



## Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association Board Meeting Agenda

Date: June 19, 2019

Location: Clyde's Prime Rib, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Board Members: Chris Page, Matt O'Rourke, Taneka Burwell-Means, Tullio Celano, Josh McKay, Alex Taylor, Mark Wilson

Guests/Members: Shelly Seibert, Patty Gardner, Justin Carr, James Lucas

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### **1) Guest Business**

a) Nothing at this time.

2) BOD Meeting minutes for May approval

\*Matt - Made a motion to approve the May Board minutes - 2nd Josh, **Vote: unanimous.**

#### **3) Financial report – Taneka**

Changing fund names to make more sense - lack of entry fees and some large expenses for other things - equipment and Ken Hill etc.

#### **4) New Business**

a) Pearce Lutz

i) Summary of what's known about the incident (Chris):

\*Chris Page - An incident occurred at The Ridge Motorsports Park. We have done some investigation and have spoken to Colt Bristow from WMRRA, Tim Mahoney, as well as OMRRA Racer AJ Peaslee who was behind him in the race with Pearce Lutz. We have also spoken to Cody Cochran, who was Pearce's group leader. He had some video that revealed very little.

-We just want to share what we know. In the 600 race, a group of 6 to 8 racers were coming out of turn 12, and going into 13. It appears that he went to the brakes suddenly, and there appears to be no bike to bike contact, and he lost control of his bike after a very sudden application of front brake. He suffered a broken pelvis and femur. He was alert and oriented at the track and even speaking. He was packaged by the EMT's and paramedics and Tim Mohoney, who is a 30 year veteran of Seattle Fire Department. Pearce was conscious and talking when they departed on the Life Flight helicopter, but then began to have seizures and never regained consciousness. He suffered a fat embolism, and that is what ultimately caused his death.

\*Tullio - Asked if there was any contact with the barrier outside of turn 13. Chris said that he did not.

\*Mark - There are multiple stories being shared out there but this is information from people that were at the actual event and at the site of the incident.

(a) IRF donation to family recap (Josh): Josh McKay went up to visit family and deliver the IRF check which was \$1,500 from OMRRA. Both Pearce's mom and fiancée were extremely supportive of Josh ultimately and everyone visiting. Josh said that Pearce had a congenital heart defect with a hole in the heart which is where the fat platelets would have normally stopped. Because they did not, they went to his brain and ultimately caused his death per Pearce's mother.

(b) OMRRA legal or other obligations inc. Insurance etc (Matt): Insurance discussion - OMRRA / WMRRA -

\*Chris Page - Wanting to open up discussion about thoughts about talking to EC or not talking to EC, and also about our insurance etc.

\*Matt - OMRRA has no legal exposure; there are no strict legal or insurance expectations of OMRRA at all. We should not be notifying our insurance of this, and it is not a direct relation to us.

- (c) OMRRA communication on the subject \*Patty - One post was deleted and needed to be deleted on the non official OMRRA web site. The June Race Schedule had already gone to the printer prior to Pearce's passing, so that is why he is not on the cover. They were already being printed, and we can put him on July's schedule.
- (d) Race weekend plans to acknowledge, honor, and inform. Cody has fixed Pearce's Motorcycle and would like to bring it to the track and set it up as Pearce's normal pit area. We will acknowledge his passing at the riders meeting. Chris was not sure exactly what to say yet, but it needs to be addressed in some way. One thing Cody emphasized, it is clear that Pearce would want people to race motorcycles, and to do it with him in their hearts.
- (e) The Memorial service is June 29th, they are looking for a venue at this time.
- (f) Cody asked if we could do a lap of honor for Pearce either Saturday or Sunday with flags along the front wall. Preference is Saturday over Sunday because it is better to address things earlier rather than later.
- (g) \*Taneka - Saw something about signing the poster for Pearce made by Minh Tre Li. Let him know to maybe put it by Pearce's bike.
- (h) Cody Cochran requested that we retire race number 105. After some discussion, the board agreed to remove both #105 and his novice number #722 from circulation for a period of time.
- (i) OMRRA emergency response - (Taneka, learnings, summary of normal PIR emergency response vs Ridge). -Chris and Taneka had a conversation with Tim Mahoney from WMRRA. Just to make sure that everyone here knows what we do and it is actually above and beyond what most other clubs do with regard to preparing for serious incidents etc. \*Taneka - The response you get varies greatly on the track that you go to. ORP race track has a very different level of care there then you are going to get at PIR. To make PIR the safest we can, we train our paramedics on how to deal with racers specifically. Gear removal training and other things area above and beyond the normal set of emergency protocols. We also do a case review and go over what happened and how to respond differently, if needed. Austen Brown is an Emergency Room Physician, and also one of our racers and he is there at our training to answer questions. They can hand off to another unit which does not delay care at all. The ASIT truck is run also, which can coordinate comings and goings etc. Brief example - to backboard a patient you should have six trained people; the more trained people present, the better for the person. There are four paramedics, not two, on each truck and a very specific situation due to Taneka requesting this and is why this is the case for OMRRA each year. \*Chris - Asked if carrying someone with multiple large bone fractures, would the ambulance stop at the pumpkin patch? \*Taneka - Says it is ultimately up to the medics, but we have suggested that they go directly to the hospital, and never delay care. We help and provide options to the medics as best we can. We want to keep the highly trained medics at PIR but they will leave if they need to go immediately.
- (j) Other learnings, next steps, etc. \*Chris - Want to make sure that if anyone has questions, Taneka can answer them and make sure we are all better informed. Tim O'Mahoney said that PIR has "City paramedics" who are much better trained for serious trauma than those who work in outer lying rural areas. Tim is the medical liaison and former racer and former president of WMRRA. \*Taneka - Not only do we do training for the medics, but AMR also has special boxes of supplies that they load just for us, such as KTD, special tourniquets, slings and c-collars specific for OMRRA, and specific strapping devices based on level of gear you are in when we

are supporting the injured. They bring special gloves to work around the bikes, and special cutters to cut through seams instead of leather, and so on. \*Tullio - Asked if there is anything we should put out to our own members about the level of care we give to our riders etc? \*Matt - Right now is terrible timing but maybe later down the line it might be worth discussing. Pearce was part of the life flight network membership and it is only \$50 to OMRRA members.

- b) Attendance Booster Ideas recap - Alex
    - i) Cliff Griffin & WMRRRA 250 recruiting
- \*Alex - Knows of 3 people who have not raced ninja's with OMRRA before who are going to be joining us this round. Cliff is working on the Canadians and thinks he can have 10 Canadians come to PIR this next round.
- c) Round 3 Ridge Recap
    - i) Attendance, bike tech, class alignment, safety, any issues
      - (1) Inspection of the runoff areas by OMRRA board members showed many areas were far worse than we would accept at PIR. This is a serious safety concern and will need to be addressed
      - (2) WMRRRA officials drive their trucks through the pit area at much higher than pit speed limits during red flag incidents. This happened many times during the weekend. Serious cause for safety concern and will need to be discussed.
      - (3) OMRRA will need to start a dialog to address these concerns prior to agreeing to another combined round at the ridge.
  - d) Tower/Start/ASIT volunteer planning for Round 4
  - e) Amend/Add to tower SOP's Taneka - reminder item only Mark put it in just as a reminder.
  - f) Round 2 on track incident between Jason Hill and Danny Houghton
    - i) \*Josh - Spoke to both riders. Danny had a lapse in judgement and simply took Jason out, wrecking Jason's bike. Tullio also looked at the video and other documentation. We asked Daric Cheshire what he would do as a referee. Because of Daric's late involvement in it, in order for Daric to implement a fine to Danny, he would have to do all the interviews himself. He told Josh he would implement a \$500 fine. Josh is asking the BOD to make a consensus to address this situation. Precedence was established previously with Oliver Jervis. He was fined, but given the option to volunteer. Oliver just paid the fine. \*Chris Page - feels this is very much the same as that situation. Rider response to the situation does matter, so the Board is trying to figure out, ahead of time, which alternative to the monetary penalty would be most appropriate, in case the Referee determines that Danny is at fault. Daric is very good about determining appropriate penalties as per the Rulebook.. Josh will follow up with Daric. We would prefer corner working time, or he can write a check for \$500. Four hours of corner working was deemed appropriate as a potential alternative if Danny is found to be at fault and to have violated the OMRRA rules.
  - g) Supercorn Weekend - This is typically it is in August, but Chris asked about doing it in July instead. \*Keith - Contacted Shawn McKnight to see if he was interested in roasting a pig in July instead of August. Kelly Johnson Memorial PIT Bike races will be moved to July also. Chris is going to notify Keith that this is happening.
- 5) Committee/Team Reports:
- a) WMRRRA - Ridge Runoff follow-up w/Barry - Matt
    - i) Discussed earlier above.
  - b) OPRT, running list of improvements - Chris/Tullio/Mark
  - c) Novice Program and volunteer positions - Alex/Mark
  - d) Sponsorship - Patty
  - e) Communication - \*Patty - Asked if there is any resolution on the communication at PIR. Hannah's race team has a bunch of used Motorola radios that they might be willing to sell very cheap. Alex just wanted OMRRA to know - \$4 to \$6K for approximately 33 radios available.
  - f) Text message communication platform update
  - g) Office (New AT&T phone, modem?) \*Taneka - Will get Indy the information needed.

- h) Registration Indy/Matt Accidentally charged Ninja \$80 instead of \$40 on first run on Monday 6/17/2019 but it won't happen again.
  - i) Volunteers for tower - Chris
  - j) Airfence - \*Mark - Alex Spellman is the new US rep for Airfence. They are no longer making Dog house bails, so we will have to go in a different direction. Mark is in communication another party that may be able to make them. Taneka will get this handled with Mark. Cost will probably \$10K to get the sections we need. \*Chris Page - Wanting to make sure that Mark realizes that this is a doable thing. \*Tullio made a motion to spend approximately \$10K on Airfence - Josh 2nd - Vote: **all in favor unanimous.**
  - k) Bike Tech - Tullio
  - l) ASIT - Taneka
  - m) OMRRA History- Patty to be continued....
- 6) Open Items
- a) Chicane Report - analyze support for 600 chicane races - Josh/Matt
  - b) PIR Turf Status Status and Fall Maintenance - Matt
  - c) PIR Traction Paint Status - Matt
  - d) Recruitment & Cross Training of Key Volunteer positions - Chris

Meeting taken by Indy Lucas, OMRRA Admin/Registrar - meeting adjourned at: 2143