



October 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
Sportsman's Cycle

Called to Order by: Roy Ulrich at 6:3 pm

Roll call

MRAN Voting Members Present					
<b>Bushwackers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Gamblers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>SSTB</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Camp Valley Cowboys</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Groundshakers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Western Raceway</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Coyotes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Jackrabbits</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Wild Bunch</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Darkside</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>SNDR</b>	<b>2</b>		

Approve Minutes – September minutes approved by Michael Collins @ 6:36 pm.

Amendment to September minutes, Groundshakers Pre Race Report, Dave Martin indicated that it should be BLM needed road crossings, not NDOT>

Officer Reports

- **President – Roy Ulrich:**
  - Busy, races were really good.
- **Vice President – Joe Amey:**
  - Groundshakers race was great, missed it. I will be at the Coyotes in Mesquite, those people have an affinity in my heart. Jarrod I hope you're getting the same quality from them as we have.
- **Treasurer – Michael Collins:**
  - Bushwackers have not been paid, and Groundshakers, we owe them \$1,900 for doing online sales. With the tires, it made a world of difference for people to sign up, we worked with that for the sponsor next year to giveaway something at every race so that when we do sign ups, we will have money already in the account, and its less hassle on the club and less people standing in line. We owe the Bushwackers \$568. Remember insurance is \$805 for a one day event, we just take away the officers and the number one plates. Money is lower than we have been. After the election, we will call Sam's Town to see if we can have our banquet, they aren't saying anything due to the gathering. On the banquet, we are booked for Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, if anyone drops out, I will call. Right now, it's



not on a race weekend. As of last meeting there was nothing that weekend. Gamblers is the following weekend.

- B. Monk (Darkside) – Do we have a plan for back up?
- M. Collins – No is there no plan, we are booked for the 16<sup>th</sup> of January.
- MX trophies was sold to a new owner, I wasn't pleased how they showed up last year the morning of the banquet. Marc with Metroprint is looking to do our banquet.
- **Desert Referee – Jarrod Wheeler:**
  - So last meeting I told you I would get numbers together so far this year we've done 82 big bikes, 28 minis, 29 day passes, and over half day passes have bumped up and gone full year.
  - Races have been good, after Pioche race some may have noticed pictures circulating with individuals throwing rocks at big bike racers, one of them was a racer we have disqualified from second overall mini place, another is a dormant rider who will be disqualified upon his return to racing.
- **Asst. Referee – Greg Ashley:**
  - Don't have much, Jarrod touched on the highlights of what I had.
  - I don't know how well the Assistant Referee position will work for me as this is my last week in Vegas.
- **Public Relations – Gary Smith:**
  - Sponsors are struggling to get product in, everyone is out of stock of items to get stuff back on shelves and into production, so nobody is really talking about what they want to do yet.
- **Legislative Officer – Steve Paxton:**
  - Land use issues, Clark County closed down a recent meeting, because of C.R. Gittere was going to do a presentation that evening, but it fell through. Everything is in limbo with the elections coming up, I think it's put a lot on hold politically with land use within my network. I am hoping the beginning of November we start seeing some better things rolling.
- **Scoring – Tori Collins (not present):**
  - M. Collins on behalf of Tori – On the reading of the first two races for Groundshakers not being there, that puts a strain on us. Lucky they had someone who did numbers that was pretty good, because we can't do it. The numbers went down in Race 3, that was people going under scoring to get bike teched. Mototally is allowing us to get results out, it only costs us \$1. Mototally works for us, we just need to make sure we do it in the trailer, so



someone can be there. The Bushwackers they were 100% in there for the PeeWee race, and 92.9% in their Big Bike race. Mototally works, once someone gets a strip, it stays with them. Scoring works, I am glad we are using it, but someone needs to step up and learn it.

- Website – Patricia Swolensky:
  - Just need flyer for next month.

