



## **Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association Board Meeting Agenda**

Date: May 15, 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: Shelly Seibert, Rodney Bender, Daniel Bricker, Patty Gardner

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Decision on Shelly's donation and where it will be utilized

\*Chris - Discussed how to utilize the donation, how to encourage others to match.

-Discussed flags and the digital flag at turn 9

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#### **2) Approve April BOD Minutes**

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

#### **3) Financial report – Taneka**

-2019 taxes are done and in the mail. Due to delayed invoices from PIR, Ovations and others, we could not get the up to date financial report for tonight's meeting.

-Track day revenue was approximately \$12K, \$17K. After correcting for Novice School, the report will be fixed and emailed out when complete. This is a Quickbooks issue.

-Need to follow up with Keith about why there is a \$200 transfer fee for Airfence? Possibly OPRT? Will have to follow up offline via email because Keith is not present at the board meeting tonight.

-Insurance cost was reduced because we are also charging OPRT for a portion of insurance. Keith DiBrino came up with the cost on what OPRT is going to pay. It shows as a reduction for OMRRA.

-Changing the OMRRA cell phone from SPRINT to AT&T - Sprint router should stay the same

\*Matt - Says okay to change over phone but wait on anything else until he has had time to investigate, as the legacy router has capabilities with our server that might not be duplicated.

-James & Indy Lucas will be donating the \$35 a month bill for AT&T for the office phone to IRF going forward.

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

- a) Chair 2019 meetings - Mark

- b) IRF Revisit - SOP updates - Tullio

IRF update - Intent to explain how to update the IRF how a request is made etc. See attachment.

INJURED RIDER FUND  
Standard Operating Procedure  
Revised 5.16.2019

The OMRRA Injured Rider Fund (IRF) was created as a way to help riders who crash at the track get back on the track, and as a way for OMRRA to acknowledge the consequences of serious injuries that occur to members of the OMRRA community as a direct result of motorcycle racing. Additionally, it is a fund from which to assist in cases of health crisis or to acknowledge passing (example: flowers) on the part of current or former members.

The IRF is not automatic or an entitlement and is primarily focused on assisting in recovery from racing injuries, not off-track incidents. In general, OMRRA expects riders to be self-sufficient, to understand the risks inherent in motorcycle racing.

Within the OMRRA financial system the IRF exists as a separate account and has its own source of income and its own checks.

Funding comes from two sources: primarily from voluntary contributions via the Race Entry Form, entry fees from the annual Pit Bike Race, and Taste of Racing.

When the IRF exceeds \$5000, the Finance Committee may recommend to the Board that excess funds be transferred to the OMRRA Safety Fund for use in preventing injuries. Some examples are purchase of additional or repair to Air Fence components, non-slip paint, runoff improvements, fire extinguishers, and communication systems.

IRF payments are primarily intended for current OMRRA license holders, though exceptions can be made for riders from other clubs who have raced regularly with OMRRA, and for long-time OMRRA volunteers.

IRF distribution requests are handled on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the incident details and the current balance in the IRF. In general, the OMRRA Board takes a proactive approach, documenting the names and injuries of its riders, and sending assistance to racers hospitalized as a result of an on-track racing incident.

Additionally, IRF funds may be requested in writing by a rider, the rider's family, or close friends. The request should briefly explain the incident, the resulting injury or damage, and the amount of support the rider would like from OMRRA. The Board will evaluate each request at the next scheduled Board Meeting. Typically, the Membership Representative will present each case, make a recommendation as to the proper payout tier for the case, advocate for the injured rider, then present a formal motion for vote. If approved by a simple majority, the Treasurer is immediately authorized to mail a check to the rider's address on file, or to another address, caretaker, or financial institution, as requested.

In the event that the recipient of an IRF Distribution declines to accept the payment, the funds are returned to the IRF.

The Board may not make donations in the name of the Injured Rider Fund exceeding the current balance of the IRF account.

