

**Saskatchewan Motosport Association  
Competition Committee Meeting  
Nov 17, 2013  
Doc Hollandaise; Saskatoon**

**Present:** Darwin Janz, Regina, President  
Peggy Atkinson, Moose Jaw, Administrator  
Jessica Duerksen, Yorkton, Secretary  
Brent Shury, Battleford, Promotions  
Jamie Dessert, Moose Jaw, Rider rep  
Patrick Atkinson – Moose Jaw  
Jayme Dessert – Moose Jaw  
Andrew Valentine, Swift Current  
Derek Jensen, Lloydminster

Darwin called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

**Minutes:**

Brent made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Andrew seconded the motion. Carried.

**New Business:**

The SMA will need to fill the position of Treasurer. All of the books and supporting documents are to be located and given to our auditor as soon as possible.

Brent made a motion to accept Aileen Pilsner as the new Treasurer for the 2014 season. Jamie second. Carried

It was noted that we need to change the mailing address at the bank as well as correct signing authority. It was stated that signing authority should be the positions of president, treasurer, and administrator. Andrew made a motion that we will investigate and correct signing authority on the bank account. Brent seconded. Carried. Peggy to follow up.

**Rider Reclassification**

Darwin stated that he feels there is an imbalance of the number of junior and intermediate classes. He feels that there is too diverse a field from the top junior riders to the bottom junior riders. He stated that this imbalance is detrimental to competition in the junior, intermediate and pro classes.

Jess stated as per Daryl's notes that across all regions the junior class is the largest and will always remain a large class and that increasing intermediate numbers from the pool of juniors does not change the problem of diversity in talent.

Discussion regarding having the juniors that have moved up be eligible to enter a pro national race as an intermediate – would they be ready – and was stated that those riders will make their own decisions if they feel they are ready to ride at a pro national. Discussion/question of whether we can force a rider to advance who has not earned the set number of points as per CMRC – Darwin stated that we can request any rider to be advanced even if the points have not been met. Discussion that riders need to be evaluated on an individual basis when considering them for advancement.

Darwin stated that we would use the following criteria to determine advancement:

- 1 – riders who have met CMRC points
- 2 – rider requests for advancement
- 3 – SMA recommendations for advancement – following up with Brent's proposed reclassification system from the January 27, 2013 meeting which stated that advancement would be based on 10 points for Junior, instead of 18, and 20 points in one class for Intermediate, instead of 36 in one or two classes

It was noted that this proposed points system was voted down at the last meeting in determining advancement for the 2013 season. Darwin stated that this was just to be used as a guideline when determining recommendations.

**Junior MX1**

#### Riders who met CMRC points

- Derek Jensen
- Garret Cranfield

#### Rider requests for advancement

- Dylan Opseth
- Brett Newton
- Josh Boot

Darwin stated that his recommendation is to force advancement to intermediate for the top five overall finishes which would affect one rider in the Junior MX1 class ; Connor Eremko. This rider has no advancement points so Darwin recommended that we then force advancement on the top four riders in this class and offer advancement to all riders in the top ten overall plus an additional rider Derek Seimens who placed 13<sup>th</sup> but has 7 advancement points. Final decision tabled until the Junior MX2 class is looked at.

### Junior MX2

#### Riders who met CMRC points

- Derek Jensen (also in Junior MX1)
- Haylen Langelier
- Kyle Biro

#### Rider requests for advancement

- Josh Boot (also in Junior MX1)

As stated by Darwin he recommended that the top five riders in this class be forced to advance to Intermediate. This would affect two riders Devon Scheibe and William Merret. Jessica stated that William and his family as well as Rick Bradshaw had requested that William not be moved up as he wanted to pursue a Junior A title at WCAN next year (after finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in Junior B this year) as well as race the youth class. They feel after only one year on the 250 he needs another year to gain experience at the junior level. It was then stated that then Devon should not be forced to advance either as it would cause him to think it was unfair. Darwin stated that both of them should be on the forced advancement list. Peggy stated that forcing them to advance and then having them appeal is a time consuming process and they should be given a choice to advance. Much discussion followed re: forcing advancement on riders who have not met CMRC points criteria and it was stated that CMRC will not force advancement on a rider that has not achieved the points as set out by CMRC. Darwin stated that the riders should be forced to advance and given the option to appeal as some of them may just want to accept the advancement. He also stated again that this is how we will alleviate the problem of the size and diversity in the junior classes and increase the number of intermediates. It was stated again that the end result will be the same for riders who do not meet the points criteria and those riders should be just be given the option to advance. Darwin concluded that there would not be a consensus and a vote should be taken.

