

Nanaimo Motocross Association
General Meeting Minutes – Revised
July 13th, 2010



Attendance

In Attendance: Dave Barnes, Harold Youland, Mike MacDonald, Kelly Rowlett and Andrew Belin

Regrets: Sandra Sherman, Jaye Pugh

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm

Review Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and several new business items were added

- Use of track for private schools
- On-site manager (Kelly)
- Event planning for summer
- Dirt that was dumped at the track
- Work party
- Promotions planning
- Banquet
- Small wheel and barrel track

Review and Approve Previous Minutes

Not everyone has had an opportunity to review the minutes from the last meeting.

Ken Clarke

Ken Clarke was present at the meeting to discuss the dirt that he was going to donate to the club, how it could be used to improve the track, how he was going to get it up there and what the club could expect. Ken spoke for an hour and a half. He also responded to the questions put forward by the executive present:

Ken has 120 truckloads of organic soil to dump up at the Wastelands to spread onto the track. The soil is 70% organic with 10% sandy clay content. The stumps will be easily cleaned out during the spreading. Ken says that he has been involved in the maintenance and creation of 5 or 6 tracks in Ontario that all started with a clay base like the Wastelands. He has been in business on the island for 5 years and has a lot of experience that qualifies him to give his opinion on how this soil will help the Wastelands Track. Ken says that the material he is proposing to drop off for the track is soil that would be used to build arena cross tracks. Kelly wanted to know if the soil would stay on the track. Dave asks if Ken proposes to be laying this soil on top of the track.

Kelly noted that the soil that Ken has already dropped up at the track doesn't look very good to him. He notes that there seems to be a lot of rock in it. Ken says that the track already has rocks in it.

Dave wants to know what sort of layer will be put on the track and how this will help with grooming.

Kelly is concerned about the cost to the club and reminds Ken that we are a non-profit organization.

Dave says that over the years there have been a lot of options offered on how to improve the condition of the track, what makes Ken's opinion that the soil will improve the condition of the track and stay on, accurate.

Ken says that he will get the soil up to the track and if the club does not use it on the track he will spread it around the lower corner of the property for free.

Dave says if we assume this is going to be a good idea – how do we put the soil on the track. The club has already spent a lot of money on the track this year. The track has been reversed and the watering system has been extensively upgraded. The club is not planning on spending any more money on the track at this point.

Ken tells Dave that he can move 100 truckloads of dirt up to the track in a day and with someone grooming and spreading it out it could all be done in 8 hours. He says that he groomed 90% of the track on his own last year in 8 hours.

Dave wants to know what a 100 truckloads of soil looks like in layer depth on the track. Ken says that 120 truckloads of soil on the track would cover 1/3 to 1/2 of the track with a decent layer of soil that will hold the moisture in the track way better.

Kelly wants to know if this can be done before the race on September 12th. Ken says no – he can't donate his machine to the track for that long.

Dave suggested that if we did consider the material, that we could spread the soil onto small sections of the track to see how it works out.

Kelly wants to know if Ken can donate his machine to the club at all. Ken says that he can but, not delivery and fuel costs.

Kelly says that he figured on the delivery and fuel costs and wants to know when the soil is coming. Ken says in 2 weeks – it is soil cleared off after a rock blast – it is the organic top soil. It does need to be screened then spread and a walk through for rock picking if needed. Kelly and Andrew say we will have to walk the track before races to rock pick.

Kelly wants to know if Ken's truck can dump soil directly onto track. Ken says yes and the club will be able to save money on grooming because the track will only require a bobcat to groom. Kelly says if we throw the soil on the track will we be good to go.

Dave says if we lay it on top will we not have to mix it into the existing base on the track? Ken says definitely not. He says he has spoken to Geotec and all the club has to do is to cover the track with the new soil and we will be good to go. He says that we won't have gnarly ruts or rocks on the track with the new layer on. Dave says won't it just wash off the corners. Ken says this soil will be easy to put back on the track. Andrew says that we really need to build up the corners on the track with dirt.

Ken says there will be way less maintenance with this organic soil on the track.

