

**Alberta Dirt Riders Association
Annual General Meeting – Nov. 7, 2009
Red Deer, Alberta**

Introductions and call to order

Facilitator Cheryl Wood called the meeting to order at 8:05. Protocol and voting were explained.

President Randy Tally introduced himself and welcomed everyone. Randy introduced the 2008/2009 ADRA Executive that was in attendance.

Brian McLean, Heather Nelson, Teri Hansen, Renee Turner, Jennifer Marshall, Joe Malinowski, Jordan Matychuk, Rick Leitner, Ryan “Skippy” Mobbs, Greg Martens..

The Club Representatives introduced themselves. Clubs that were represented were:

Fort McMurray, Westlock, Cold Lake, Swan Hills, Medicine Hat, Brooks, Calgary, Slave Lake, Whitecourt, Drumheller, Taber, Lethbridge, Grand Prairie

Changes to the printed Agenda

New computer for the SOAB

2010 SOAB Report

Minutes from the 2008 AGM were not distributed as they have been posted on the Alberta Dirt Riders web site for 1 year. There were no errors or omissions to the minutes.

MOTION: Kim Lechelt motioned that the 2008 AGM minutes be adopted. Bryce Lambert seconded. Carried.

There was no old business.

Reports

Office Administrator Report

Kim Lechelt read her office administrator report. There were 913 full MX licenses, 288 HS/XC licenses and 444 one event licenses sold in Alberta in 2009. She has had a busy year and feels there is a need for a FAQ (frequently asked questions) section on the website. She inquired if she could get some help with setting this up. Renee Turner, Heather Nelson, Jennifer Marshall and Teri Hansen offered to help Kim. Kim has agreed to stay on as Office Administrator for 2010.

Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer Heather Nelson

Heather thanked Kim for all of the work she does as Office Administrator. The ADRA benefits from the one event licenses if a rider purchases more than one. There were some who did this in 2009. She recommended that everyone purchase their license through ADRA so we have operating funds.

The Steven Tollestrup fundraiser was very successful. The question arose if ADRA was paying for the stickers that were purchased or if the payment was to come out of the money raised.

MOTION: Heather Nelson motioned that the ADRA foot the bill for the stickers for Stephen Tollestrup.

Renee Turner Seconded. Carried

Heather has a copy of the financial statement for 2009 if anyone is interested in seeing it.

MOTION: Jennifer Marshall motioned that we accept the treasures report as read.

Renee Turner seconded. Carried.

Webmaster's report

Kim Lechelt read the web mistress report wrote by Joanne Zelmer. She had a great year. She puts in an average of 41 hours a month with September being her busiest month. She is willing to post pictures as well as help with banners and advertising to go on the web site.

MOTION: Kim Lechelt motioned to keep Joanne Zelmer on as web mistress for 2010.

Heather Nelson seconded. Carried.

Hare scramble, Cross Country and Endurocross report read by Renee Turner

Renee read the off road report. She touched on a few things.

Riders should be respectful in riding areas and support local clubs to help to keep our forestry's open for recreational use.

Rider numbers were up from last year. 10 rounds were held

Kid's Jr. class was introduced.

All of the clubs learned how to use the Barcode scanning system.

There will be changes to some of the classes for 2010. See the website for changes.

Endurocross format is changing. See website for those changes as well.

MOTION: Renee motioned to accept the Off Road report as read.

Joe Malinowski seconded. Carried.

2009 Provincial Motocross report read by Randy Tally

Randy discussed the series and some of the issues that arose.

The Series was short. It only consisted of 5 races.

Numbers were down.

There were no rain outs.

Scott thanked Randy for all the officiating he did in 2009.

2009 Provincial Ref Report by Randy Tally

Overall everything went good.

Ran into some issues where rules differ from north to south

Strive to do SOAB and Provincial rules straight across the board. Work on keeping the same rules for the whole province.

Communication was great between riders and refs.

Questions arose regarding holding Ref Clinics to get more refs and assistant refs trained to work at the races.

It was tabled for the executive to address this at the meeting in the spring

MOTION: Randy motioned to accept his motocross report and his Provincial Ref report as read

Pete Vidmar seconded. Carried.

2009 SOAB Report by Skippy

Numbers stayed strong. We only had one race that we needed to end early due to the flaggers being cold. There were new faces learning in the race offices tallying, lap scoring and the computer.

No laps were cut. The clubs and race personal worked hard to meet this goal

We did have a heart breaking loss this year when a young rider, Stephen Tollestrup, was injured during a race and later succumbed to his injuries and

passed away. This was a devastating loss for riders and families. A parade lap was made by his dad and his best friend at the Raymond race which was a true display of sportsmanship.

2009 SOAB Ref Report by Skippy

It was a great year. We had great assistant refs, learned a lot and worked well with everyone. Started having informal tech inspections and riders were showing up earlier to the gates. Skippy would like to get the sound equipment and start implementing it next year.

MOTION: Skippy motioned to accept his reports as read.

Casey Christensen seconded. Carried.

New Business

New computer for SOAB

Heather recommended that we look at replacing the south computer and printer. They are worn out and not working well. Questions arose about getting them donated.

MOTION: Skippy motioned that the ADRA purchase a laptop and printer if we don't have any donations by the time we hold our executive meeting in the spring.

Seconded by Brian McLean. Carried.

Transponder System

At the executive meeting in March/09 Rick Leitner was going to try and get funds donated to purchase a transponder system. Rick explained that due to economy and with businesses slowing down and his priorities changing he didn't achieve his goal but feels by spring he hopes to have the funds donated.

There was a very lengthy discussion on the transponder system.

Rick said Chaz Russell from AMB is willing to go over the whole system with club members to get it up and running. Each club should send people who are computer literate to learn the system.

MOTION: Trevor Motkoski motioned that each club should be responsible for fundraising and learning the system by Feb 1/10.

MOTION RESCINDED

New MOTION: Trevor Motkoski motioned that each club be responsible for fundraising, implementation, training and support of the transponder system by Feb 01/10. Skippy seconded.

29 for 13 against

Carried.

Sure Ride Bike Insurance

There will be information included with the 2010 CMRC license application that will be mailed to all 2009 members.

This insurance covers racing bikes.

For more info see the ADRA website as well as the CMRC website.

2009 class reps- Concerns rising from 2009 season

Ladies – Renee Turner

There were a few issues that arose in the ladies classes.

- advancement from B to A
- need for an Int. ladies class
- letters given to riders advising them that they must move up
- Renee will keep an eye on riders
- Some ladies have had discussion on Ladies A being a cash payout class

ATV – Teri Hansen

Teri read a letter that explained that the ATV racers were going to have a Triple Crown MX Series in 2010. They will still stay under the ADRA umbrella and will continue to ride in the SOAB and Provincial Series.

2010 SOAB Proposal

Skippy read the 2010 SOAB proposal. It was proposed that the SOAB clubs run a Spring Series (5-6 events) and a Fall Series (5-7 events) and the total (10-13 events) would constitute a Southern AB Provincial Series.

There was a lengthy discussion on the issue.

MOTION: Rick Leitner motioned that we look at changing the schedule as well as format the Provincial Series.

RESCINDED

New MOTION: Rick Leitner motioned that the Provincial and SOAB series will stay the same for 2010 as they were in 2009 and schedule to have something in place at the next AGM.

Jennifer Marshall seconded.

RESCINDED: REINSTATED.

Carried.

Intermediate payout, practice format and track conditions – Tony Tisdale

Tony suggested the following in which discussions were held on each one individually.

- Int should be paid cash not trophies
- Should practice on Saturday and just do hot laps on Sunday
- Dust issues at some tracks
- Practice order.

If was tabled to change the practice order for the 2010 season at the spring board meeting.

MOTION: Randy Tally motioned that the Int. riders receive cash payout instead of trophies.

Seconded by Brian McLean. Carried.