Brent made a motion that the committee will advance the top five riders in the Junior MX1 class and the top five riders in the Junior MX2 class with the option given to all of the riders in the top ten of both Junior classes plus two riders Derek Siemens and Easton Anderson. Andrew seconded the motion. Vote was taken and motion was carried.

It was stated that it is not fair to force advancement based on overall series scores without informing riders what the criteria is for advancement.

### Junior MX1 Riders to be advanced

- Derek Jensen
- Garret Cranfield
- Connor Eremko
- Dylan Opseth
- Brett Newton
- Josh Boot

### Junior MX1 Riders to be given the option to advance

- Chad Greziuk
- Andrew Valentine
- Roger Large
- Warren Bullock
- Derek Siemens

## Junior MX2 Riders to be advanced

- Derek Jensen (also in Junior M X 1)
- Haylen Langelier
- Devon Scheibe
- William Merrett
- Kyle Biro (also in Junior M X 1)
- Josh Boot (also in Junior M X 1)

## Junior MX2 Riders to be given the option to advance

- Kennedy Lutz
- Tanner Stevenson
- Leon McCann
- Easton Anderson

## Intermediate MX2

Riders who met CMRC points

- None

Riders requests to be advanced

- Mason Henderson

## Intermediate MX1

Riders who met CMRC points

- None

Riders requests to be advanced

- Steve Pittman
- John Pittman

Rider requested not to be advanced

- Brett Papic

Jamie made a motion to grant advancement to all intermediate riders who requested advancement. Derek seconded. Carried

Jamie made a motion to advance the top three riders in both of the Intermediate classes. Brent seconded. Carried

Jamie made a motion that the option of advancement be given to the riders in the intermediate classes who finished fourth through sixth overall. Brent seconded. Carried.

Intermediate riders to be advanced based on SMA recommendations

- Braeden Bechard
- Brett Papic
- Irwin Adler
- Braden Jezowski

It was noted that none of these riders have the advancement points as set by CMRC

Intermediate riders to be offered advancement based on SMA recommendations

- Kyle Skelton
- Brayden Briere
- Carter Booth
- Tanner Large

## Comprehensive list of Intermediate MX2 Riders to be advanced

- Mason Henderson
- Braeden Bechard
- Irwin Adler
- Braden Jezowski

## **Comprehensive list of Intermediate MX1 Riders to be Advanced**

- Brett Papic
- Steve Pittman
- John Pittman
- Braden Jezowski (also in Int M X2)

Peggy will inform all riders of their advancement or opportunity to advance.

## **Website**

Nothing has been done with the website since the discussion at the last meeting. Brent will follow up to get the website updated by December 31, 2013.

It was suggested that the website needs to have more detailed and current information. Suggested track locations, maps and directions to tracks, club contacts, and track contacts. It was also suggested that each club submit an updated information sheet to SMA including maps, contact people, practice times, special events and race dates, and any other relevant information. Jess will contact clubs and ask them to submit the information as outlined.

Information for new members will also be included on the website. Derek will provide a standard new member info page similar to the one on the CMRC website to be modified for the SMA.

Transponder information and requirements will also be available on the website.

We will have an executive tab that tells people who the executive is and a copy of the meeting minutes as well.

It was suggested that we advertise and promote our sponsors on the website. Brent will look into how this would be accomplished and outline a package to present to businesses to offer them advertising on our site.

## **Transponders**

Jess stated as per Daryl's notes that we should only purchase what we predict we will need for rentals. He predicts 40-50 should be available to start and they could be sold if we found they were not being utilized. He suggested that the SMA only purchase transponders for members as a pre-order and pre-pay ONLY. If riders opt not to pre-order they would be responsible for acquiring their own transponder through the website or on Ebay etc. He noted that the purchase will need to be done by wire transfer as it was for the initial purchase of the system.

