

MRAN Meeting Minutes May 3rd 2010

Brought to order at 7:05pm

Roll Call:

BCMX – 0	Bushwhackers – 2	Coyotes – 2
Dark Side – 2	EVRR – 2	Gamblers - 1
Ground Shakers – 1	Jack Rabbits – 2	LOD - 1
Mesquite MX – 0	Sandy Valley – 1	SNDR - 1
Sun Riders – 2	Wild Bunch – 3	Yucca Chucker's – 2

April Minutes approved by

Sean McDaniel's & seconded by Jason St. John

Officer reports

President

Zack Livreri – Conservation meeting at the BLM about Gold Butte on Tuesday May 4th 2010 at 9am. All are encouraged to attend.

Zack went on the 702 website and noticed there are some meetings coming up about the solar power construction out at Jean.

Vice Pres.

Jeff McMeans - All races seem to be going very well. Good job to the clubs.

Treasure

Jeff Landers – Not Present

Ref's

Scott Glimp – cards sold at SNDR – 9 big bikes, 1 – mini, 3 – 2nd class card, 4 – 1 day, 1 quad

Wild Bunch – 7 big bikes, 2 minis, 2 2nd class, 3 – 1 day

Brian Schierberl – Not Present

Sean McDaniel's – cards sold at Sandy Valley – 8 big bikes, 3 mini, 7 2nd class, 7 1 day, 1 quad

Sun Riders – Not sure yet

Mike Jones – Not Present

Website Admin.

Charlie Baker – web site is up to speed. Results are fixed. Thanks all for the help. Decided to get a lap top from MRAN.

Land use

- 1) Mike Payne – “Voter turnout by the OHV community in the last election was 2%. My conversations with a lot of MRAN and MRANN members show that we believe politics is a vile, dirty game and we cannot affect the outcome. I agree that politics in the US has reached an all time low and I am sickened by what I see. However; if we do not vote, the current administrations will continue and our rights to public land will continue to disappear because we are invisible. We have to make our voice heard by voting for candidates that support our rights. Both Zack and I have been trying to find a candidate that recognizes the importance of OHV use on public lands: We are the #10 source of tax revenue in Nevada. Based on the research I have done, I am registering Republican and I will be voting in the Primary to make sure we get a candidate that will honor our rights to ride the desert. I have decided to put my effort toward helping Chad Christensen in his bid for Harry Ried’s Senate seat. Chad is the Republican Majority Leader in the Assembly; he helped with the OHV legislation and is a racer himself. While in Reno for a debate he took time out to start MRANN’s race in Fernley this last month and will probably start a couple of ours this summer. He has honored every commitment he made to me concerning the OHV legislation and is actively seeking our support. None of the other candidates have acknowledged us.

- 2) I represented MRAN at the US Forest Service (USFS) Planning Rule meeting to discuss changes to the USFS Policies regarding use of public lands. The USFS has tried in 2005 and again in 2008 to produce a planning rule that was acceptable to the US Courts. Alas, they failed both times. So they are working on the 2001 plan which is a revision of the 1988 plan. Now they are going to try again and thought that input from the governed may be helpful. So, although uninvited I requested permission to attend the 3.5 hour meeting on your behalf: This is what I learned.
 - 1) Forest Service Employees do not visit the areas they are charged with keeping anymore than BLM folks do. I found that I had a greater familiarity with the areas and towns surrounding the areas than did the USFS and I seemed to be only one concerned with preserving these communities by making public lands the valuable recreational resource they should be. Look at Moab or Beaver, Utah and see what good management can do for an area.

 - 2) OHV use has not been incorporated into any of their plans. It is easier to get permission to log a forest than to ride through it. We are hoping to change that.

 - 3) Economic factors are considered only if the local economy is “vibrant”: What is the definition of vibrant? No one knows- I asked. What does this mean? No one knows -I asked.

