrease, AHRMA is at or above budget for mid year 2009, except for the Mid-Ohio losses. The Board agreed to have monthly comparisons of events and membership event by event and year to year. Lamberth is currently tracking this information for 2009 and will continue to do so.

Financial update

Lamberth reviewed the financial results year to date through June 2009. Results are running ahead of budget at this point in time. The Accounts Receivable is current as compared to 2008, with only Works Performance and Doc Z debt planned to be written off at the end of the year 2009 due to uncollectability.

Lifetime membership income was discussed. The "Friends of AHRMA" income was also discussed and the two year membership income was discussed.

Root made a motion to publish the names of life members in VV and on the Web site and it was seconded by Hatten. A permanent list of members that do not want to be listed must also be maintained. The vote was unanimous for the motion.

A discussion regarding the general health of the membership office process followed and it was noted that there have been some minor problems; presently the processes, staff and software are working properly.

The Actual to Budget Comparison was reviewed and the Profit and Loss statement showed a \$312 profit for the year through June, 2009. The budget projection was a loss of \$29.4K, which is \$33K ahead of where we projected we would be at the end of June, 2009.

Recess

Dave Janiec reconvened the meeting at 10:06am in open session.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurers report of July 9, 2009 was read (the treasurer was absent). The report noted that the latest budget (which has been modified to remove the VMD event impact) was endorsed by the treasurer and that with strong leadership of Lamberth, backed by an active board, is beginning to shape AHRMA's future.

Membership open comments

The meeting was opened up for member comments and a member asked about the number of no shows at the Medina off road events. A discussion followed regarding no shows and

understanding why they did not race. It was noted that many of the no shows were AHRMA members who could not attend the Medina events, but submitted entries to support AHRMA.

Mork noted that Smith stated, in the Treasurer's Report, what an excellent job that Lamberth has done but thought this was understated and moved that the board acclaim Lamberth.

Janiec called for vote for acclamation. Mork made the motion for acclamation and DP seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with Smith and Rodi voting yes by proxy.

A discussion about final version of Smith letter was published. The final letter was published with only minor editing with Smith's approval.

Strategic Planning Commission Update

Mann advised that the committee has not been formed as of this meeting and that the committee will need the 2010 schedule to be effective. The state of Trials demographically and MX was reviewed. A need for regional trials coordinator in the Midwest and east was noted. The West and East are doing well with MX.

Janiec reviewed the planning direction. Time should be spent on the quality of events in all disciplines. Barber is the best example of a festival type event. This provides the ability to pay for a facility by having multiple disciplines for one facility cost.

Hatten reported on the Publicity Committee. Smith thought that up-to-date data on membership demographics information could be good for selling ads, reciprocal ads are good, and the web site is under utilized, local clubs interaction could help and the AHRMA annual program could be better utilized by formal distribution. Posters are good for publicity, from the web and other sources. The web may be under utilized to drive revenue for advertising.

Trustee Nomination/election process

The trustee nomination criteria were discussed and individual criteria were reviewed. The committee must work through possible change of bylaws and member comment for 2011 election. The option was to have criteria handled as rule change. Hatten made motion to ask board about establish criteria for trustee election. Hilgenberg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the motion. Discussion followed regarding the criteria and the suggested criteria are;

1. Must be a member of AHRMA for more then 1 year continuously prior to filing deadline.
2. Must display volunteer and leadership qualities.
3. No one that was a party to a law suit against AHRMA.
4. No staff member dismissed for cause.
5. No paid consultants for at least 2 years prior to election.
6. No competing sanction body owner or paid employees of that sanctioning body.

7. Must have typing, internet and computer skill.
8. No convicted felons.

Hatten made the motion to have the Board to proceed on discussions and motions on election criteria and it was seconded by Root. The vote was unanimous for the motion.

Hatten made a motion for adopting criteria #1 and Root seconded the motion. "Must be a member of AHRMA for more then 1 year continuously prior to filing deadline." Discussion followed and Hatten and Root withdrew the above two motions.

Root made the motion to stay with current bylaws and trust the AHRMA member's good judgment and the motion was seconded by Breckon. The vote was 10 to 0 for the motion with Rodi and Smith abstaining.

Recess

Janiec reconvened the meeting at 12:20pm.

Hatten made a motion and Breckon seconded motion to limit trustee to two consecutive three year terms with limits to begin with the 2010 elections. The vote was 2 (Hatten and Breckon) for and 8 against the motion (Rodi against by proxy and Smith abstained).

Janiec called for the rules proposal discussions.

Mork lead the discussion of the Vintage Rules proposals.

1. To accept clarification to rule 10.6.1 by adding to the existing rule "This does not exclude Historic Production racers from racing another bike eligible for any other class." Committee: Yes. Discussion: This would allow more entries. Board: Approved the motion by a vote of 10 to 1 for the proposal with proxies (Rodi abstains and Smith vote was no by proxy).

