



**AHRMA Board Meeting
October 9, 2017 (Third 2017 Board Meeting)
Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum; Birmingham, AL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:06am by AHRMA's Chairman of the Board, Carl Anderson.

In attendance were Executive Director Dave Lamberth, Communications Directors Matt Hilgenberg & Ginger Hilgenberg, and Trustees Carl Anderson (Chairman), Tom Bentley, Kevin Burns, Luke Conner, Fred Guidi, Louis LeBlanc, Debbie Poole, Rob Poole (Secretary), Pat Riley, Beno Rodi and Kelly Shane (Treasurer). Mark Hatten was not present.

Open Session

The meeting began in open session, with the first topic being the approval of the minutes of the second 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, held July 17 in Millville, NJ. Burns made a motion to approve and Guidi seconded. The vote was 11-0 in favor.

Treasurer's and Executive Director's Reports

The balance in the two RBC Investment accounts as of September 30, 2017 was \$246,222.

Lamberth advised that financial results for the fiscal year through September showed excess revenue over expense of \$143,822.07 as compared to a budgeted excess of expense over revenue of \$72,128.30, resulting in a positive variance of \$71,493.77. As of October 4, there was \$174K in the operating account.

AHRMA membership revenue was up, while numbers were steady, with 3175 members as of September 30. Lamberth then reviewed event attendance and presented the Board with a preview of the 2018 budget.

The 2018 National Historic Cup Roadrace Series schedule had nine race weekends scheduled, with one additional Western regional event being finalized.

Next year's motocross schedules were not ready to be viewed, as a late announcement that Michigan's RedBud MX would be hosting the 2018 Motocross of Nations upset many dates that had been put in place. Off-Road Director Guidi was rescheduling with numerous promoters at the time of the meeting.

Member Open Comment Session

The Member Open Comment Session began with the Trustees and AHRMA staff introducing themselves to the members in attendance.

Member Tim Tripp opened by saying he enjoyed the Barber Vintage Festival weekend and the racetrack there. George Hernandez added that he was impressed with all the work put forth by AHRMA staff to make events like BVF happen; Ann McKinley concurred.

Gwen Ellenwood, who works at Unadilla Valley Sports Center in NY, said they have many One Event Memberships at their AHRMA off-road races each June, and opened a conversation regarding possible incentives to convert the weekend memberships to Full Memberships.

Roadrace sidecar racer Pete Essaff said he had been a member for five years, thanks to AHRMA offering a sidecar series at a National level. He indicated he'd like to see a designated area at BVF where all sidecar racers pitted together, which would enhance the spectator experience. Essaff's passenger Johnny Crown showed his appreciation, saying AHRMA's "staff is awesome, (with) great events – thanks for having us." He said that at many events, the sidecar-racing community gives "taxi rides" during lunch breaks. This is presented as a premium experience for spectators to see what happens on-track, and can be used for promotion and fundraising for the track or charities, etc.

Pete Hokenstad thanked the Board for their work, and spoke of building the grid sizes for Vintage Superbike classes. One idea was to work toward a common set of rules between AHRMA and other organizations to help facilitate cross-over participation.

Dave Keister said he had worked as an AHRMA roadrace volunteer/official for the past two seasons, in addition to competing on a sidecar. He thanked Burns for his work in organizing the sidecar rules.

Nick Bailey, another roadrace official, said he had helped to collect roadrace helmets that were beyond their service life, and donate them to the Birmingham (AL) Fire Department, to be used for training and education in the area of motorcycle accidents. Keister added that work was being done in the roadrace paddock to raise awareness of concussions that may occur in a crash, and how to recognize and deal with such an injury.

Seven-year roadrace competitor Pat Wilkening spoke next, concerned about grids being set solely by the date of pre-entry, and offered suggestions as to other methods of gridding. The current policy is to grid pre-entered riders according to their position in the points standings (behind the previous year's class champion polesitter), with post-entered riders starting at the back of the field. It was to be investigated as to whether this policy was being implemented consistently throughout the racing season. Discussion also included having folks with less experience who felt intimidated by their grid position near the front of the field to go to Tech and request to be moved to the back.

Brian Herzfeldt said the roadraces get better each year, and attended the Board meeting to show support of the proposed Sound of Thunder 4 class, and any consideration of a Lightweight or Middleweight version of Next Gen Superbike.

The Member Open Comment Session ended and the meeting went into recess at 9:54am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:16am in open session.

The first topic centered on Bylaws changes. It was confirmed at the July meeting that proxy votes would no longer be accepted at Board meetings. LeBlanc made a motion to overturn that decision, and Burns seconded. The vote was 4 For (Burns, Conner, LeBlanc, Rodi), 6

Against and 1 Abstain (Anderson). The Bylaws will be formally changed to remove the use of proxy votes.

There was discussion regarding how to determine East/West residence for Canadian citizens who vote for Trustees or apply for the Trustee position. R. Poole proposed, "*For Canada, east/west residence shall be determined by the provincial line between Manitoba and Ontario.*" Guidi seconded. The vote was 10 For, 1 Abstain (BR). This is to be added to Article IV, Section 2 of the AHRMA Bylaws.

Review and final determinations on 2018 rules proposals commenced.

At 11:41am, Barber's Jeff Ray and Brian Slark visited the meeting to comment on the weekend. Sunday's activities had been canceled due to poor weather from Hurricane Nate. Ray said he felt BVF 2017 was, "Very successful; sorry about the weather." He said he really liked the new (Formula Thunder Pro Challenge) race, and thanked AHRMA for being a great partner in a great program.

Review and final determinations on 2018 rules proposals continued.

The meeting went into lunch recess at 11:55am.

The meeting reconvened at 12:24pm.

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The meeting reconvened at 1:14pm.

The meeting went into closed session at 1:30pm.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 1:51pm.

The rules discussion was completed and the meeting went into recess at 2:39pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2:58pm.

Rules & Eligibility Committee assignments were reviewed, with the only change being on the Vintage Superbike Committee, where Thad Wolff was moved to Chairman and Conner replaced Hatten as a committee member.

The meeting moved into closed session at 3:17pm.

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The meeting reconvened at 4:54pm in open session.

Open Session

It was decided that the 2018 Board of Trustee meetings would take place April 30 in Palmdale, CA, July 21 or 23 near Soda Springs, CA and October 8 in Birmingham, AL.

Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and R. Poole seconded. The vote was 11-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.