### Special Reports

- Bushwackers Post Race – Dustin Tanguay
  - I don't have a lot for you. Chris and Kevin were putting it together and Gene is not here. As far as M. Collins and R. Ulrich you probably know more than I have. We haven't had a Bushwackers meeting since the race.
    - M. Collins - 77 Big Bikes, 58 Youth for 135 turnout. Scoring works, Bushwackers did a great job, glad it cooled down. Radio communication and number of check points and hearing their social media, they had a lot of workers, working checkpoints and road crossings. They did a great job.
    - R. Ulrich – Phenomenal job, course was marked well and did a great job. The 50ccs were hauling the mail and having a live pit is a little sketchy, they came in 32 mph on a mini. My fear being that close to the pits someone's kid gets out there. Anyone making live pits, we have to carry that 10-15 feet off of it for set up, because it doesn't take but a second for a little one to bail and get hit. Race was great, marked great.
- Groundshakers Post Race Report – Dave Martin
  - I don't know exact numbers, phenomenal event, everything went smooth, other than race five starting late. I haven't had any complaints. The online thing with the tires, Gary texted today and said the kid got his tires and was ecstatic. Thanks to everyone, Coach, Gary, Motorsports Medical, got my road crossing permit about 4:30 pm on Friday.
    - R. Ulrich – I heard something more than once, they need to make sure they keep doing it around this park.
    - D. Martin – I had a few residents that didn't like it. The one guy it was like a 20-30 min conversation.
- 2021 Race Dates
  - January 16 – Banquet
  - January 23 – Gamblers @ Crater Flats
  - February 13 – Jackrabbits @ Ute
  - April 3 – Groundshakers @ Caliente
  - April 24 – Wildbunch @ Delmar
  - May 15 – SNDR @ Nelson



- June (night race) possibly - Bushwackers
- July 31 – Coyotes @ Ely
- September 11 – SSTB @ Panaca
- September 18 – Bushwackers @ Pioche (day race)
  - This is back to back with SSTB Dustin Tanguay have to get with Kevin and Chris to verify date since it's back to back.
  - Oct/ Nov (November 13 possibly – Darkside @ Laughlin (TBD)
  - Working with BLM, still getting with BLM, for Laughlin at the end of October/November (possibly November 13)
- MRAN north/south race does not have a date yet
- **Officer Nominations**
  - President – Jackrabbits nominates Joe Amey for President and Wildbunch will second it.
  - Vice President – SSTB nominates Kody Livreri
    - J. Amey – Kody I think it's a great idea, let's get some of these young ones into these roles, the youth of MRAN depends on the people in this meeting right now. I think the diversity of the youth is fantastic, you make good choices and put on good races. I think Race Directors make great officers. I will only be as good as the cabinet I am in.
    - K. Livreri – I appreciate the nomination, I have a lot of learning to do and hopefully not a lot of public speaking.
    - D. Vasquez – it depends on what the position is, I have so much going on with getting my club going, I have to get back with you, let me know what role it is and let you know. I would love to do it.
    - M. Collins – Scoring Officer is open.
    - K. Livreri – If Greg Ashley ends up stepping down I think you would make a good Assistant Referee.
    - G. Ashley – He can go for that. I don't know how involved I will be since we won't be living here.
    - D. Tanguay – I am just really busy hard to take time off from work, last year I wanted to do all day races, it's hard for me to commit that much time.
    - J. Amey – keep in mind we are all busy and MRAN needs a commitment. We need people to stand up and take on that role, there's 15 people on this screen.
    - M. Collins – We need to keep in mind not burn out people.
    - J. Amey – Coach [M. Collins] are you really stepping down?
    - M. Collins – I don't know I haven't thought about it, Tori is going off to school, that's when Taylor left, and Tori stepped up. I agree with Scott we can't have big changes, I



think the Referee position is the most important and he makes a lot of decisions. End of last year was a tough one with the GPs.

- Referee –
  - J. Wheeler – Some of you may know I took a new job and start tomorrow. It is going to be Monday through Thursday, days only, so I will actually be available.
  - M. Collins – If Jarrod stays, I will stay.
  - J. Wheeler – Suzi has stepped up and I couldn't do it without her. I nominate Suzi as Assistant Ref for race.
  - M. Collins – We need to keep Greg there, but to bounce ideas off from, because let me tell you, Jarrod will pay for 2 kids every race. Can we make sure Jarrod's kids are paid for? They have two parents working showing up to the races, we need to take care of people doing a lot of time. Both kids will be comp'd by MRAN for work he and Suzi does.
- R. Ulrich - Any other nominations?
  - G. Smith – I am not opposed to Public Relations. Ashley Ross will help get us back on board, love doing it trying to have others help, Ashley Ross and Patricia will be helping Gary out.
- J. Amey – Steve Paxton are u still good with your position?
  - S. Paxton – I am perfectly fine about that.
  - K. Ashley – I am also fine with my position, I can still help out and do minutes and attend meetings as long as we do Zoom or similar format. We plan on staying involved in MRAN even though we are moving.
- Coyotes Pre-Race report –
  - J. Wheeler - Went down to Mesquite to check the course that I already started, and we don't have a venue to race at. Lots of miscommunication and people speaking when they shouldn't have been. Western Raceway took our race date and put their own race on during our race weekend, and Mesquite took it as we were going back to Western Raceway and not using them. So, Mesquite decided to rent the track to Rocky Mtn MX series the entire month of November. So, lots of phone calls, trying to get stuff figured out, we have 2 options, both are change the race dates from Nov 7 due to Western Raceway and USRA. Looks like November 14, one option is Caliente and the other is Bunkerville where USRA puts on one of their races.
    - J. Amey - What about the end of October Jarrod?
    - J. Wheeler – No, because they are already scheduled for 3 or 4 day deal that weekend and the weekend of November 7/8.
    - D. Swolensky – Can we combine the one with Western Raceway and make it a combo?
    - J. Wheeler – Coyotes doesn't want anything to do with them after what they pulled