 - 4) The US Forest Service believes that global warming is a threat to our forests; although no data is available to substantiate this claim they are sure of it and will do something to minimize whatever

damage might be caused by this, even if they are not sure what the damage is or how to correct it. Now why was it that the USFS could not get a plan approved in the last 10 years?

5) The best way to manage the forest is to make it a Wilderness Area and keep public access at 0. Both the representatives from the Audubon Society and Sierra Club agree with the USFS and all three of them agree that no use is the best use. Why? Because if people are allowed access to these areas they will “burn it down” (Don Hiatt, Audubon Society of Red Rock), and USFS employees nod in agreement. Appalling as this notion is it appears to be supported by the current Washington Administration. I have to ask: Wasn't New Mexico's largest wild fire the product of a prescribed USFS burn that went wrong? Yes, yes I believe it was. Doesn't lightning start most wildfires? Yes, I believe it does. Now you see why I am working to get H. Reid out. Despite this I did work with the Mountain Bike representative who was equally shocked and dismayed and we put forward 3 items:

- 1) Motorized recreation is not the same as Mechanized Recreation: Motorcycles are not the same as mountain bikes, and should be separated.
- 2) The cost of maintaining horse access should be offset by equal spending on trail development and maintenance for both mountain bikes and OHV.
- 3) Horses cause more damage than mountain bikes (US Dept of Ag study in 1988) and we believe they should be banned from all wilderness areas and mountain bikes should be allowed in.

Once again I made the point that to make all public lands wilderness areas that cannot be used by anyone is to make these areas valueless and make wilderness areas a joke. Witness the McCullough Wilderness; no one cares about that place because no one can access it. Why work to protect an area that you cannot use? Why is the federal government blind to the value of public lands for recreation? I don't know and neither do they.”

Public Relations

Kevin Davies – Working on night race flyers. Working with Mike Payne on a KTM sponsor deal.

Special Reports

SVMX GP- Kit reports all good. Had problem with scoring. Suggested some kind of scanner scoring system.

SNDR – Bill O'Hara 160 racers signed up. 1 injury – is doing well. BLM was upset for some riders on the start line for pulling and kicking over the brush. (We cannot be doing this). Bill also suggests that MRAN look into buying a sat phone.

Sun Riders – Walter reports 111 racers signed up. Thanks everyone for coming up to Utah.

Wild Bunch – Sorry about the race being delayed. Ambulance never showed up. They thanked Kim for pulling strings and getting Caliente Ambulance there in such short notice.

EVRR – Steve & Jon reports that the race will be a 2 day event. All mini's on Sat. and Big Bikes will be on Sun. This course has not been raced on since 1992. Will be about 5 miles of the dirt road to the race.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Coyotes – Grand Prix will happen. Same place as the last 2 years in Spring Valley. 1 day event. Flyer on web site soon.

Wild Bunch – Night Race. Will be in Jean. Flyer up soon.

Unfinished Business

Night Race Committee had a meeting and came up with a rough guide line for night race rules. Working out the bugs. Will post soon.

Lap tops for MRAN officers. Secretary, President, Referee, Website Admin. Will get a laptop.

Medical support was discussed. Motor Sports Medical should be done and not be used. Zack is looking into a couple other companies.

New Business

2011 race schedule permits due by June 30th for Las Vegas and Ely Districts for races being held from Jan. thru June 2011

Bonus points for the desert series –

Option 1 - Table it till next year or let it stand

Option 2 - Take away 25 pts. From the racers in the Gamblers club to make it fair since the rule was adopted after the start of the season.

Option 2 was put into effect

Grand Prix Gate Fees -

Zack was asked to bring up why the gate fees are so high for Grand Prix's? Nothing came of the gate fees and topic was changed to price of day cards. Walter from Sun Riders motioned to lower the price of day cards from \$20 to \$10 for racers showing up at MRAN events that hold a membership card from another race group. We had a vote: **4** – Opposed **9** – for it. Rule PASSED

Meeting over at 9:11pm

Next meeting June 9th, 2010