



**AHRMA Board Meeting
May 2, 2016 (First 2016 Board Meeting)
Crooked River Ranch, OR**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02am by AHRMA's Chairman of the Board, Mark Hatten.

In attendance were Executive Director Dave Lamberth, Communications Directors Matt Hilgenberg and Ginger Hilgenberg, and Trustees Carl Anderson, Tom Bentley, Kevin Burns, Luke Conner, Fred Guidi, Mark Hatten, Louis LeBlanc, Debbie Poole, Rob Poole, Pat Riley and Kelly Shane. Guidi held Corky Root's proxy.

Open Session

The meeting began in open session, with Hatten seating the Trustees who were newly-elected to three-year terms in January – Burns in the Eastern region, and Conner in the Western Region. Guidi and Shane were re-elected in January.

The Trustees introduced themselves to the members in attendance, then Hatten thanked outgoing Trustees Fred Mork and Beno Rodi for their years of service, and reviewed the duties of the Trustees.

The election of Officers began with the position of Chairman. Anderson nominated Hatten, and D. Poole seconded. Riley nominated Anderson, and R. Poole seconded. A secret-ballot vote was conducted; M. Hilgenberg counted the ballots and announced that Anderson was elected as Chairman. Hatten then handed control of the meeting to Anderson, who thanked Hatten for serving as AHRMA Chairman the previous two years.

Conner nominated LeBlanc as Treasurer, and Hatten seconded. R. Poole nominated Shane, and Riley seconded. A secret-ballot vote was conducted; M. Hilgenberg counted the ballots and announced that Shane was elected as Treasurer.

Riley nominated R. Poole for the position of Secretary, and Bentley seconded. There were no other nominations, and the Board elected R. Poole to the position with a 12-0 vote in favor.

Approval of Leeds, AL minutes

Guidi moved to approve the minutes of the third 2015 Board of Trustees meeting, held October 12, 2015, at the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum, as written, and Burns seconded. The final vote to formally approve those minutes was 9-0 in favor (Burns, Conner and Hatten abstained).

Treasurer's Report

Anderson had served as Treasurer prior to this meeting, and presented his report to the Board.

Lamberth felt that the current low fuel prices were a positive influence on event attendance and general recreation.

The meeting went into recess at 8:38am

The meeting reconvened at 8:47am in open session.

Executive Director's Report

Lamberth presented the Executive Director's report, beginning with the 2015 year-end Financial Statement Review. It was noted that AHRMA's financials are fully audited every five years, and are reviewed each other year.

Lamberth advised that financial results for the fiscal year through April showed excess revenue over expense of \$15,660 as compared to a budgeted excess of expense over revenue of (\$12,496), resulting in a positive variance of \$28,156. Cash flow is currently strong and there are no issues with collecting accounts receivable.

The current balance in the RBC Investment account as of March 31, 2016 was \$210,593.

Lamberth provided an overview of the revised Final 2016 Budget. Finally, event attendance was reviewed.

AHRMA membership stood at 3019 on April 28.

Member Open Comment Session

The member comment session began at 9:30am; in attendance were Julie Bentley, Chuck Bullwinkle, Pete Fisher, Terry Miller, George Mitchener and Vince Wall.

Crooked River Ranch (CRR) Board of Directors President Mitchener thanked the AHRMA Board for holding the meeting at CRR and said the community enjoys hosting the AHRMA Northwest regional trial/motocross weekend, which financially helps the Ranch. Guidi noted that the people running the events were great, and he really enjoyed visiting the area. D. Poole asked if the motocross was perhaps at capacity with 200 riders, and Fisher replied that yes, the dirt degrades, so only "X" number of wheels should be on track. R. Poole asked if there was any negativity from CRR residents, and Mitchener answered, "very, very little." Fisher closed the conversation by mentioning that the CRR bike show and swap meet would likely be located closer to the race pit area in 2017.

Bullwinkle proposed that AHRMA as an organization promote and encourage youth participation in observed trials, which could include schools aimed at younger riders. On another topic, he asked if AHRMA would be liable for property damage caused by an electric-motorcycle-ignited fire.

CRR Manager Judy LaPora joined the meeting, and presented Lamberth with a \$264 donation to the AHRMA Benevolent Fund, one dollar from each entry at the weekend's activities.

Miller shared his views on vintage motocross suspension-travel and engine-displacement rules and enforcement.

The meeting went into recess at 11:01am

The meeting reconvened at 11:23am in open session.