- M. Collins – I would like to openly say they shouldn't do anything with them again, posting a GP on the same weekend, and then Mesquite said I thought you were doing down there, that shows you how much people are looking at what's going around.
- R. Ulrich – What's your plan at this point?
  - J. Wheeler – Right now our best option is the Bunkerville track, it's short, but short notice and not costing the club a bunch of money to rent somewhere, just looks like our best option right now.
  - R. Ulrich – How long is the Bunkerville track?
  - J. Amey – What about Rainbow Canyon?
  - R. Ulrich – We've been trying for years for that track, we can't get consent.
  - J. Wheeler – It's between 7-12 miles, just trying to figure out which one will say yes, for November 14.
  - M. Collins – We haven't put anything out yet, they haven't seen the flyer. I know if it were me, there is one Camp Valley Cowboy to earn their points, Vernon Zerkle needs to help Jarrod, then think about all the Coyote's kids, mass social media, if we change the date, it can happen, I don't know about other series, I think Jarrod has looked into that. I can give Roy the database or he can write a letter, a notice can be sent out.
  - J. Amey – What about 10/24 and 10/31? Could you do the 24 or 31, one of those is the Spartan race, what about the other one in Mesquite. I can help mark.
  - J. Wheeler – The jest of the issue is what they already have scheduled and what they have promised too.
  - J. Amey – There's two Saturdays in October, what if you left the venue the same and only change the date by moving it up one weekend?
  - J. Wheeler – Wild West MX series is 10/22-10/25 and OTMX International is 10/30-11/1. My biggest issue is what Coach [M. Collins] brought up with points for people, possibly #1 plates that will be affected if we don't have this race.
  - K. Ashley – Would it be possible to have the club members work the banquet for club points?
  - M. Collins – Looking at points, there's a lot of people that will be affected it will be so close or drop a race. We have to have this race, don't give up yet.
  - K. Livreri – What if you went to 11/21? If that's impossible, then just do it the same date as the WORCs race.
  - Greg – Whatever came about with the Camp Valley Cowboys, what happened to their members?
  - R. Ulrich – Some helped with SSTB, except Vernon Zerkle, and he was going to help with the Coyotes race.





- J. Wheeler – We could possibly go to the 21st, I just have to get a hold of people and say hey we may need to change it to this, but the location will be either Caliente or Bunkerville. The City of Mesquite had a conflict with November 14, it's a special events area in Bunkerville that they rent out to do stuff.
- R. Ulrich – So you thinking the 21st and talk to Mesquite and Caliente and let us know?
  - J. Wheeler – As far as we are concerned, the 7th is done and out, we've got to do it 11/14 or 11/21. Shooting for Thursday for an answer.
  - S. Weisheim – Let us know if we can help, we have guys not racing, if we are available we can put word out to help in any way.
  - J. Amey – I am available any of those three weekends. I will be available to help mark, etc. I can even be there the weekend before.
  - R. Ulrich – We are too.
  - J. Wheeler – That was one of our reasons we were leaning toward Bunkerville; it would be super easy set up and wouldn't need a lot of people. That one would actually cost a little more money than to go to Caliente, but logistics, for everybody it would be the best bet.
  - S. Weisheim – Darkside, if it's not cost effective, let me know and we can reach out to some people and see how we can make it happen.
- R. Ulrich – No changes to website until we confirm this Thursday the date and location.
- Sportsman of the Year Nominations –
  - SNDR – nominates Ashley Ross
- Rule Change – submitted by Ashley Ross
  - Proposed rule, woman's AA Premier Class (*Item 1a*)
    - M. Collins – This year we had 8 women race, and 4 only raced 1 race, and the 4th she's done 3 and then after that, the top 3, Krista, Megan and one girl from MRANN, 94W has done all the races, except their clubs, and 94W did not do Darkside In 2019, we had 12 women race and 4 of them raced majority of races. In 2018 we had 10, and 3 did majority of races (3 or more races); 2017 we had 8, 4 of them that did all the races that's from the financial part. The way premier class works for clubs, they pay \$100 bucks then the club takes away their BLM fee, their club fee, they take out the MRAN fee, \$16 and then they don't get a trophy, so that's how the AA works with the premier class. Now in Premier since we aren't a national event we can't call it Pro, in any event, anyone can pay it and race Premier and then go back to Expert, Novice, Amateur, that's just a look at it from the financial part.
      - G. Ashley – but you have to qualify to be AA, they have to finish in the top 5.