The Int. riders need to be informed that they have the option to decline cash if they wish to keep amateur status for riding in the US. This will be posted on the website.

2010 Provincial Race office

Each club is supposed to supply staffing at the races.

Kim Lechelt has been working at all of the Provincial races for the past few years. She will not be working in the Provincial race office in 2010. The ADRA will have to hire someone to work in the office. This is a paid position and Kim will train.

MOTION: The ADRA office will post a job request on the web site and the ADRA Board will follow up by doing the hiring.

Seconded by Chase Simard. Carried.

Pro Payout- Rick Leitner

Discussion was held on the amount of money clubs are paying to the pro riders.

MOTION: Rick motioned that we have a 100% payout for the pro classes.

RESCINDED

MOTION: Skippy motioned that the pro payout be readdressed at the ADRA Executive meeting in the spring.

Seconded by Jennifer Marshall. Carried.

New Rule – Heather Nelson

Heather discussed the issue of riders riding with hoodies and /or strings for hooded jackets. Other provinces have implemented rules against this. There has never been an incident but it is a safety issue.

MOTION: Randy motioned that the ADRA adopt the rule of “No hooded jackets or sweatshirts with strings while riding.”

Consequences would be remove it or don't ride.

Seconded by Joe Malinowski. Carried.

Dirt Bucks – Rick Leitner

Rick believes that we may have made a poor decision when we discontinued offering the dirt bucks. After clubs went to supplying their own trophies they noticed the left overs. There was a discussion on the issue. No one is prepared to manage the program.

The Dirt Bucks program will be tabled until the spring Executive meeting. Who ever is going to take over for Kim at the races may be interested in following thru with the Dirt Bucks program.

Injured riders fund – Kim Lechelt

Kim discussed the injured rider's fund which totals approximately \$9700. In the past, committees have been formed but have never come up with criteria on how to disburse these funds. Skippy would like a small committee formed which would take care of the logistics and the application form. Skippy was able to verify that the ADRA Executive can legally decide who would get the funds.

MOTION: Skippy motioned that the disbursement of the Injured Riders Fund monies be handled by the ADRA Executive and that an application be available on the website for those who wish to apply.

Seconded by Sherry Christensen. Carried

PMA rider's classification in CMRC – Rick Leitner

There is confusion when the PMA riders compete in the CMRC regarding rider classification. A rule put in place at a previous AGM requires that PMA riders move down a level from what they normally compete in in the PMA in order to compete in a CMRC race. Kim read a rule from the CMRC rulebook stating that riders are required to ride in their highest classification held in a recognized motorcycling organization.

MOTION: Skippy motioned to table this issue until we get confirmation from CMRC that the PMA is a recognized motorcycling association.

Seconded by Joe Malinowski. Carried.

Minimum participation for Provincial and SOAB year end trophies and awards - Teri Hansen

There was a lot of money spent this year on purchasing trophies and awards for riders that may have only competed in 1 or 2 races in the series. This happened not only in the SOAB Series but in the Provincial Series as well.

Teri Hansen motioned that if a rider does not compete in at least ½ the races of that series they are not eligible for the year end trophies and awards.
Seconded by Renee Turner. Carried.

Event Packages – Kim Lechelt

Before every event Kim sends out event packages. She asked all the clubs to go through the packages before the day of or the day before your event. There is a provincial criterion that has to be followed as well as items needed for your event. There was discussion on certain provincial criteria such as caterers providing a breakfast menu.

MOTION: Kim motioned that we table reviewing provincial criteria until the spring Executive meeting.

Seconded by Dwight McGlynn. Carried.

Rider advancement Committee - Kim Lechelt

Kim addressed the issue of rider advancement committee. It consisted of all south members last year and all board members. It would be nice to have province wide members on the committee. Kim went over the format.

2009/2010 ADRA Rider Advancement Committee:

Rob Ryby

Dwight Mc Glynn

Brian McLean

Dean Falkenberg

Ryan “Skippy” Mobbs

Jennifer Marshall

They are all volunteers. Discussion was held on privacy as well as keeping issues confidential. It was also discussed if it would be a conflict of interest with riders being on the Committee. The riders involved confirmed it would not be.

MOTION: Skippy motioned that we accept the above names as a 2010 advancement committee with Kim Lechelt’s vote being the tie breaker.

Seconded by Casey Christensen. Carried.

Class Reps for 2010

Class reps represent the various MX classes. Riders are encouraged to express any concerns they have to the class rep who will then address/resolve the concern. If the class rep is unable to do this he or she will present the concern(s) to the ADRA Executive for their decision.

The class reps get a vote at the AGM.

They are volunteers.

All Class Reps and their contact info is listed on the ADRA web site under “ADRA Class Reps”

2009/2010 ADRA Class Reps:

50cc – Casey Christensen

65cc/85cc 7-11 – Laura Mehrer

SUPER MINI/85cc 12-16/JUNIOR – Robert King

BEGINNER – Mike Martin

INTERMEDIATE/PRO – Tony Tisdale

LADIES – Renee Turner

ATV – Teri Hansen

Regional race that must be held before a first time Provincial or SOAB Series race - Kim Lechelt

Regarding the rule that a club wanting to put on a race for the first time must hold a regional before they can put on a race that is part of a Series. Cold Lake put on a regional which was not productive. The club lost money. They did not have the numbers to warrant having a race.

MOTION by Kim Lechelt that new tracks do not need to have a regional race before they host a Provincial or SOAB event.

RESCINDED

MOTION by Darren Young that new tracks do not need to have a regional race before a Provincial or SOAB event pending an inspection and provincial requirements are met prior to the event.

Renee Turner seconded. Carried.

Provincial Gate fees - Kim Lechelt

Kim found a motion that had been made in 2005 regarding the gate fees. Somehow it got changed and she feels we should exercise that motion. It would help clubs to generate more income.

The motion in 2005 was – 4 & up 5.00/day and no carload discount.

Darren motioned that we charge spectators 10.00 per/day for gate fees

Discussion was held.

RESCINDED

Skippy motioned: We implement the 2005 motion regarding gate fees, 4& up \$5.00/day and 10.00 per night camping fee.

Seconded by Joe Malinowski. Carried.

Lunch Break

Absentee Board members – Teri Hansen

Teri addressed the issue of board members that ½ way thru the year become delinquent. It is not acceptable and was an issue for the 2009 Board of Directors. As a previous board member stated take it serious and follow through. Don't let your name stand if you are not going to stay involved and dedicated. By wearing your ADRA vests, shirts and jackets you are letting riders know who you are.

Elections of 2010 ADRA Executive

Randy Tally spoke on duties involved with being on the Board of Directors.

The Constitution was read regarding positions and available positions.

Nominations and voting was conducted.

2010 ADRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Randy Tally

Vice President – Ryan “Skippy” Mobbs

Treasurer – Heather Nelson

Secretary – Teri Hansen

Off Road Director – Renee Turner

Directors:

Darren Young

Dan Cookson

Mike Martin

Scott Richardson

Jennifer Marshall

Brian McLean

Greg Martens

Dean Falkenberg

A procedure for scheduling races was discussed and a calendar for 2010 was established.

2010 MX AGM and Provincial MX Banquet

Kim discussed the amount of work that is involved with doing the Provincial Banquet. She and Randy did all the awards as well as organized the Banquet. Renee brought up how it is done in the south with all the clubs contributing to getting awards and prizing.

The Westlock Club volunteered to hold the 2010 MX AGM and Provincial Banquet in Westlock.

Randy and Kim will help and if other clubs want to assist it would be a great help.

Dates and location to be announced at a further date.

Motion by Teri Hansen that if a board member does not reply to 3 consecutive e-mails without notification of being absent they will be relieved of their Board duties.

Seconded by Trevor Motkoski. Carried.

Thank you to Cheryl Wood for being a fantastic facilitator.

MOTION to adjourn at 4:35 pm.

Joe Malinowski seconded. Carried.