Payment precedents, established based on incidents in 2007-2018, are below:

1. \$100. Flowers or other acknowledgements for former riders and volunteers.
2. \$200. Current, serious health issues not related to motorcycle injury.
3. \$300. Motorcycle related broken bones and other non-life-threatening injuries.
4. \$500 Racing injury involving transport by Ambulance or Helicopter.
5. \$750. Serious injury with extended hospitalization, rehabilitation, family assistance.
6. \$1000-\$1500. Permanent disablement or death, current OMRRA members only.

A rider who crashes and then turns a wheel again in the same weekend forfeits IRF eligibility, even if they receive hospital treatment, or are later diagnosed with an injury.

\*Mark- likes the revision by Tullio

\*Daniel Bricker- Asked how many times we gave to people out of the IRF

\*Tullio guessing around \$2,000 a year.

\*Chris Page - only about half even cash the checks - most give them back but always appreciate the gesture.

\*Alex Taylor - Asked about people having to replace helmets. There were at least 3 from this last round. That's \$1,000, which can have a very negative impact on racing for some.

\*Chris Page - Maybe having a different fund for helmet help etc. that is something we can all look at. The injured rider fund is primarily for medical those costs are pretty fixed and non-negotiable.

\*Chris Page -You can pay \$150 and have an OMRRA compliant helmet, and some can spend over a thousand. I love the idea of an OMRRA swap meet or whatever so let's look at that later under a different thread.

\*Alex - \$500 still feels someone is able to have this even if they do not go by ambulance or helicopter.

\*Taneka - Paragraph 5, regarding exceeding \$5K. We are currently much past this and can underline in May - who else is on the finance committee - Taneka and Keith at the moment. Please to see one and two added.

\*Motion by Tullio to accept amendment to IRF - Josh 2nd - **Vote: all in favor unanimous.**

\*Motion by Tullio to give Russ Cazier \$200 from IRF - 2nd Josh - **Vote: all in favor unanimous..**

c) Ken Hill visit review - Chris/Josh

\*Josh - It was fun and we learned a lot.

\*Chris - Ken was very enthusiastic about how things were going on in the pits and other racers getting involved in those discussions as well. At one point, he had a crowd of 15 talking to SV riders and very enthused about the real engagement going on with the club. He is interested in seeing how this goes through the entire season. He asked if there was any possible way to measure the crashes etc. He left very upbeat and thinking that this is a model to repeat at other clubs in the US.

\*Tullio - Discussed crash statistics with Ken during the weekend, and he was very interested in this as well.

d) April/May rounds review, racer/volunteer attendance, May round future - Chris, Matt

\*Chris -Having such a light round in May might have caused some hardship on volunteers? Attendance in May was very low considering how good the weather was, and if it had rained it would have been very bad. We need to look at Mother's Day for next year and see how this is going to go for 2020. We are 10 to 15 riders down just due to Mother's Day, and we need to try to avoid this next season.

\*Matt - We try every year and EC doesn't give any real options to OMRRA.

-Other reasons for apathy - need to try to figure out why. WMRRA is very healthy so we need to figure out what is going on with attendance.

-WMRRA has a "novice village" and that is where they all pit together. Maybe find some ways to encourage this?

-Barry said they have tripled down on enforcing every single human has to have a wristband and pay period end of story and have had a very significant increase in income.

-Patty - We need someone extroverted to stand at the gate and help get everyone on board with buying the wristbands and making sure it is happening.

e) Attendance Booster Ideas - Alex

-Give out some wristbands?

-General idea to think about: We hate the bubble run and mud run, but best thing for advertising and even if two people from bubble run come to OMRRA, - that could be good if we co-schedule along with other events that happen at PIR.

-WMRRA has been having extraordinary success with Ninja 250's. Cliff offers that a Ninja 250 can come race for \$100. If we changed the race entry fee to \$40 then it would be \$100 total for the weekend, for two race starts. Might be an opportunity with this?

\*Chris - WMRRA racers who are already racers - fish where the fish are - to try to get them to come to OMRRA. If there are truly 30 Ninja 250's, and you can get the ringleader to come, then hopefully others will follow. Would be interested in saying to the ringleader, "if you bring 10 people then all of them pay \$100 to race," or some version of that, and not just giving discounts to people who are going to come down and race anyway.