- K. Livreri – Otto was telling me he didn't race AA last race, and he wasn't allowed to race it. There is no such thing as an AA class in Nationals.
  - R. Ulrich – It was written because there is no Pro class, AA in premier.
  - M. Collins – We don't have pro sanction, if we did it would go up to \$500/race, right now we pay \$100 race.
  - G. Ashley – We will have to word the qualifications for it, for men's you have to be in top 5, on the walking up and requesting, that is with referee's approval and that has to be done 2 weeks prior to the race, they can't just walk in and say they want to race AA.
  - A. Ross – A female Pro from another series or top expert rider who wants to pay to race as premier, but can't because of the AMA rules.
  - B. Monk – Where would they start?
    - R. Ulrich – The AA line.
    - M. Collins – Agreed.
    - A. Ross – The Expert line.
    - R. Ulrich – They would have to start AA line if they are racing AA.
    - B. Monk – The Experts would be on their butt.
    - M. Collins – Some of those girls are in the top 20, they are pretty dang fast.
  - R. Ulrich – Write it up how it would work and bring to next meeting to vote.
- Unfinished Business
    - M. Collins – Grants – We need to have an education day for Nevada off-roading, maybe we could use the grant for it?
      - R. Ulrich – MRAN should hire somebody to write the grant, most special interest groups do that, and that person would write it for our best interests.
      - Coach – They only gave out 15 grants last year and they have examples. I will send it out to our group, it says who got it and how much and what they were doing it, it could buy me a motorhome to sit in heat or A/C at races.
      - B. Monk – something I was thinking, a trail groomer
      - M. Collins – You can't in Lincoln County.
    - B. Monk – What about the rule change for dropping races?
      - M. Collins – Tabled it until we had more discussion; come up with something new to help out with this concern.
      - R. Ulrich – still have to pay for race and then they can drop it and then if they don't show, they don't hurt the club. Plus it gives racers options. If I can't make the race due to a funeral or throw away race, I can still be in the points running.





- K. Livreri – I agree.
- J. Amey – Also, it was brought to my attention, the 3, 2, 1 markings was tabled.
  - M. Collins – One of the things, through Curt Kaselli’s foundation, and Kody has never watched the video all the way through; maybe make everyone watch it at the beginning of the banquet, we still have to mark that way. Watch the video and think about it. I’ll send out the link.
  - G. Ashley – It was December of last year and it was supposed to get voted on and we didn’t
  - J. Amey – I liked it, just used a lot more markings, we had less corners to take care of, so something to consider.
- R. Ulrich – Any other unfinished business?
  - D. Martin – I talked to the AMA guy this weekend. We need to get them to MRAN races and represent themselves a little better. As far as we are AMA, a majority of our racers don’t understand why they are paying more. I said they need to come here to do more and represent.
    - M. Collins – I will piggy back on that. I am working on insurance for next year and I asked the question, what if I had a race that was not through AMA? The lady that’s in Vegas [that does our insurance], said it would be the same \$805. So, if MRAN drops them, they aren’t AMA, they are just the insurance company that AMA uses. Let’s use Dustin Vasquez’s example, with a day into a night race, and they wanted to do it as a club would have to run \$2,500-\$3,000 up front. Truthfully, that’s a great question, I am glad you are talking, why are we paying? Joe Bremley was an amazing guy, but we haven’t seen anyone, but as a club, your insurance would be same, you wouldn’t pay \$100 sanction fee. I like being with AMA, let’s be honest though, what are they doing for us? As a club you will still pay the same on insurance, and we would probably stay with the same company
    - D. Martin – I have his card.
    - K. Livreri – I wonder if they could draft a letter for a grant?
    - R. Ulrich – Maybe they have someone over there that could.

### [Adjournment](#)

Motion to adjourn by Coach @ 8:40 pm, seconded by Blake Monk.

Next MRAN meeting will be held on Monday November 2, 2020, 6:30 pm via Zoom Meeting. Subject to change.



**Proposed New Rule/Class:**

Women's AA Premier Class

**Purpose Of New Rule:**

To grow the women's class's by offering a Premier class. A class the younger generation to work there way to, verses getting to Expert then leaving the series to chase PRO somewhere else. To have an equivalent class to other series, where pro girls can feel like they can come race and possibly not get in trouble with the AMA.

**Affected Section in Rule Book:**

Article 5, Section 3

**Submitted By:**

Ashley Ross