2. To accept 10.6.4.b rule proposal by changing "all Historic Production bikes must use OEM exhaust" to read "...must use OEM exhaust configuration (4 into 1 or 2 into 1) and if using a Supertrapp a maximum disk diameter of 3 inches disk are required. No OEM performance features such as step headers, open megaphone or canister type exhaust shall not be incorporated into the exhaust system." Committee: Yes. Discussion: This would allow the racers to use an exhaust system that was safe and obtainable. Board: Approved the motion by a vote of 11 to 0 (Smith yes by proxy and Rodi abstained).

3. To accept the 10.2.4 rule proposal to change "...175cc twin including later CB/CL 175cc vertical engine." Committee: Yes. Discussion: Type was a clerical error and should have read "vertical engine" not "slant engine". Board: Agreed with the Committee. The vote was unanimous for the motion.

4. To accept the 10.4.2.A rule proposal to add J to the current rule regarding Indian big base scout crankcases may be used in rebuilds of Pre-1940 Indians. Committee: Yes. Discussion: It

was previously agreed on but left out of the 2009 Handbook. Board: The vote was 11 to 0 (Rodi for the rule by proxy and Smith abstained).

5. To accept the rule proposal of a new class for a 500 Classic Premier class. Committee: Yes. Discussion: This class will separate the “specials” from the other bikes in the class and may allow more entries. The wording will be refined by Mork ET. Al. and based on the 7R specifications. Allow any bike eligible for 500 Premier to enter, with the following three restrictions: 1. the class is limited to bikes that weight at least 300 lbs. 2. The engines use the stock stroke. 3. The transmission is limited to 4 speeds. Also all other 500 Premier rules apply. Board: The vote was 10 to 1 with Hatten against (Janiec abstained and Smith and Rodi for by proxy).

6. To accept the proposal to allow Rickman frames in classic 60's. Committee: No. Discussion: This was not in the best interest of the class. Board: The vote was 10 to 0 for the motion to not accept the motion with (Rodi for and Smith and Janiec abstaining).

7. To accept the rule proposal to allow dampers to be added to plunger BMW's in the pre-40 class. Committee: No. Discussion: This was not in the best interest of the class. Board: The vote was 11 for 0 for not accepting the proposal with Rodi for by proxy and Smith abstaining.

8. To allow tire warmers in Vintage Super Bike class. Committee: No. Discussion: Tire warmers could increase tire life but this is not needed and could be expensive. Board: The vote of 8 to 1 for the motion to not allow tire warmers with Smith voting no by proxy and Janiec, with Rodi and Breckon abstaining.

Recess

Janiec reconvened the meeting at 2:05pm

Mark Hatten lead the discussion of the SOS/BOT/SOT Rules Proposals

9. In SuperMono2, limit water-cooled four-valve singles to 250cc; air-cooled four-valve singles to 510cc; air-cooled two-valve singles to 610cc. Committee: No. Discussion: The committee understood Mr. Doran's logic but the race results do not support the theory that the same bikes winning in Motard are also winning in SuperMono2. Board: The vote was 8 to 0 for not accepting the Doran proposal with Poole, Janiec, Smith and Rodi abstaining. (This would also mean changes to rule 10.12.1.a)

10. To lower displacement limit for 4 valve water cooled singles in SuperMono2 from 510cc to 450cc. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was 9 to 0 (abstaining was Janiec, Smith and Rodi) to accept the proposal.

11. To make extensive changes to Sound of Singles 2 stroke and Open 2 stroke. Committee: No. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was 10 to 0 to not accept the proposal. Smith and Rodi abstained.

12. Proposal #4 was withdrawn by Lile

13. To rule 10.11.1 e) 9), add the word “flat” so the rule reads, “All motorcycles must use three white 10x12-inch flat number plates. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed to not allow flyscreen front windscreens. Board: The vote was 10 to 0 for the proposal. Smith and Rodi abstained.

14. The housekeeping proposal #1 (in 10.13.1 add a new line between d) and e) which states “any eligible Open Two Stroke class machine.”, and proposal #2 (on page 21 of the 2009 Handbook, under Sound of Singles, SuperMono2, change the sentence to read: “Single-Cylinder motorcycles with four-stroke water-cooled four-valve engines to 510cc (note: change this to 450cc if Proposal #2 is adopted) and four-stroke air-cooled engines to 610cc.” and proposal #3 (on page 22 of the 2009 Handbook, under Sound of Singles, SuperMono, change the sentence to read: “Unlimited displacement single-cylinder four-strokes.” were discussed. Discussion: The Board agreed to approve the 3 housekeeping proposals. Board: The vote was unanimous with Smith and Rodi voting yes by proxy.

