

Minutes of the Meeting NMA, Sept 7, 2011

Vice President:

-Felt we had to meet, meeting called to order 7:20

-Main concern is the lack of getting paid /VIMAX/ Creditors not seeing their bills paid

-Hope the VIMAX meeting on Sunday will rectify problems – Billing going in to Stallybrass according to Dave, Will SPI agree to amount or not don't know. Hopefully we will have an answer on Sunday. Finally talked to Dave after numerous attempts. According to Dave Elain has paid Hyway 4 rentals and Stone Pacific.

-We have learned a lot this year and need to take this and use what we have learned for next year. Mark truly believes that next year \it should be an agreement with NMA and the Pro-Nationals./Stallybrass. If it ends up being VIMAX they will need to handle the bills and finances. VIMAX has not assisted in making our club look good/ paying bills - very little support. Mark will talk to Trevor Acheson, president of BCMA and see what their agreement is with Stallybrass.

-Improving track/activities: We need to discuss how we can improve the club, recently Mark has spoke with some concert promoters, want to rent the track. Need to get a copy of the lease agreement, Sam may have one.

-Need to look into liability's if we rent the track, what are we allowed to do on the property? We do not get property tax bills, LeTharge pays the property tax, and we get to use the track.

-Other ways to raise \$\$ Mark doesn't think we can sustain the club with races and memberships. Maybe a Mud bog with ATV's Rent construction lights, flood upper half\ of track. Should send a Memo to members, any idea's of what they would like to see up there.

-We need more local help, and more groomed practice runs. Maybe smaller committees within the exact's.

-Sponsorship: Would like to put together a nice, spiral build sponsorship package, to send to the large corporations that sponsor NMA

-Member participation: E-mail to members on how to raise \$\$, wish list from members.

-Next year memberships have a 100 refundable volunteer credit. 10 volunteer hours at the track, to help the track can be refunded off your membership price. Refunded at the end of the year. A card that will be punched with hours worked – signed by the exacts. This will be a volunteer deposit at the begging in the year.

MOTION: Mark would like to make a motion for the 2012 membership fee's we charge a \$100 volunteer deposit. Fully refunded at the end of the last race. We can make this announcement at the AGM. This is one time fee. I will roll over year to year.

Marla Seconds motion.

All in favor – unanimous

-Purchasing Equipment: – Mark thinks we need to own a cat. Mark will talk to Finning, John Deer, 4 all seasons Camp ground, Wayjaks, Surfwood. Mark will approach the heavy equipment Suppliers in the area. Used Aprox \$10,000- 12,000 just in transport in a year. We should look at a business plan over 4 years. Based on what we have been paying annual in rental and transport. We will need to build a building to house equipment.

We need to create a 4 year business plan for the track, for piece of equipment, amenities, club house... etc...

Treasurer:

-Main Concern is the nationals budget: She can not do a good job for the club when we are in limbo for 3 months, Creditors calling almost daily. None of the suppliers and the rentals were invoiced to VIMAX, except 1. From a professional level as a local mortgage broker it makes her look bad and our club. Marla signed up to do the books and has since had to sort out bills / invoices etc... July 7th our final #'s were submitted(And we felt that was late) We have not been presented with the #'s from VIMAX until today.. We would like our members to see what we have been dealing with. No response to request's for budget and #'s. Now we are going into the VIMAX meeting on Sunday and will not have had time to review.

-Our suppliers should also be aware that why they have not been paid. NMA has spent 3 months sending requests to VIMAX for budget and bill payments. Hyway rentals bill, NAPAT and only Hyway rentals has been paid – Sept 8th. Windly has not been paid, Coast environment has not been paid for the toilets., Marla does not need this stress, no one responds to her requests 2-3 E-mail requests a week. The report finally comes in from VIMAX and we find out that Stallybrass has not even been billed. Hyway 4 rentals advised that last time they rented to the Nationals it went 120 days over due. Should we have paid the bills and tried to get our \$\$ back from Stallybrass?? We do not have the funds to pay for the whole nationals. Stallybrass will be billed for just shy of \$10, 000 and then there is \$\$ for the prep. They collected camping fee's at \$1240, \$986 concession, restricted spots \$1700, \$ 50/50 \$703.00 T-shirt \$\$ is missing, we paid for that out of our \$\$\$. Were is our T-shirt \$\$\$?? Our reputation can not afford to go through a 4rd party again.

