

Nanaimo Motocross Association
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
January 7th, 2010

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Dave welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Attendance

In Attendance: Dave Barnes, Kelly Rowlett, Jaye Pugh, Sandra Sherman, Russell Sherman, Linda Sutherland, Rob Wolfe, Dan Smith, Linda Hansen, Tamara Hills, Lindsay Dennis, Dan Nikirk, Mike MacDonald

Regrets: Harold Youland

Review Agenda

The agenda was briefly reviewed and no additional items were added.

Review and Approve Previous Minutes

Minutes from the AGM were not available to be reviewed, so will be reviewed and approved at the February meeting.

Nomination/Elections (Secretary and Treasurer)

At the start of the meeting Jaye Pugh was re-elected as Treasurer. Sandra Sherman was nominated and elected as Secretary.

NMA Overview

A brief overview of the NMA was provided mainly by Dave and Jaye, to bring the new members up to speed with the history and structure of the non-profit society.

Executive Position Overview

Dave provided the Executive Role and Responsibility summary and briefly discussed it. Given that this was the first meeting of the new Executive everyone introduced themselves and some provided a brief overview of their MX history and why they volunteer with NMA.

President – Dave Barnes

Dave is excited to be club President this year. He is looking for a group effort – a collaboration from those in key roles to keep the club moving forward. He is relying on everyone elected to fulfill his or her job requirements. Dave is open to feedback. He wants this year to be a positive experience for the executive and general membership. He stressed that we need to be constructive, dealing with any

potential issues that arise in a positive, solution-orientated manner. He would like to see the executive act as a team, being respectful of one another and the general membership.

Dave has been involved, along with his sons, in motocross for the past four years. He would like to give back to the club. Do some good. Help the club grow into the best club and track on the island.

Vice-President – Kelly Rowlett

Kelly is looking forward to promoting a fun, family orientated agenda for the club. He would like to spend some time focusing on educating the general membership on the track, its privileges and responsibilities, like riding without insurance and the impact that could have on the club. He would like to see a better organization helping create a safer track. He is going to make every effort to promote the club within the community to encourage new membership and positive interest and a better spectator turnout at club events.

Kelly has always had a passion for motor sports and wants to keep it going. He has two young sons involved in the sport.

Treasurer – Jaye Pugh

Jaye and her family have been involved with the club for 6 years. She has served on the executive for the past three years, even when her sons have not been riding.

Secretary – Sandra Sherman

She looks forward to helping the club and executive this year.

Membership – Linda Sutherland

Linda Hansen has said that she would like to help Linda Sutherland with her role as membership manager and hopefully take over the position once she is comfortable with the role. Linda Sutherland is primarily focused on bringing in new sponsors and maintaining old ones.

Site – Rob Wolfe

Rob is a keen rider and MX competitor and lives in Nanaimo.

Track – Dan Smith

Both Dan and his 10 year old son are track members and racers. Dan brings 16 years of riding experience to his track building knowledge.

Watering – Mike MacDonald (with Dan Nikirk)

Both Mike and Dan provided a few details on themselves and why they are volunteering.

VIMX Overview

Dave provided an overview of VIMX. VIMX is in the process of registering as a non-profit society and is holding the AGM on Saturday, January 16th. VIMX will elect a new official 2010 Executive.

VIMX completed and submitted a proposal to CMRC to be the official sanctioned CMRC governing body for MX on Vancouver Island. This would mean that VIMX would receive the \$40 rebate for all

Island CMRC licenses and be responsible for supporting, promoting and operating MX on the Island, and working with BCMA and CMRC for Provincial events/activities. Dave will provide update on CMRC acceptance when available.

2010 Race Schedule (tentative) Review

Dave handed out and provided an explanation of the draft 2010 Island Race schedule. The Spring is pretty solid but the fall is likely to change to accommodate the BCs at Kamloops.

NMA Goals and Objectives

Discussions about establishing goals for the upcoming year. High level goals that were identified for next year include:

- Help base decisions on member input/feedback where possible.
- Grow membership via promotions and providing more membership benefits
- Enhance sponsorship benefits and increase sponsorship (\$ and in-kind)
- Revisit and reestablish equipment sponsors
- Significantly enhance watering system (Mike and Dan to develop plan)
- Develop a plan for the track and make some significant track changes this year
- Enhance the club social culture by having more fun and social events
- Increase groomed/watered practice days
- Increase the number of non-race events and activities at the track
- Increase club profile and community support of track (do charity days and such)
- Reestablish the barrel track and create a small wheel and ATV track
- More fencing
- Continue to enhance website as a membership tool:
 - Increase the social networking and community aspects
 - Increase online self-serve event sign-up and membership purchase and renewal
 - Increase communication and information provided to members
 - Perhaps publish and/or email monthly newsletters

Dave will provide each Director some “home work” which will consist of some planning sheets and a profile to be completed for the website. Dave will take photos of each Director for the website at the next meeting.