Andrew says he has been trying to get rid of the steeply banked corners on the track because they provide only one line and this will also help to keep the soil in the corners.

Ken says this will give us a real track with real soil on it.

Dave says he has spoken to Lowell Pugh who reversed the track in the spring. Lowell doesn't think this soil is going to be very good, it has too many sticks, stumps and rocks in it. Ken says that is fair enough but, Lowell usually deals with clean soil and the soil that Ken proposes to dump at the track is easily cleaned by his machine.

Kelly says that we have to start making plans and wants to know if this can all be done in the next two weeks. Ken says that he cannot get his own machine up to the track all the time but if the club can get someone else to donate a machine he would be prepared to go up to the track every day after work and get the job done. He would just need fuel.

Dave expressed concern that the few loads that Ken had already dumped at the track looked like pretty bad soil. Ken says that those few loads had much more clay in it than the soil he is planning on dropping off next.

Kelly notes that the club is not going to pay Ken for spreading the soil. Dave says that if we commit to this, the club still has to put out money for the soil to be dumped at the track – money that the club doesn't really have to spend. Dave asks if we have any other options. Ken says the club needs sponsors to donate machinery - Ken says he will donate his excavator, he says it will only take two days to spread the soil onto the track. Dave suggested that we probably need 2 trucks, 1 cat and an excavator, in fact the more the machinery the better.

Kelly says that he can get as much bark mulch as we need free, after Ken suggested that this would be good to mix into the tracks soil. Kelly is concerned about the bark mulch being a fire hazard though.

Harold is concerned that all this soil will be dumped up at the track and then nothing will be done with it – Dave says if we do this then we have to use the soil.

Ken says he was speaking to Jarred May who would love to put on races at the Wastelands and would like to see an enduro x track at the Wastelands as well. At their last meet they had 129 riders. An enduro x track could be a part of the small wheel and barrel track. Dave says this is not a bad idea and suggests that Ken tell Jarred to come to the next NMA meeting.

Andrew says that we really need to do something to the track because it is down to shale in some spots. Kelly says who is going to pay for it though and Dave notes that the club has no money.

Ken says that the dirt will be up at the track by July 20th – Kelly keeps pointing out that we need to keep in mind that the first race is on Sept 12th. Dave wants to know if Ken has any contacts he can leverage for help in donating equipment to the track, Ken says that Aggressive might help. Dave says that the club has some decisions to make before we give the go ahead to the soil dumping. Ken says that it will be easier to firm things up once the soil is dumped – if the track doesn't do anything with the soil he will level the piles to level the bottom parking area. Kelly does not want the soil dumped behind the start gate. Ken says that this will be costing him personally about \$3000.

Dave says we are not necessarily against the idea but just need to be well informed before committing the club to any projects. Dave needs to know that this will be in the clubs best interests. Dave is still concerned with Lowell's experienced opinion that the soil already dumped is no good. Dave wants Lowell's input.

Kelly says it's on Andrew because he is the track manager – Andrew says if its good dirt then we need it. Kelly says he has spoken to tree companies and they are willing to bring bark mulch up to the track. Lowell says that the track needs bark mulch.

Ken says that the material that Lowell bought up to the track can be used as track base.

Dave says that the club has enough information now – the executive needs to vote on whether this is a good idea. Ken calls for an immediate vote. Dave says he knows everyone agrees that the track could do with some more soil but, does not want this to cost the club money nor does he want the track turned into a dumpsite for truckloads of material.

Kelly motions for Ken to bring good organic soil up to the track. Dave adds that if the soil is not moveable Ken will spread in it the lower parking lot for free. Ken wants it also motioned that we agree that he can bring more soil up to lower parking lot so that it can be spread to make a barrel track and an enduro x track. Dave says we have a yes vote and notes that it is up Andrew to contact Lowell and talk to him about this. Ken says that we should also get some deliveries of bark mulch up to the track. Ken will put the dirt down and then put the degraded bark mulch on top.

Presidents Report – Dave Barnes

The meeting was focused on Ken and the soil that he wants to dump up at the Wastelands for the track.

Vice-Presidents Report – Kelly Rowlett

No report at this time.