Bentley continued the eBike discussion, noting that AHRMA staff should be certain that they are thoroughly prepared for a battery fire. R. Poole said that batteries can be damaged, and the vehicle operator be unaware. If a fire erupts, it can be a major event, very hot and with toxic fumes. Hatten said that lithium batteries, which are used in eBikes, are also very commonly used in place of lead/acid batteries in gas-powered machines, so experience and knowledge exists in the paddock. Burns thought the Board should consider additional fire extinguisher requirements for eBike competitors. Riley suggested that member Tyrus Wilson assist with battery-safety information, and Conner added that FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheets are another good source of information. Anderson closed the discussion by saying that AHRMA staff should do what they can to ensure participant safety.

R. Poole asked that Trustees refrain from making dissenting remarks about Board decisions or on online public forums about Trustee candidates during Board election time.

Regarding an on-track incident at NOLA Motorsports Park in March, Conner asked who ultimately makes the call for a red flag to be displayed during a race, and if a corner worker could do so. Hatten said that in such an instance, the corner worker calls to Race Control, who then makes the decision whether a red flag is warranted. Hatten went on to review the corner worker protocol.

The meeting went into lunch recess at 12:07pm

The meeting reconvened at 12:49pm in open session

Guidi told the Board that motocross track closures are becoming a concern. He continued by saying that AHRMA's policy of providing riders 70 years of age (or greater) with free entry fees has become a burden to many event promoters, and that the practice must be reviewed. He projected that in five years, 25-percent of AHRMA race entries could be from riders 70-plus-years-old. Lengthy discussion ensued, covering a broad spectrum of options; a formal proposal will be submitted for consideration at the July Board meeting.

Discipline-Specific Discussions

Motocross: At the three 2015 Board meetings, there was discussion about the possibility of developing two distinctly different MX series – one to include vintage MX, cross country and trials bikes, and a second for post vintage MX bikes, possibly combined with modern two-stroke racing. As a follow-up at CRR, R. Poole suggested separate Vintage and Post Vintage Off-Road Directors. Guidi responded that two Directors would severely complicate scheduling, and that the AMA had rolled-out a modern two-stroke MX series, so the AHRMA version might no longer be viable. As an alternative, Hatten suggested retaining the single Off-Road Director, but assign to him two assistants, one each focused on the vintage MX and post vintage MX programs. Potential subordinates were discussed, then Conner made a motion, seconded by Burns, to accept this management structure. The vote was 12-0 in favor.

Guidi said he had suggested to regional coordinators attempting to get stand-alone post vintage MX events that they propose to the local track operator racing on Saturday mornings, then the track could run open practice that afternoon and its normal modern-bike race on

Sunday, minimizing financial risk for the facility. D. Poole said the monumental problem for getting post vintage going on its own is a lack of volunteers; Guidi agreed. Bentley noted that all off-road events are 100-percent by volunteers, whereas roadrace workers receive mileage and per diem to attend events. He opined that it should be considered to carefully and wisely use some monies to aid off-road volunteers and promoters.

Dirt Track: Lamberth reported by Dirt Track Director Donnie Warf had been working hard to secure race dates. Anderson said that having over-70-year-old riders pay an entry fee might help with scheduling, as potential promoters would then have more income. Discussion ensued regarding ways to bolster dirt track participation. Anderson noted that the race at NOLA Motorsports Park in March showed that AHRMA's roadracers are interested in dirt track, so tying those two events together could help dirt track. D. Poole wanted to see a "three-step" plan put in place to improve the overall dirt track series.

Cross Country: Lamberth said the cross country program was going well and coordinator Becky Hayes was doing a good job.

The meeting went into recess at 2:45pm

The meeting reconvened at 3:06pm in closed session

Other Business

R. Poole said it had been brought to his attention that there were no rules in the AHRMA Handbook regarding protective clothing for motocross, such as a long-sleeved shirt and over-the-ankle boots. Lamberth is to research the standard of care and obtain a recommendation from the Risk Management Committee.

Bentley asked for an update on his 2015 request for higher-quality membership cards; Lamberth replied that heavier card stock was being used, and he had priced machines to imprint plastic cards. Both Bentley and Hatten expressed the desire for new members to receive a membership package including a quality card, Handbook, AHRMA stickers and other perks. This led to discussion regarding general AHRMA branding and promotion.

Burns commented that a couple of members had asked about the possibility of receiving an electronic version of *Vintage Views* in place of the printed version, and in turn, pay a lower membership fee. This possibility is to be investigated.

The Communications Directors summarized their activities since the October, 2015 meeting, including the launch of new websites, maintenance of the National and regional sites and special projects. G. Hilgenberg shared her plan to follow-up on One Event (weekend) Memberships, in an effort to have those riders convert to a Full Membership.

Guidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and R. Poole seconded. The vote was 12-0 in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm

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