

Nanaimo Motocross Association

General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2011 minutes

In attendance: Mark Swanwick, Sarah Stipula, Sam Macdonald, Marla Daniels, Harold Youland, Matt Muenzler, Darren Titus, Conner Barnes, Brian Whitcomb, Joel Bradbrooke, Brandon Cyr

Regrets: Mike Cardinal, Brian Coburn

Welcome and call meeting to order:

Meeting called to order 7:16pm by Mark Swanwick Vice President

Reviewed and Approved previous minutes

Quick synopsis from last meeting minutes – reviewed suppliers not receiving payment, Mark is going to review lease agreement to see what we can and cannot do on property. Mark knows people who are interested in renting facilities for concerts. The club needs ideas on raising funds and we will be asking members for wish list of what they would like to see done at the track. The members discussed the idea of \$100 refundable deposit in exchange for volunteer work to be done at track. We discussed Vimx, the Pro Nationals, and invoices owing, Marla is still receiving calls personally because of unpaid bills and suppliers that are not receiving money from VIMX are now calling Nanaimo assoc. We discussed the shut down work party to get track winterized. Junior track must be rebuilt.

Presidents report – Harold Youland

- Equipment rental is our biggest cost to the track.
- Harold suggested an increase to the cost of memberships – comparing NMA track to Victoria track and how well Victoria track is run and also doing a South Island Series with Victoria track regardless of CMRC or BCMA and the fact that it would make sense to have races after the groomed practice. If we have more money coming into the track then we can maybe afford to hire someone to help groom on a more regular basis and run the track more as a business than a club. Part of gaining more funds is we need to gain new members to sign up as well as maintain the current membership numbers
- Our goal for the future should be to bring the fun back to the track
- BCMA and VIMX doesn't see eye to eye, Nanaimo wasn't able to host Provincials because of this which has cost NMA money in the past the Provincials have been Nanaimo's biggest sign ups. VIMX executive board is also supposed to consist of members from all island clubs - Victoria left our island series and Port McNeil is no longer involved in VIMX - Nanaimo also has no representation in VIMX therefore VIMX is not a representation of all tracks.
- NMA members of the meeting took a vote and unanimously agreed that VIMX as a governing body has not been a benefit for NMA
- AGM is scheduled for November 13, 2011

Vice Presidents report – Mark Swanwick

Mark explained that BCMA has nothing to do with racing on the island. They used to be in charge of refs, scheduling etc. VIMX was formed to bring the clubs together to be in control of the island races.

- Mark thanked the members from Nanaimo for coming to the meeting as we need more members that live closer to the track to help with keeping the track maintained.
- Mark checked into insurance and we are able to purchase a "fund raising insurance" a lot cheaper if the event is a non sanctioned CMRC event
- Mark spoke to Trevor Atchinson regarding the Pro Nationals hosted by Kamloops - BCMA has nothing to do with running the Pro Nationals at Kamloops it is the responsibility of each individual track. It was suggested that there were too many parties involved with planning the Pro Nationals. Our agreement should be either to deal with Stallybrass Productions directly or if VIMX is to stay involved in the Pro Nationals then NMA will rent the track to VIMX and that is our only involvement.
- BCMA is planning on doing one series instead of spring and fall series, Mark will suggest to VIMX to have one series which will also help with the cost of trophies at the banquets. To host 12 or 13 rounds with a couple of throw away races which will in turn get more members to return to races.

- Dean Windley of Windley Contracting called Mark directly and he said that Nanaimo will not be able to ask for donations from Windley Contracting in the future as they are not willing to help NMA
- All other sports have refundable "fund raising" deposits we need to consider this in future
- Mark is willing to withdraw his motion for the \$100 deposit but we need to do more fundraising – Brian Whitcomb suggested the groomed practice as the fundraising and also suggested advertising on THE Wolf radio station, Matt suggested bringing a new member to a groomed practice
- We need to get the word out so that Nanaimo residents need to know the track exists
- Hair scramble is October 16th and October 15th is a fun day
- Mark will contact VIU and find out if we can rent a room for the AGM meeting
- AGM executive positions to be available – Harold Youland(President) will step down, Sam Macdonald (Secretary)will step down, Mike Cardinal (track manager) will step down, Brian Coburn (site manager) will step down

Treasurer – Marla Daniels

We have \$5000 in bank and Marla cannot pay Haulmar and Windley Contracting the monies they are owed as it will take ALL of the funds from the bank then have to wait for SPI and VIMX to come to agreement on payment, Marla is not willing to leave our bank account with zero dollars without the executive board voting on paying the bill. Marla has spoken to Windley regarding the invoice that is owed from the Nationals and they understand that Nanaimo has paid bills on time in the past and that VIMX was supposed to pay the bill. Marla has been asking VIMX since July to get budget together. Marla is not willing to make the decision to write cheques to Windley and Haulmar in the chance of the cheques being returned NSF.

On a more positive note Marla agreed to be treasurer because her son loves racing we have a track that doesn't cost the club money to run we just have to maintain it. We need to make this work so we can continue to enjoy the use of the track for many years to come – we need to have more members involved so the work isn't done by the same people.

Memberships – Sarah Stipkula

- Sarah agreed with Harold that we should advertise the new memberships online to purchase possibly gift certificates to be available for Christmas
- The board needs to agree on membership price and Sarah will work with Jim Muir to get on our website
- Sarah has had a lot of positive feedback from riders agreeing to pay to have groomed practice
- Sarah suggested giving prizes to a members who show at the AGM
- Early bird special will be available till March – we should host an open house again as the club made money at the last open house
- 2012 memberships can start being sold now so we need to get stickers made
- We need to get a promotional manager to get NMA name out there
- Sarah likes the idea of punch cards to track the volunteering and allow the members to receive free groomed practice
- Sarah will speak to Jim regarding advertising the work party shutdown on Oct 29 and 30th on NMA website

Secretary – Sam Macdonald

- Sam would like to thank Sarah for taking the minutes at the last meeting

Site manager – Brian Coburn – not available

Watering system – Mike Macdonald

- The Work party shut down date is scheduled for October 29/30 bonfire on Saturday night
- We need to get hay bales to put in the sediment pond for the winter
- Mark has more fire hoses for next year

Promotions –

Darren Titus suggested a swap and shop and to donate the money back to the track – or silent auction to bid on items to be sold

Action items:

To make motocross the fun sport we all signed up for

Brian Whitcomb has connections to get free bark mulch delivered to the track

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm