

Meeting Notes

May 11, 2022 Meeting

Meeting called to order at: 6:30

Attendance

E-board Members:

President: Cliff Griffin

1st VP: Colt Bristow

2nd VP: Britny Hobbs

3rd VP: Danielle Campbell

Race Referee: CJ Hobbs

Novice Representative: Dion LaBlue

Riders Representative: Don Williams

Secretary: Mallory Dobbs

Treasurer: Carla Kim, Neil Heineman

Guests:

BOD Members:

Mark DeGross

Craig Johnson

Jeff Lane

Donny Schultz

Treasurer's report

- 29k savings
- 29k checking
- OPRT still owes us money
 - Cliff: They will pay by tomorrow
- Quite a bit of credits to give for this round

Committee reports

Board Members' Reports

President - Cliff Griffin

1st VP - Colt Bristow

- Change to hot pit gate/entrance. Similar to how Portland does it where they do final call and leave the gate closed by the starters. This would make it so people wouldnt go too

fast down hot pit or doing any shenanigans. And allow for staff to police the people on the wall

2nd VP - Britny Hobbs

- As of 20 Apr, \$4,750 in sponsorship (less cc fees) collected.
- Working on an updated awards vendor that is close both tracks and closer to Olympia

3rd VP - Danielle

- I am planning on moving out of state soon and would like to train someone to take my position.

Club Secretary - Mallory Dobbs

- I just need finalized results from the round to submit contingency
 - Britny: I can give you access to the drive

Referee - CJ Hobbs

Nothing new to report.

Novice Rep - Dion LaBlue

- For elections when it says on an even year or odd year, that means the elections will be held on that and then you would start on the following season?
 - Colt: Yes I believe so.
 - Craig: Don't you also start on the last round of the season?
 - Colt: Yes it is my understanding that it is a transition round where the position is transferred to the new comer.
- On the restart race, there was a confusion with the waves of the races and the WMRR/OMRR novices being split up.
 - Colt: The person working grid just made a mistake where they were standing since a whole row was missing from the grid.
 - Dion: Sounds good, we also may need to reassess the Amateur/novice class thing at the end of the season. Seems like the awards for the classes are really complicated.

Riders Rep - Don Williams

- During the last meeting that I wasn't a part of, there was conversation about Jen's MA support form. I would like to start a discussion about this.
 - Requesting approval for a vote as written.
 - Colt: Let's table this until we have the treasurer's report and we know how much money we have.
- Rule Change Request from Mark Price see below
 - Mallory/CJ: Seems out of a process to propose this after the rules committee and right before the season started.
 - Cliff: I think that we hold off on this for the season as well.
 - Consensus: This should wait until rules committee for next year.

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March 4th, 2022

WMRRA Rules Committee, et.al

Wmrra Rules Committee,

I propose a change to the following, effective immediately:

Section D1 4.b.ii

Section D2 3.h.iv

Current text: "Up to 850cc twin-cylinder, four-stroke"

Proposed text: "Up to 900cc twin-cylinder, four-stroke"

Justification:

1) Rules parity with Formula 600

a) There is no practical difference between the motorcycles racing in 600SBK and Formula 600. This would open up two more classes for Formula 600 twins riders with 900cc equipment.

2) Rules parity with OMRRA

a) OMRRA allows up to 900cc twins in their 600 class. WMRRRA's schedule has evolved to include more than 50% joint rounds with OMRRA. It is not practical for racers to change engine configuration between race rounds to conform to a ruleset with smaller displacement. Significant effort has already been put into accommodating rule deltas between the two clubs, so there is precedent here.

3) Accommodating modern alternatives to 600ss motorcycles

a) The availability of 600ss motorcycles is becoming more limited. There are only two competitive options currently available to WMRRRA racers new from dealerships: Suzuki's GSX-R 600 and Kawasaki's ZX-6. This rule change would add the very popular KTM 890 Duke to the 600SS/SBK eligible motorcycles.

4) Contingency Opportunity

a) KTM is offering \$225,600 in contingency for WMRRRA this year, this change would add two classes for WMRRRA members to chase factory contingency money.

