



**AHRMA Board Meeting  
July 18, 2016 (Second 2016 Board Meeting)  
Soda Springs, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10am by AHRMA's Chairman of the Board, Carl Anderson.

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

**Approval of Crooked River Ranch, OR minutes**

The meeting began in open session; Burns moved to approve the minutes of the first 2016 Board of Trustees meeting, held May 2, 2016, as written, and Guidi seconded. The final vote to formally approve those minutes was 11-0 in favor (Root abstained).

**Treasurer's Report**

The most recent RBC Wealth Investments statement was presented to the Board. Discussion took place regarding investment options and the current status of Benevolent Fund monies.

Bentley made a motion to keep all investments with RBC, to place \$100k in a designated Benevolent Fund investment and the remaining \$112k as general investments, and have the Executive Director provide quarterly accounting reports, to be published in *Vintage Views*. Shane seconded the motion; the vote was 12-0 in favor.

**Executive Director's Report**

Lamberth reported that cash flow was good, and that AHRMA had no debtors. The actual-to-budget comparison and event attendance numbers were reviewed.

AHRMA membership stood at 3016 on July 14.

Lamberth said he'd like Trustees to personally help reach-out to people whose membership had expired in the past two years, and ask them to rejoin. Possible incentives were discussed, as was the method of implementation of this plan.

**Member Open Comment Session**

The member comment session began at 9:10am; in attendance were Chuck Bullwinkle, Dick Mann, Kay Mann, Bob Shannon and Tyrus Wilson.

As a follow-up to the First Meeting of 2016, Wilson – a firefighter with 32 years' experience – was on hand to discuss electric motorcycle (eBike) battery safety. Wilson combined personal experiences with electric vehicle research to conclude that the knowledge of and practices of dealing with modern lithium-based, exotic-metal batteries is constantly evolving. He said that batteries used in mobile phones, cars, hoverboards, motorcycles, etc. are of similar construction and can become damaged – even during shipping – without the consumer's knowledge. Such damage could potentially result in a fire that burns at 1200-4500-degrees F, with very toxic and dangerous fumes. Wilson said that once a lithium battery fire is extinguished, thermal runaway

could continue undetected, so the battery should be quarantined for at least 24 hours, as a fire could reignite at any time during that period. He noted that most incidents occur during charging or discharging, and that a Class D extinguisher is required for metal-based fires.

Burns reported that the Fire Prevention Assn. says more research is necessary to deal with fire of lithium-based batteries, and that water can be used to extinguish such fires. Wilson noted that copious amounts of water would be needed, and that the runoff would be considered a hazardous materials situation, so water is not the best choice.

K. Mann asked why the eBike which caught fire at an AHRMA roadrace at Roebing Road Raceway (GA) in February was left to burn, and if AHRMA staff had all aspects of eBike safety under control. Anderson replied that AHRMA staff is actively keeping tabs on new technology and information as it becomes available.

Bullwinkle felt that eBikes don't belong in AHRMA activities, since the focus of the organization is preservation – not progression – and that efforts should be concentrated on promoting/growing our vintage-bike base, not racing modern eBikes.

K. Mann reported that 13 individual members had entered eBikes during the first 14 roadraces of 2016, estimating that “two or three were possibly new members.” Shane followed-up by asking if the eBike class was worth the potential risk and expense of a major battery fire, and if there was an actual net gain in entries by running the eSuperSport class, or if current members were simply switching classes.

Root made a motion to have the Executive Committee (and possibly the Risk Management Committee) study eBike safety issues. Burns seconded; the vote was 12-0 in favor.

D. Mann noted that there are more National vintage motocross races in the eastern portion of the US than in the west, and the imbalance makes it difficult for western members to compete for a championship. He asked Lamberth if the promoters of events with small turnouts receive a break on AHRMA permit fees; Lamberth replied that lower fees can occur for new events, but every attempt is made to keep fees the same for all. Mann suggested that across-the-board lower permit fees could encourage western promoters to move from regional to National event status, thereby creating a better-balanced schedule.

D. Mann continued the motocross discussion, noting that post vintage and vintage bikes require different racetracks, and that a suitable track is the key to a successful event, as has been the case for 40 years. He felt that weekends that host two events of the same type don't normally work well, and that the trials/MX combination has historically worked very well. He concluded by noting that since MX riders are allowed to enter multiple classes and trials riders may only enter one, it appears that there's a greater turnout for MX races, but in many cases, the same number of members are being hosted at a trial.

Guidi reported that the search for a vintage MX assistant coordinator was ongoing, and that LeBlanc would assume the role of post vintage MX assistant coordinator.

The meeting went into recess at 10:27am

### **Open Session**

The meeting reconvened at 11:03am in open session, and a review of the 2017 rules proposals began (see separate document).

The meeting went into lunch recess at 12:05pm

The meeting reconvened at 12:28pm in open session.

Anderson reported that the Executive Committee met during the lunch break, and asked that the Risk Management Committee investigate the eBike battery safety issue. Members of the EC would also contact independent professional engineers for opinions.

The review of 2017 rules proposals continued.

The meeting went into recess at 2:28pm

The meeting reconvened at 2:46pm in open session.

Rules proposals review concluded at 3:35pm.

### **Other Business**

Shane queried as to the number of One Event (weekend) Memberships received at the June "Unadilla MX Rewind" in New York from people who had also purchased a One Event Membership at the previous year's event. The parameters of the One Event Membership dictate that this type of membership can only be used once every 13 months, and Shane felt those rules should be enforced. Burns also asked if racers with One Event Memberships were indeed not receiving series points; Lamberth said he believed that was happening as it should and he would follow-up on that topic. Anderson closed the discussion by saying the One Event Membership should be examined to determine if the policy/offer is meeting the goals of the organization.

The meeting went into closed session at 3:53pm

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

###