15. The proposal to place the Motard class on probation for 2010 and eliminate in 2011. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee that AHRMA should place the Motard class officially on probation. Board: The vote was 10 to 0 with Rodi and Smith abstaining by proxy.

Breckon lead the discussion of the Dirt Track Rules Proposals

16. On page 77 in the 2009 Handbook regarding the manufacturer of the motor, frame and forks words were omitted. This should be added back into the 2010 AHRMA Handbook. Also, in TT, the wording “must have rear brake” was omitted. The rear brake rule should be reinstated into the Handbook. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous in favor of reinstating the wording.

Hilgenberg lead the discussion of the Trials Rules Proposals

17. A Trials rules proposal to clarify that Rigid Lightweight and Rigid Heavyweight are separate classes. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous in favor.

18. The proposal to rule 13.3 “Change Rigid Expert ability level to the 2 line.” Committee: No. Discussion: Mann stated Sims was confused and committee stated no change. Board: The vote was unanimous in favor to not approve the proposal.

19. The proposal from Robert Stickler, to ride one class per day at trials. Committee: Yes. Discussion: Hatten made the motion and seconded by Root to change rules to allow only one class per day. The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous in favor.

20. The Kay Mann proposal to change rule 13.6 National Championship Points: At any AHRMA National trial, all sections must be managed by an observer.”... regarding no self checking. Committee: Yes. Discussion: Mann wanted to change to the “never check your on classes”. Also change the wording to loops instead of laps.

To accept this proposal means a rider does not check your own classes. Board: Yes to accept the Kay Mann proposal and Mann will provide wording. The vote was 11 to 0 to accept the motion with Root abstaining.

21. The Tiebreaker rule to disallow working points in championship tie breaker. Committee: Yes. Discussion: Recommended that worker or checker points are as good as competition points so no change is needed. Also this could discourage workers. Board: Yes to reject proposal. The vote was 11 to 1 with Goodpaster voting no.

22. The Peacock rules change proposal for Section 13. Committee: voted 2 to 1 against. Discussion: New classes for newer bikes could lead to harder sections and make older bikes lose out due to harder sections. Board: Yes to not approve the proposal. The vote was 10 to 1 with Root against and Breckon abstaining to reject the proposal.

23. The Hannah proposal to make all 125 classic class bike run points ignition. Committee: No to approve this proposal. Discussion: The Board agreed. Board: The vote was 12 to 0 to follow committee recommendations to not approve this proposal.

24. The Wenzel proposal to move the 350cc BSA B40 and narrow case 350cc Ducati from the premier 500 class into the classic 500 in VMX and the Classic open class in cross country. Discussion: A motion to accept the Wenzel motion with a two year 2011 term. Board: The vote was 4 for and 6 against the Wenzel motion (for Bently, Mork, Mann, Goodpaster and opposed Janiec, Poole, Hatten, Root with Rodi and Smith voting no by proxy. Breckon and Hilgenberg abstained.

Lamberth lead the discussion of the Cross Country Rules Proposals

25. The proposal for a 2010 Cross Country rule change 15.1.1.d "The 650 Sportsman Twin is eligible to run in the Classic Class... (See MX Class 11.1.11). Discussion: Presently there is no such thing as a classic twin. We could move the sports twin into open classic. Committee: Yes. Board: The vote was 11 to 1 with Smith voting no by proxy.

26. The Milakovic proposal to create a Women's class in CC. Committee: Yes. Discussion: Create one class with three skill levels. Board: The vote was 9 to 2 in favor of the proposal with Janiec and Hilgenberg no and Rodi yes by proxy and Smith yes by proxy.

Lamberth lead the discussion of the PVMX Track Rules Proposals

27. Lamberth discussed the PVMX proposal from Wenzel. Committee: In favor of proposal for Historic 4-Stroke class. Discussion: To allow any AHRMA Vintage legal 4-Stroke, regardless of the displacement, to be legal for the Historic 4-Stroke class. Board: The vote was 11 to 0 for the motion with Janiec abstaining.