-We had to pay full price to our suppliers because they had not been paid, for the next race. No Other track on the island is having trouble with their suppliers as it reflects directly on Nanaimo. We have lost Windley out of this. Windley said that they gave us the cat and it came back without fuel and not clean, they are charging us not just transport, but rental as well. Mike had spoke with the son and he advised Mike that he can use the Cat and when Mike took the machine without talking to Rick then when Rick could not find the cat as it sat at our track for 1-2 weeks. Rick sends the lowbed to get the cat from the last place the cat was. Had no idea we had borrowed it. Did not clear it with Rick Windley, caused bad blood, they will not be renting to us again. The bottom line is that if we were dealing directly this would

not be happening, the company's that were helping us would have been paid. NMA can not afford to pay for the entire nationals. VIMAX will not be sending invoice to Stallybrass until next Sunday. They will not submit until they have a group meeting. Marla will not be a treasurer under these circumstances next year.

-Bookkeeper: Marla has proposed that we hire a book keeper to straighten out the books.

MOTION: Marla makes a motion: She will stay on as treasurer and would like to hire a clerical bookkeeper at \$20 an hour to take care of the books

Mark Second

All in Favor- Unanimous

Watering Manager:

Mike: Agrees the numbers and bills are the main concern

-Water was sabotaged. Someone went around and opened every drain, low point, distribution tanks, bike wash station, main valve on big tank, small tank. 100,000 gallons of water lost. The time that it takes to fill these tanks, many volunteer hours go into filling those tanks and it did not ruin our race but we had to double our man time and volunteer hours to make it happen. We would like to have a volunteer check on the track regularly.

Winterizing will take place shortly. Suggested that we have an executive party to winterize. Big bon fire, Barrel racing and quad bogs. We will look at dates.

Secretary:

Sam: We all agree on the volunteer thing. We are burned out and need more help.

-Donna will be posting minutes on our websites shortly.

Matt Munzler:

- Matt has been part of the track for many years and would like to volunteer a more public position in the new year. He has spoke with 3 potential members that would be more than happy to help out. Matt would like to evaluate what position that is available. But would like to look at what is going to happen in the new year this fall. We need a game plan earlier in the game. Does SPI have any idea that there is an outstanding bill. VIMAX does not seem to be working out well for Island motocross. This delayed bills could also confuse SPI as they may not even be aware that they owe us \$\$.

-We need let people to know that they have helped us . Let them know that this does not an NMA error, but we need to be in contact and try to help or show good faith to with those local venders who have helped us.

-Mark will be contacting Stallybrass and letting him know how poorly payment has been handled. Mark and Marla will be taking the complete list of creditors and contacting them to review , apologize and get payment handled.

- **VIMAX** does not seem to be working for us. What are our options, BCMA, CMA, CMRC? and speak with Jeff(from Vic) and see how it worked out for him.

Other options: Our tracks purchased CMRC sanctioned insurance,. There is a second option that we buy non sanctioned CMRC Ins – this would mean that our points would not count for any CMRC National standings. We would have island points

-Then if we wanted to have CMRC national qualifying events than we would purchase sanctioned ins for those specific events,.

-This way we could have many events- CMA, CMRC more flexibility. We could still have two qualifying races a year and then have more club events.

-We need to investigate this further. Before next months meeting we will have a better idea. Marla and Mark will look into it.

-Marla will be contacting our creditors before next Sunday(VIMAX meeting) We need to let VIMAX know that they are doing us a disfavor at this point.,

-E-mail Website/Donna Mailand – Jim Muir are they handling the website., We need training or to get him officially on the board, We need the website revamped.

-**AGM date needs to be changed.** December will not work. Matt will look into what the rules are on changing the dates.

Contact the colleges maybe practice using their machines at our track... ?

Membership Coordinator:

-**Mini Track needs to be rebuilt!**

-Matt has someone that can help, He will be getting him in touch with Mark to work out the details.,

-**We need a list of executive rolls** that will be need to be filled for the new year

We need to find good people to bring in for members to vote, We need to post the agenda for the members 3 weeks before AGM.

Agenda- Next meeting –Mark will create

AGM date- Who is leaving positions- create agenda for AGM- E-mail members- Prizes for the AGM

Membership forms for 2012- Sam / Marla and I Sarah will get together to review.

Adjourned

In attendance- Mark Swanwick,, Marla Daniels., Sam MacDonald, Mike MacDonald, Sarah Stipkala and Matt Munzler.