Secretary's Report – Sandra Sherman

- Absent

Treasurers Report – Jaye Pugh

- Absent

Directors Reports

Membership Manager – Linda Sutherland

No report at this time.

On-Site Manager – Kelly Rowlett

No report at this time.

Track Manager – Andrew Belin

No report at this time.

Promotions Manager – Harold Youland

No report at this time.

Watering Manager – Mike MacDonald

Dave would like Mike to have his final invoice ready before the first groomed and watered practice day.

New Business

Use of track for private schools

Dave says that Peter Swanwick advertised on Facebook an MX school he was going to hold up at the track. Peter wanted to raise some money to buy new boots. But, the Swanwicks never cleared this with the club first. Dave spoke to Mark and said that it is not really okay for members to put on group schools without first asking permission from the club. This has club insurance implications. As it turns out, everyone who said they were going to participate in the school held by Peter did not show up. So Peter was a very disappointed young man. The Swanwicks have agreed that they will first seek the clubs permission if they want to do this again.

Kelly says that Ryan Saunders was giving a lesson to Clayton Bones on Sunday July 11th. Andrew says that one on one lessons given and taken by club members should be allowed. Kelly says that the next time the club wants to put an MX school on, Ryan Saunders would be interested in teaching.

It is agreed by those present at the meeting that if there are one on one lessons held at the track that is fine, but if a group lesson is organized that must be passed by the club executive.

Small wheel and barrel track

Dave says that we keep talking about a small wheel and barrel track but we have done nothing yet. Dave would like to see the bottom of the lower parking area turned into the small wheel and barrel track. Andrew says that if there is equipment up at the track he could use it to create the tracks. Dave says we should do this. Ken says that he will do it if the equipment is there. Andrew says that would work because his foot will be in a cast for 3 months. Dave says that Dan Smith has also said he will help. Dave would like Andrew to plan and design small wheel track. Andrew says it is easy enough to wing a design on a small track.

Event planning for summer

Dave would like to see some summer events on the calendar. He would like to see some watered and groomed practice days happen. Practice days don't need insurance. Dave emailed Dusty about helping out at MX camps in the summer but, Dusty won't be able to do anything until after the Walton nationals. Harold says that there is a huge amount of organization necessary to put on a camp. Harold says that it would be better to hold the camps and schools over the last two weekends before the first race and get Darcy and Ryan Saunders to help. Dave says we need to hold different ability level schools. Given the time constraints we should not hold a three day school and just do some one day schools and a groomed practice or two. The best dates available for any planned events, would be July 14th, 21st, 28th and August 7th. Dave says that the weekends of the 14th and 28th July will work best. Dusty is available after the 14th.

Kelly says that the guy who grooms Jeff's track would help us if we needed him. Mike MacDonald will not be available for watering the track if we hold an event on the 28th/29th. Kelly says we need at least 10 people to do the watering. Dave says let's plan to hold a practice day on Sunday the 14th and a school on the 28th with Ryan and Dusty. Everybody agrees with this. Perhaps we could also get Ellis Tull to do another suspension clinic. Kelly says Costco will donate a bbq.

Work Party

Dave says we also need to do a summer work party. Maybe we could do that on Sunday the 15th. Mike says we really need to have a two day work party. Perhaps we could do that on the 7th and 8th of August. Kelly wants Mike Cardinal to come up to the track to clean up some trees. We could do a draw for the wood. Kelly wants to move that the club purchase Jay's ATV trailer for \$200. Dave agreed.

Banquet

Everybody has been asking what is going on with the banquet. Dave says that the VIMX committee will be doing this and that hopefully after the next meeting there will be more details

