

The February 2th , 2009 MRAN meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Competition committee in attendance:

Bushwackers-2	Groundshakers-2	Wild Bunch- 1
Gamblers-2	Coyotes-0	Jack Rabbits-2
Yucca Chucker's -1	Dark Side-2	Sndr-2
EVR-2	LOD-2	Sandy Valley-1
Mesquite MX-0		

Approve Minutes: Rhett Ogden motioned to approve and was seconded by Jay Livingston

President's report: Chris Linahan from the BLM said the tortoise habitat R&P said that you cannot race in sand wash if it is below 4000 ft. in elevation. They claimed that nobody commented. That is not true Zack commented three separate times when asked. He will be calling the state director to ask why his comments weren't incorporated into the comments. Right now there is not much we can do. They said they may be able to write an addendum to it. It does not make much sense though since the race is in March and it is still freezing up there. The

tortoise doesn't come out until April. The Vegas district cut the racing time due to the habitat from November to March. He will call to see what we can work out since we are racing at that time. He will also work with Dale Wallace and see what they can do. Nick from the BLM is here to discuss the gas mat issue. The Nellis Dunes meeting was held and he did not attend because of illness. Dan Bender was there according to the meeting minutes. It seemed to go well. He will make the next one. The first race seemed to go off ok.

Vice President Report: Nothing new to report. The Legislature opened today. OHV people are talking about lic plates on OHV's. Probable hear more on that in the next 3-4 weeks when the amendment to the bill is done.

Treasurer Report: The last of the race dates have been submitted to Ins. MX series and changes. If there are anymore late changes we might not have time to make them. Fines for dues started today. Clubs that have not paid dues will be notified.

Treasurer report: Sean McDaniel motioned to approve and was seconded by Justin Wray. 0 oppose

Referee Report:

Big Bike ref Scott Glimp: 257 Big Bike cards, 51 mini's, 1 sports women, 3 UTV's , 4 second division, 12 one day card and 1 non-competition.

Mini Ref Brian Shierberl: There were a couple of kids that moved from novice to expert in the 65 class and they have been moved back after the race.

Web Report by Scott Glimp: Everything is good working on a proposal for a new web company WSI.

PR report by Kevin Davies: Last week he came across a site that offers free streaming video show for off road. He tapes the races and puts it into the 1 hour show. He only asks for help with fuel cost, hospitality and access to the race to film (about \$200). He interviews racers and people in pits also asks that the club to take him out on the course to film some of course. If anybody has a helmet cam he will add that to the show. This would be a good way to promote MRAN. He has been getting 50,000 viewers on the site. He is trying to promote the average racer and family not the big name racers. The website is www.speedsceneracing.com. If they are not making a profit then they would not need to pull a permit. Also on a different note the red bull reps enjoyed being at the event. Their car did not. It broke down on the road out.

Special Reports:

Banquet: January 17th 2009 Sam's Town. The race went well, all positive feedback. The only thing that needs to be changed is the number of tables. The clubs need to be sure how many members are coming there were a lot of empty tables. One idea that would be good is a top ten t-

shirt and/or sticker to acknowledge the top 10 that don't get a trophy but worked hard to earn that recognition.

Gamblers race: January 24th & 25th at Crescent Peak. The race went well, not a big turnout for the Saturday mini event 47 riders. Sunday big bike event had a lot of riders 240. BLM was in the pits looking for gas mat compliance. A lot of riders ran out of gas.

SVMX: February 7th Sandy Valley. Start with unclassified. Changed the course added more track. May run the endurocross backwards and make it more rider friendly. No mud hole. Nobody is riding on the course now so it will be fresh for the first race of the season. There may be an opt out area for the endurocross.

Jack Rabbits: February 21 & 22 Nevada Landing/Jean. Mini's to run on Saturday, Big bikes on Sunday. Mini's will run one of 3 courses depending on bike size. Big bikes will go 36 miles 3 loops AMA and EXP 2 for Novice very fast course expert riders probable 45 minutes. Flyer will be up later in the week. Pit area adjacent to Nevada Landing approx 10 acres. Camping ok. Pits will be separate from the camping area per BLM. Last race results for start position.

Mesquite MX: Not present to discuss. We will try to get flyer info up soon.

Unfinished business:

2010 Classes/Division: We need input soon.

2010 Race Calendar: Clubs need to get dates together by next meeting

New Business:

Nick from the Vegas BLM office here to discuss the gas mat issue and also permit and bylaw information. Every club that puts on a race and pulls permits and signs a copy of the bylaws. When they get that it includes stipulations and biological terms and conditions. That is what they are monitoring at the events. They also watch for blatant violation of the law such as driving while intoxicated, reckless driving etc. By keeping these things under control we can keep racing. It will keep the environmentalist off our back. He is pro racing he raced for a lot of years before working with BLM this last 3 years. Working together would be easier if everybody followed the stipulations. Most of the members don't see them and that way they are not enforced. It could be possible to put on the board to re-educate the members to have a better understanding. And that would make the compliance check run smoother. The gas mat is supposed to be an impermeable membrane that will stop fuel from absorbing into the ground. That can be done one of two ways. It can be done with a carpet with a thick enough rubber pad and plastic underneath that it can absorb it and haul it out of there. It can also be done with some type of tarp. The way to measure the size of area that is to take a glass of water and spill it on the floor how big of an area does it cover. Then you get a membrane twice that size. Or you can take a gallon of water and do the same. Use

common sense when you are doing it. Things that are not acceptable are non-approved gas containers. You don't want to take a Gatorade bottle out there. Think ahead and use the right gas can. Or clubs look for alternative fuel pits. Compliance will help with having less billable hours because they are willing to use a volunteer. Let's work together and make it happen. Something that they are doing this year is they are taking areas that have already been raced on in the last 30 years. Pulling the maps and approve courses that have not been used in several years and getting them re-approved for use. A good example is the Jean/Roach area he has went back and pulled the SRP's back from 1983 and found courses that have been environmentally approved for certain races. So what they are trying to do is compile a map of all those races areas and give it to the environmentalist so that they can sign approval and now we have several courses to use and can apply for a 5 year permit. That will allow for more time to research new areas. They have said that they will do that. There is a program that the volunteers go through "Tread Lightly" would be good for members to go and would also help for big events and teach responsible OHV use. Respect the volunteer because they are saving billable hours to the association and clubs. It reduces the need for officers and rangers. They are BLM authority.

Helmet cam: A helmet cam would be a good purchase to record course prior to event. It would make it easier to dispute fines later for damage that already existed. A motion to approve made by Bryan Shierberl and seconded by Jim Bucknell. 0 oppose.

Website: Needs to be updated and is inefficient. There is one proposal now need to get more before next meeting to discuss.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Maichle and was seconded by Rhett Ogden at 8:20pm.