\*Alex - Could get a stronger Canadian showing if we give them their exchange rate - let's get 10 guys from Canada and do this for them. Canadians race at a discount. Currently we have one Canadian that races with us. If we get another Canadian it is additional money to the club. Cliff said he would bring a bunch of people if he says he can do it - then offer it and see where it goes.

\*Alex - Free stuff giveaway - 1/2 off entry fees for first time at OMRRA. That made him excited and that is why he enjoyed his time at WMRRA. If they come and get half off - then they will come. Any new person to OMRRA is eligible. We need to have a battle plan: Give everyone in Washington, California, Utah, and Canada a deal, and then make them excited, and then follow up and make them feel welcome at OMRRA. We just need to find the names and go from there.

\*Alex - Made a motion to implement ½ off fees for first race to OMRRA one time period - weekend - and also implementing Ninja 250 budget class for each Saturday and Sunday as well as providing Canadian racers a 25% discount to match their exchange rate. Josh 2nd

\*Patty - Says find the ringleaders at the other clubs and use them and get the right buttons to push at the other clubs) - **Vote: all in favor unanimous.**

f) Cooperation with PIR and Drags/On-track SOP's - Chris/Mark

-April round Sunday morning, there was a huge pool of axle oil all over turn 9. Pete, EC, Water guy, other guy PIR employee and Mark all sat down to talk about the SOP's about how to clean up from drags the night before. Mark showed EC our rule book and Mark was able to explain that we just need to know what they want OMRRA to do and how we can go forward from here. On Saturday night May round PIR send a text message and picture about a spill and how they cleaned it up.

g) Front gate coverage improvements and waivers/wristbands - Matt/Mark

\*Matt - putting a pin in this for now - Attorney Brooks Cooper involved and will write a letter whenever needed.

h) Meatball and Black Flag SOP's review after Rounds 1 & 2 - Chris

-Nothing right now.

i) Enforcement/Communication of Pit behavior/helmets/riding

j) Incident with Mackenzie & Kinzer at Round 1 - Tullio/Josh

-Kinzer broke his shoulder at a different event, called Indy Saturday morning, and does not plan on coming back.

-Please add Brooks Cooper to the BOD for emails.

\*Josh - Mackenzie Ancien and Kinzer Naylor made contact April round. Josh did interviews. Mack and Kinzer have differing views of what happened during the incident. Kinzer was the trailing rider. Chuck Messen says Kinzer was on the inside but the burden of the pass relied on Kinzer. Mack was in the front per everyone else. No video. Mack and Kinzer had been trading during each lap and then the incident occurred in turn 4 but without video evidence there is no way to put the blame square on one person's shoulders. Mack was diagnosed with a concussion.

\*Josh - Made a motion for IRF \$300 for her concussion for injuries in April - Mark 2nd - discussion Tullio forgot to put one key point in the proposal - if you turn-a-wheel again in the same weekend then no payout but does not affect this particular situation - any discussion? **Vote: all in favor unanimous..**

\*Tullio - Would like this written up and classified as a "racing incident" and classified as such.

-Comment from Mack to Chris Page - which was how the two racers treated each other in the moment and then soon after and she described her own action while concussed. She crawled across the track to see if Kinzer was okay and that she didn't feel that she got anything even close in return and that this is actually what she is concerned about is the idea of OMRRA racers caring about each other. It is very important that we take care of each other. Calloused and unapologetic response from Kinzer, and not sure if he would be open to this communication.

\*Taneka - Kinzer had a race right after this one etc. so that might be a factor?

\*Matt- I was in this race and feels that neither racer cared whether they were going to have contact or not. It was a big hit and they were both riding way too hard - Matt would be happy to talk to either one of them about the incident and they changed spots so many times each lap. It was a racing incident for sure but it was inevitable, and I hung back to stay out of it.

