

December 6, 2008

Minnesota ARMCA AMA District 23 Annual Meeting Minutes

9:07: Meeting called to order

171 District 23 members were in attendance.

9:07: Chairman's Report by Mike Quinn

Recognition of Dale Greenwald, Al Mathwig, Barney Larson, and Chip Donaho for their many years of continued service, and for being part of the District since its inception in 1969. Also a special thanks to Gerry Mathwig, Karen Larson, and Louisa Greenwald for their important service to the off-road venues, especially in the early years.

A detailed report was given of the number of district members and attendance numbers by venue. Membership was down by about 8%. The attendance was down for motocross, hillclimb, dirt track, and trials, but the off-road venues were up in attendance for 2008. Contact Mike Quinn if you would like a copy of the report.

9:25: Treasurer's Report by Mike Quinn

The budget was cut going into 2008 in anticipation of lowered numbers because of the state of the economy. Unfortunately, it was not cut quite enough so the budget committee will be scouring the budget to find other areas to cut back.

9:29: AMA Congress Report by Al Mathwig

Al Mathwig, Dale Greenwald, and Dale Broughton attended the AMA annual Congress meeting this year. The most significant change that will be occurring is a significant lowering of the decibel levels that will take effect beginning in the 2011 season.

If you have not read the report by Rob Dingman (AMA President), Al suggested that you read his report on the AMA website. You can also view a video of his report to Congress.

9:33: Nominations for Officers & Election results. 2009 Board of Directors

- Chairman: Mike Quinn
- Vice Chairman: Jim Nelson
- MX Vice Chairman: Chip Donaho
- Government Relations: Tom Umphress & Karen Umphress
- Trail Rider Vice Chairman: James Landini
- Banquet Chairperson: Mark Becker
- Treasurer (Board Appointed): Karen Umphress
 - If interested, send a letter to Mike Quinn by January 1.
- MX 50cc: Brad Gulick & Ken Downey
- MX Mini classes: Jeff Craft & Mark Becker
- MX 250: Ross Thompson & Dale Kadlec
- MX Open: Mike Quinn Jr. & Karla Broughton
- MX 125 Junior/Schoolboy: Dave Wessling

- MX 14-24: Spencer Kadlec
- MX 25+/30+: Bob & Kari Lind
- MX 40+/45+/50+: Bob Chase
- MX Women & Girls: Kristin Juday
- MX Quad: Ben Horgen
- MX Mini Quad: John Aune
- Quad Hare Scrambles: Andy Terrell
- Dirt Track: Rick Washek
- Hill Climb: Tim Cain & Kaleb Northrup
- Enduro: Kent Schnaith & Nathan Zambon
- Hare Scrambles: Matt Stukel and Steve Danelius with 57 and 52 votes respectively
- Youth Enduro/Hare Scrambles: Todd Mathwig
- Observed Trials: Pat Hirt

11:14: Rule Changes

The Board discussed in depth the format of the motocross season (bikes only, NOT quads). It decided to keep the schedule as is (from the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday in September, with the exception of Easter Sunday, with races only on Sundays and legal holidays), but to lower the number of races that count towards year-end points from 70% to 50%. The season will not change in the future, but the percentage of points-paying events counting towards year-end points can be adjusted on an annual basis. Eligibility for year-end awards will remain at 50%. The key reason to shorten the required races was a demand from the membership that was in response to the economic state, as many families can no longer afford to make 20 races. The shortening of the season would have a detrimental effect on the entire sport including promoters, tuners, shops, suspension business, etc. Taking away two months worth of dates would mean the promoters would need to run 4-race per weekend to get in the races they need to make ends meet. Cutting down the season would also restrict options for riders to race, whereas keeping the season as is but lowering the required races offers more options. This also gives consistency to our MX series. The Board is anticipating that this will increase the rider turnout as a championship will be much more attainable to the riders.

1. Modify AMA scoring of DNF/DNS riders for Quad Motocross. A DNF would score as the last rider with a minimum of 10 points, and a DNS would score as last place plus 15 points.
Passed 31 to 1
2. Add 65cc 7-11 class to the MX venue, renewed yearly.
Passed 25 to 13.
3. Delete the rule that states “if 12 or fewer MX Quad meets are held, all meets count towards year-end awards.” This would mean that no matter how many events are held, 70% of the events held will count towards year-end awards.
Passed 27 to 0.

4. Youth off road riders may work an event under the supervision of a parent or guardian and be awarded worker points.
Failed 45 to 4.
5. Delete the clause in the Enduro/Hare Scrambles rule that states a rider must belong to a D23 club. All other requirements remain the same.
Failed 46 to 4.
6. Make the 125-only MX class a points paying class. This would not be a championship class, rather awards would be in line with what B riders receive. Subject to annual review.
Passed 50 to 0.
7. Increase the number of awards to Youth riders to 10 if all participation requirements are met. This applies to classes with a minimum age of 10 and under, and to all venues.
Passed 70 to 26.
8. Add MX 55+ class, reviewed annually.
Passed 23 to 3.
9. Add MX 60+ class, reviewed annually.
Passed 13 to 5.
10. Change current MX 85cc 9-12 to 85cc 9-14
Failed 15 to 4.
11. MX riders participating at Loretta Lynn Amateur Nationals and finishing in the top 20 would have the right to run their National number on a red background. D23 would hold their regular number for the year.
Passed 38 to 0.
12. Hillclimb – a machine may be ridden in more than one class, by the same or different rider, so long as a machine is only ridden by one rider in each class, and provided that the machine and rider(s) meet all other criteria to be in that class.
Passed 27 to 0.
13. Hare Scramble starts be uniform: sitting on the bike, dead engine and hands on the bars. Never standing off the bike, hands in the air or any other variances.
Failed 58 to 0.
14. A rider wanting to be scored for Enduros must work an Enduro. A rider wanting to be scored for Hare Scrambles must work a Hare Scramble. No points would need to be given since everyone being scored would be working an event.
Failed 56 to 0.

15. Eliminate the minimum 3-rider rule in Flat Track, thus enabling points to be awarded in classes with less than 3 entries.

Passed 22 to 0.

11:30: Open Floor

A question was raised as to what is going on with class advancements. The class advancements will take place. If the AMA is unable to perform the advancements, then D23 will. The district will move the riders by the end of January if the AMA has not.

The results to the survey are still arriving, so if you still have one please send it in ASAP.

11:37: Meeting Adjourned