Small Wheel and Barrel Track

Already discussed

Review of Action Items

Date	Action	Assigned To	Status	Notes
07/13/2010	Verify sponsor list, provide results to Dave, determine who has and needs signs	Harold, Kelly	Active	Kelly and Harold to put together list of sponsors, split list and follow up
07/13/2010	Get more dirt on the track in various places especially where shallow and shale is showing through. Arrange truck and equipment.	Andrew, Jaye	Active	
07/13/2010	Put up all sponsor signs -	Harold	Active	
07/13/2010	Follow up with VI Honda about club sponsorship	Kelly	Active	
07/13/2010	Follow-up with Chris at Kawasaki about signage	Kelly	Active	Done – although we need new bail covers
07/13/2010	Kelly and Jaye will enquire about any government grants for the club	Kelly, Jaye	Active	Still open
07/13/2010	Revisit potential sponsors	Kelly	Active	Still ongoing
07/13/2010	Sign up sheets to be printed	Sandra	Complete	
07/13/2010	Press release	Sandy	Complete	

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07/13/2010	Radio and announcer notes	Sandy	Complete	Harold and Jen sent out notes to radio stations
07/13/2010	Follow up on memberships purchased in the wrong zones	Dave	Complete	
07/13/2010	Write warning letter for members who allow friends to ride without day passes	Sandy	Active	Done – draft emailed to Dave
07/13/2010	Follow up on donations of fire hose	Linda H, Russ, Dan	Active	complete
07/13/2010	Pro purse?	Harold	Active	Harold will continue to work on this
07/13/2010	T-shirt distribution to members	Jaye	Active	Some t-shirts will given to Kelly for distribution at the track
07/13/2010	Prize collection	Linda H, Harold	Complete	
07/13/2010	Create generic enforcement form/letter to be used for people riding without day passes and members that bring friends without day passes	Sandy	Complete	
07/13/2010	Membership and day pass sales at Brannen lake	Kelly	Active	Hasn't spoken to them yet
07/13/2010	Garbage Bin at gate	Kelly	Active	
07/13/2010	More soil on track	Andrew	Active	
07/13/2010	Day pass payment and purchase online	Dave	Active	Not possible right now
07/13/2010	Investigate attaching watering bar/nozzles onto back of water truck	Mike/Dan	Active	Still investigating
07/13/2010	Mike to wrap-up watering system work including paperwork, supply returns and invoice	Mike	Active	Discussed – has invoice ready
07/13/2010	Formal letter to ATV Club to say we are not interested in their proposal	Dave	Active	Dave sent an email declining ATV clubs proposal
07/13/2010	Follow-up on government funding for the club	Kelly	Active	
07/13/2010	Mike will follow-up and talk with Dan about fabricating a watering bar for the back of the water truck	Mike	Active	

Issue Tracking

Date	Issue	Raised By	Assigned To	Status	Notes
07/13/2010	Track Manager nomination	Dave		Complete	Andrew Belin was nominated and voted in as the new Track Manager
07/13/2010	Watering system full costs still not clear	Jaye, Dave	Mike	Active	Mike to wrap-up watering system paperwork and supply returns and provide final numbers and invoice
5/18/2010	Costs associated with on site living	Dave	Kelly	Complete	A total estimated cost of \$400.00 for living expenses was submitted by Kelly
5/18/2010	Too much money being lost on gate entry to races	Dave, Jaye	Jaye	Active	Before next race determine a solution – perhaps a gate person on Friday night, Saturday and 5/18/2010 Sunday
5/18/2010	The club and events are not getting enough promotion to draw in spectators and new members	Dave	Harold	Active	Come up with some ideas and a plan for the summer and fall

Decisions

Motion	By	Seconded	Status
March minutes approved	Kelly Rowlett	Dave Barnes	Approved
April minutes approved	Harold Youland	Linda Hansen	Approved
May minutes tentatively approved	Harold Youland	Linda Sutherland	Approved
Approve signing of agreement letter to Derek Sims for use of trailer	All	All	Approved
Confirmed monthly costs of \$200 for the trailer and approx. \$200 for expenses to have Kelly at the track for 3 months assuming he will ideally bring in membership and day pass revenue to cover expenses	All	All	Approved
Tower at races to collect day pass fees and/or membership dues owed from riders	Harold Youland	Linda Hansen	Approved – Sandy will draft for review and use
Create and send or provide warning letter/form to be used for people riding without day passes and members that allow friends to ride without day passes	All	All	Dave to notify ATV club

Motion	By	Seconded	Status
Decline the resubmitted ATV proposal but willing to introduce a race class for ATVs if they desire			