\*Josh - Chuck Messen's information differed from everyone else. He said that verbally, Kinzer admitted fault. Kinzer said "I'm so sorry it's all my fault."

\*Brooks Cooper - this is important that we write these things down and keep records and keep doing this going forward.

k) Loudspeakers in pits - Many not working - Mark/Chris

Will work on this later?

## 5) Committee/Team Reports

a) WMRRRA - Ridge runoff follow-up w/Barry - Matt

b) OPRT for rounds 1 and 2 - Chris/Mark/Tullio

-Some people were not being told to tape up lights but then others were being black flagged over it - so there needs to be some consistency.

\*Taneka will talk to Chris Page off line about not exchanging checks with each other. Maybe having OPRT just take off what OMRRA owes them? More later.

c) Novice Program - Alex

-Good feedback from novice program. No one has done the three track day thing yet but so far so good.

-Four people used the free transponder rental.

d) Sponsorship - Patty

e) Communication - Patty

i) Text message communication platform update

\*Patty - Will be sending out information for WMRRRA round which is three weeks away. Patty verified numbers and will be testing soon.

f) Office (new AT&T phone?) - Indy

-Will get this turned over as soon as necessary information received and this will go forward as a donation from James and Indy Lucas IRF monthly for whatever the fee.

g) Volunteers for tower (how were rounds 1 & 2?) - Chris

h) Airfence – Mark

-Monta and MacKenzie went into the airfence at turn 5. The bails had shifted about 18". When they are stretched or pulled it's a big deal as they will rip, and it will be an expensive rip. We had straps break, but that's better than ripping the bails.

-The Rep at Airfence has changed to Alex Stillman. We need a quote response for replacement straps.

-Our dog house bails outside of turn 9 and chicane. We are wondering if they have some covers for these? Once they rip then the fix is beyond repair and they would have to be replaced with bigger bails.

-We could easily ask for money to be spent on airfence, but trying to determine what is most important and will keep everyone posted with the response.

i) Bike Tech – Tullio

-Volunteer turnout was low. Help from Chris Johnson was great and very helpful. He is generally interested in doing bike tech.

-We have been keeping a "naughty list", and have been removing people from it when corrected. There were a few missing shark fins, etc.

-We are trying to eradicate clips from brake caliper bolts

j) ASIT – Taneka

-We are struggling for Volunteers especially now covering the tower also. We lost one volunteer out of the country and had a couple who have said yes but have now become unresponsive. We are not counting on them anymore. If we are going to need to continue to cover both roles then going to need more people that we can count on.

k) Registration - Indy/Matt

-Haily Goettelman joining registration team. She is a friend of Kayla Watford and is a nurse at OHSU. She is willing to help in any capacity but excited to join registration team. We will be training her more in the future rounds.

-No one gets paperwork unless it's the actual rider, and they get their wristband....

l) OMRRA History - Patty

**6) Open items**

a) Novice volunteer positions - Mark/Alex

b) IRF - "Safety Mgmt Fund"

-Julie Razo raised \$515 for IRF Mother's Day weekend. Through sales of PIR earrings and MOM stickers.

c) Chicane Report - Analyze support for 600 chicane races - Josh/Jason/Matt

d) PIR Turf Status and Fall Maintenance - Matt

e) PIR Traction Paint Status - Matt

f) Recruitment & Cross Training of Key volunteer positions - Chris

-Taneka, Xan and Cat basically kept the tower up during April and May round. It is very difficult to run the tower, so big thanks to Taneka. She was able to do the position and will also update the SOP so that someone else can be trained to do this position.

-Need to find someone who is willing, to help with this situation.

-Sherman - Was absent during the track day on Friday, with a medical situation. Keith has a friend named Gary that is hopefully willing to come and donate time learning and possibly covering the sound monitoring position.

-Colin U. being at start/finish is great because he knows what he is doing and that helps a lot.

-Volunteer coordinator - desperately needs someone to be in charge of this position.

General meeting adjourned- 2135 Guests asked to leave at this time. Indy Lucas left at this time also.

**7) Executive Session with Brooks Cooper and OMRRA BOD**