Website – Dave Barnes

Dave wants to enhance the community and social aspects of the website, and increase the online self-serve event sign-up and membership purchase and renewal. Also increase general information and communication to members.

Treasurer – Jaye Pugh

Jaye presented the income statement for the club to date. She briefly mentioned all the work that was done at the track last year in terms of capital expenditure. Fencing, a retaining wall, start gate, etc. Andy needs to be removed from the bank signing authority and Kelly added. Motion carried.

Secretary – Sandra and Jaye

Sandra picked up all the materials relating to the club executive on January 7th from past secretary Donna. She looks forward to helping the club and executive this year.

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Site – Rob Wolfe

Rob would like to see more fencing replaced this year. He says we need a grader for the roads around the track, which have deteriorated over the past months. He will continue to work on track clean up. He would like to see a track that is more appealing and safe for spectators.

Track – Dan Smith

Dan has some new ideas for the track and will be changing a few areas over the coming months. He is relieved that there will not be any double headers at Nanaimo this year. Grooming the track with its particular water issues is very difficult over a two-day race event. He is happy, however with the improvements he is starting to make to the hard track surface. He also mentioned that they would like to see a 50 track and an ATV track built this year. He has been talking to the ATV club, who would like to build the ATV track. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Watering – Mike MacDonald (with Dan Nikirk)

Mike and Dan have made much progress on the watering system at the track. In the upcoming months they hope to replace the hoses with shorter ones so that they are easier for the waterers to haul and spray. They are also planning to replace the sprinkler heads. This is an on going effort to improve the track conditions for everyone.

Promotions – Harold Youland

Not present. Dave will follow-up with Harold regarding promotions and sponsorship before next meeting.

Executive Memberships

Discussion about whether to continue providing memberships to the NMA elected Directors was heard. Has been done for years and is consistent with other clubs. A small perk for a lot of work done by the Directors. Decision was made to continue.

Gate Lock and Keys

Dan and Jaye will coordinate the key change and the lock will be changed on February 1st 2010. New keys will be provided to Executive.

Membership Fees

Increase in membership fees to accommodate changes and upgrades needed at the track. Provide membership with more in return for fees.

Single membership	\$210.00
Family membership	\$210.00 each add rider is \$35 to a max of \$280.00
Single assoc. membership	\$100.00 (subsequently agreed to change to \$90)
Family assoc. membership	\$100.00 (to \$90) each add rider is \$30 to a max of \$160.00 (changed to \$150)

Membership year will now run from February 1st – January 31st.

A T-shirt will be provided with each membership to promote the club.

NMA Logo and Clothing

New NMA Logo suggestions were submitted for review. Kelly will take some suggestions for the proofs provided and get some further for review. He will also investigate T-shirts, jacket and hat options and costs for Executive and membership.

Executive Photos and Profiles

Dave will ask for each person to complete a profile for the website and photos will be taken of each Director at the next meeting.

New Business

Kelly has a bottle exchange in place at all Nanaimo Return it's. return your bottles and give credit to the club. Club will receive a cheque once a month.

Action Items

Date	Action	Assigned To	Status
01/07/2010	Investigate watering system options and costs	Dan Nikerk	Has started
01/07/2010	Send planning documents to executive	Dave Barnes	Pending
01/07/2010	Review Sponsorship package and	Dave Barnes	Jaye, Kelly, Linda and Dave to review

Date	Action	Assigned To	Status
	provide comments for Harold		
01/07/2010	Further investigate logo proof and club clothes for members and execs	Jaye Pugh	
01/07/2010	Coordinate with bank and Kelly to remove Andy and add Kelly to signing authority and get online access	Jaye Pugh	

Decisions

Motion	By	Seconded	Status
Nomination (Treasurer)	Linda Sutherland	Kelly Rowlett	Passed
Nomination (Secretary)	Dan Nikerk	Jaye Pugh	Passed
Increase to membership fees	Dave Barnes	Russ Sherman	Passed
Memberships for Elected Directors	Dave Barnes	Jaye Pugh	Passed
Remove Andy from bank signing authority and add Kelly and get online access	Jaye Pugh	Kelly Rowlett	Passed

Issue Tracking

Date	Issue	Raised By	Assigned To	Status
01/07/10	NMA logo	Dave	Jaye	Needs further review
01/07/10	Water system	Executive	Dan/Mike	Ongoing
01/07/10	ATV club and track	Dan Smith	Dan	Ongoing

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held at Harbour City Motorsports, February 11th at 7.00pm

Meeting adjourned 10.45pm