5) Competitive Parity

a) These rules changes are intended to open the KTM 890 to eligibility in the 600 SS/SBK class. The 900cc limit excludes legacy superbikes such as the 916, 996, etc. as well as current SuperSport models (937cc)

b) The SS and SBK rules would not allow the addition of bodywork to the 890 Duke, creating a significant aerodynamic disadvantage over 'traditional' sportbike platforms.

c) A professional racer, Andy DiBrino, has demonstrated that the 890 Duke is a good match-up for 600SS/SBK motorcycles as demonstrated in these two videos:

i) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=103mUgFWbic> ii)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cv2fXtn2is> d) Published weights are comparable

i) ZX6 - 425.6 lb

ii) R6 - 419 lb

iii) GSXR 600 - 412 lb

iv) CBR 600 - 417 lb

v) KTM 890 - 405 lb

e) Published horsepower is comparable

i) ZX6 - 129.3 hp

ii) R6 - 116.8 bhp

iii) GSXR 600 - 125 hp

iv) CBR 600 - 120 hp

v) KTM 890 - 115 hp

Sincerely,

Mark Price

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- Jeff: Moving red flag races to the end of the day. Just curious of how this came about and how we think it went.
 - Colt: This got brought about from the incident last year in hot pit. And also a plethora of other little items that just allows for more clean up time etc.
 - Jeff: It also creates a little more complications with people's tire plans for the race day.
- Hot Pit - Infant crawling around
 - Colt: We need to come up with a way to police the people on hot pit wall. Like bands people paid.
- National Support Conversation
 - Don: We need to come up with a program, with a cap on the money per round and a process. In order to do that, I need to know what kind of money we have in the coffers to give out. Like do we pick a certain number of riders assuming that they do all of the rounds?
 - Cliff: Let's have Carla give us an idea of our recent history and how much money is going in and out so that way we can come up with a cap.
 - Mallory: It has always been an issue that we never want to publish this program or tell me people about it because we have no strict guidelines or caps
 - Don: I will prepare something before the next meeting
- Injured Riders Fund
 - Don: Can someone give me an idea of how this works as well?
 - Cliff: This has also been a moving target, but we can provide the numbers to you.

Good of WMRRA

- BOD - Craig Johnson
 - I am having financial concerns for the club. How much entry did we bring in? Can we get a full report before the next round?
 - Danielle: \$45k, -\$2,500 in MSR fees
 - I am a little concerned that we are not going to break even, and we just paid out for a race class that didn't have a sponsorship like it used to.
 - Can we have a full report printed before the next meeting?
 - We need to know for national level support as well.
- BOD - Mark DeGross
 - Grid boxes: We should use them since they are already there. Danielle is already doing grids manually. There is an advantage on position and location.
 - Don: I started on Row 15, not sure if there are enough boxes.
 - Colt: May be an issue with the timing loop or start/finish. But we can look into it

- From what I have heard, Tech inspection is now trying to enforce that the gear that they tech has to be the gear that they wear. And tech inspection will fail them later.
 - This is an issue because we cannot go to tech enforcement instead of inspection because it can be a legal issue and put WMRRA at more liability.
 - Don: I heard the same thing about this.
 - Cliff: I know that we have new tech inspectors this year. They are trying to work within their parameters. But we should have a conversation with them about drawing the line and not getting ourselves anymore liability then we need to. Going the next level on this is not the way that we should go. I think our process now is good for this year.
 - Mark: I think next year at rules committee meeting, we may want to get rid of the gear tech rule all together.
- BOD - Donny Schultz - Not Present
- Colt: Gate calls were really long, I went up at second call and sat for 5 minutes.
 - Colt: The 3 call format is still a new process.
 - Mallory: How long was the gate open?
 - Colt: This was still something being worked on.
 - CJ: Agreed, it seems like the gate was open for a long time and people sat on the grid awhile.
 - Jeff: I saw people doing practice starts in hot pit on the way out to a race.
 - Colt: This shouldnt happen, only during practice and qualifying.
- Canadian discount
 - Cliff: I don't think that we are in a good enough position financially to be offering a discount for the exchange rate like we have in the past.
 - Second - Colt
 - For - All
 - Opposed - None
- Formula Ultra
 - Colt: Are we paying them out like this class is sponsored?
 - Cliff: Yes we did.
 - Colt: Then we need to bring back the class payout structure.
 - Mark: I will send the payout structure to everyone.
 - Cliff: Tabled for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:54