Recess

Reconvene at 4:10pm

Janiec lead the discussion of the General Rules Proposals

28. The proposed changes to Section 1 Introduction to remove the references to AMA. Committee: Agreed but leave AMA references on pages 21, 25, 42, 76 and 87. Board: Agreed with Committee and to leave all historical references to AMA in the future AHRMA handbooks. The vote was unanimous for the proposal.
29. Lamberth discussed adding Special awards to Poole's master list (Tony Hendon, Nobby Clark and Andrews and Dwaine Williams). Board: Agreed that the changes should be made.
30. Janiec discussed the proposal for family membership. Lamberth will work on the family membership numbers and make recommendations to the Board. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion.
31. The Collier proposals regarding support classes in the off road events. Discussion: These proposals were not recommended to be changes to the handbook. Lamberth will respond to Collier on all of Collier's proposals.
32. The Socky proposal to change the age of eligibility to 55 years. Committee: No. Discussion: No interest in moving forward.
33. The Ryburn/Stinnett proposal regarding A, B and C skill levels. Committee: No. Discussion: A motion to not accept the proposal. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion to not accept the proposal.
34. The proposed rule change that 9.6.4.e (AMB timing and scoring results are to be used to determine the final finishing positions...) be added. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion.
35. The proposed rule change that 9.6.4.d (Scoring of a racer with a malfunctioning transponder will be at the discretion of the race director.) be added. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion.
36. The proposed rule change that 9.6.4.c (If a racer wants to be manually scored a fee of \$50 per class per day will be charged. The racer must notify the race director prior to the race to be manually scored.) be added. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was 11 to 1 in favor of adding the rule (Smith voted no by proxy).
37. The proposed rule change that 9.6.4.b (The racer must use his or her registered transponder on any bike they race.) be added. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion.
38. The proposed rule change that 9.3.d (Oil coolers, if used, must be frame mounted (no fork mounted oil coolers)) be added. Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion.

39. The proposed rule change that 3.7.d add text (The racer causing the red flag may be disqualified at the discretion of the Race Director). Committee: Yes. Discussion: The Board agreed with the Committee. Board: The vote was unanimous for the motion.

40. The proposed rule change that “9.6.1.d. regarding racers completing the same number of laps the racer running at the finish of the race is placed higher then the racer not finishing at the finish” be added. Discussion: The Board thought we should have the transponder determine the finish order and that this proposal should not be approved. Board: The vote was 9 no and 1 yes Mork and Rodi abstained, Smith voted yes by proxy to approve the proposal. The proposal was rejected.

Mann discussed the mission statement for the motocross.

Janiec asked for new business.

Goodpaster asked that Pat Conroy be replaced on the review committee. Goodpaster had some letters and how do we (the review committee) edit the letters. Length is one consideration. How do we respond to letters. Vintage Views has guidance printed and if too long send back and/or send the letter to Lamberth to handle. The Samulson letter was discussed and should we generate a response. Lamberth stated that the points were covered in the Vintage Views and on the web.

Goodpaster noted that a member was planning to send a letter to Road Racing World and would like AHRMA to publish his letter. The letter asked Jeff Smith to quit. Goodpaster stated that this member letter should be decided on its merits and he would get back to this person. Janiec suggested he should call Jeff and discuss.

Hatten discussed a letter from trustee complementing Vintage Views staff. Is this proper? Should we go in this direction? Mann stated he wrote a letter as a coordinator. The letter was reviewed and published with approval.

Goodpaster asked if the Board had seen the Newman letter. The Board had been seen the letter but not approved. The letter was too late to be reviewed by the Board. Some of the facts in the letters were incorrect. Lamberth will reply to each point in this letter directly to Newman.

There was discussion about the conditions at Grattan. It was suggested that AHRMA contact Grattan to have them improve conditions but consider that before we make a decision to not return.

There was discussion about the benevolent fund if funds come from the insurance repayment to repay the benevolent fund.

There was discussion regarding concern about nationals on same day and it could hurt AHRMA this year.

The Series Tracker business case was reviewed. Lile will present this to Lamberth for further consideration.

It was suggested to forward the rules proposals as soon as possible, after they come in, so that the committee can review them.

Lamberth had a Sandia issue with the off road events. Last year \$4100 for off road plus workers and ambulance. This year the costs will be \$7000 for the 2009 event after new cost reductions. Need 88 riders to break even with all costs considered.

Road racing we will have help with costs and could break even. Lamberth feels that it would be best to cancel the off road events. The Board agreed with Lamberth to cancel off road events.

Lamberth reviewed concerns about AHRMA employees and volunteers working the VMD event. All the official comment was that one needed to consider where your loyalties lie. No AHRMA official was ever told they could not go to VMD. Members were never told anything about attending VMD.

It was reaffirmed that the Boydston (AMS) ad in Vintage Views would be cancelled due to Boydston is the owner of AVDRA and is a direct competitor to AHRMA. AHRMA does not allow competing organizations to advertise in Vintage Views. The Board directed Lamberth to stop AMS advertising and to send a letter to Boydston advising of this action.

Janiec stated that the Trustee statement regarding Cowell about offering a contract to Cowell should be corrected. Cowell did not resign, but refused to accept the new contract. Lamberth will originate a letter to correct the error the statement that she chose not to renew her contract.

Janiec stated the next Board meeting is Auburn, CA on October 17th (Saturday).

Janiec asked Mork when the full policy report may be done. No date was given.

Lamberth commented about the MX in West Virginia. Guidi is working on a date in West Virginia. AHRMA could have road race on the streets or at Summit Point.

Lamberth read the Chapman letter. Lamberth and Janiec will draft a letter in response.

Janiec adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.