Discussion of how to coordinate the pre-order and suggested that forms could go out with membership package. Preorders could possibly be distributed at our spring meeting. Darwin stated that we don't want to charge members any more than our cost. Brent offered to get prices for bulk orders as well as a proposal for rental prices based on Darwin's recommendation that the purchase price be recovered over two years. Brent to have everything compiled before Jan 15, 2014.

Jamie made a motion that SMA would do a bulk purchase of transponders at cost for members who pre-order and pre-pay. Derek seconded. Carried

Jess stated that as per Daryl's notes we would purchase transponders to be used as rentals at the track on race weekends. This would be done at sign up. Riders would need to pay a rental cost plus a deposit or credit card number as collateral for return of the unit.

Discussion regarding credit card machine ... Brent offered that the SMA could run any transactions through his machine. Discussion regarding making people leave their drivers license with the SMA rep until they return the unit. It was stated that we need a designated SMA rep to facilitate transponder rentals at every race, bring them to and from the races and take care of ensuring they are charged ... and whether it should be a paid position. It was also stated that the transponder brackets should be sold and not rented as they are rarely returned with the unit.

Brent made a motion that Jayme Dessert will administer the transponders and rentals for the 2014 season for remuneration to be determined at a later date by the SMA. Peggy seconded the motion. Carried.

Jayme will create a sample rental form including options for a security deposit.

## **Moto Registry**

Jess stated as per Daryl's notes that he would like to recommend that we wait until February before making a decision either way on using moto registry because of the implementation of the transponders. Peggy agreed and said she can import registrations directly into the new program (trackside) if we continue with moto registry but hasn't had a chance to test it out yet and requested time to look into the system and how to integrate moto registry. She also stated that she would like to see the SMA do a mandatory pre-registration to save time the evening before the race as well as the morning of the race and allow her to prepare more ahead of time. Darwin stated that clubs need to take more ownership of registration and not wait for Peggy to initiate registration.

Peggy will contact the administrator of the moto registry program and inquire if there is an option to not take payment via paypal as there was concern over the fees incurred using paypal for taking registrations (88 cents per registration) or if he will negotiate one fee for the season instead of charging per paid registration. Right now there is no additional fee for unpaid registrations. The only way to offset paypal fees is to increase rider levy as increasing registration amount will go to the club not to SMA.

The next best option is to do a mandatory pre registration with another program that could be input manually. Brent offered to contact trackside and see if there is another option for pre-registration that will work with their program.

Final decision on moto registry is tabled until the next meeting.

## **Moto Drops**

Jess stated on behalf of the Yorkton club and a parent that this is a sport that caters primarily to two types of amateur riders ... those who want to race within the province and a handful that pursue national titles. Moto drops work for both sides because then the riders that want to pursue an amateur provincial title have a chance to attend a funeral, wedding or graduation and still pursue the title, while a rider (amateur or pro) who is pursuing a national title can do so and not be penalized by missing a local race which is a conflict to the national.

Darwin stated that no other region does them and consistency should be rewarded. People in attendance agreed that no other region has moto drops. Peggy stated that we've done moto drops for many years and maybe it's time to try it the other way and see how the response is and many in attendance agreed this would be fair. Discussion on how we could get rider input ... Brent suggested we put up a survey question on the website ... Peggy suggested a ballot at the banquet ... discussion followed on how to facilitate getting input.

Brent made a motion to conduct a poll from SMA riders to see what their input is on moto drops that the SMA will refer to but not be bound by in making a decision regarding moto drops. Peggy seconded the motion. Carried

Peggy suggested pollEV.com to set up a poll and send out to all SMA members by email. Jess and Peggy to compile a comprehensive list of all SMA members/families.

Discussion regarding mileage costs to attend meetings for executive members who do not belong to a local club or whose club is not paying mileage.

Andrew made a motion that the SMA will reimburse fuel expenses at a rate of \$0.15/km for executive members and one club rep who submit their mileage at the meeting. Seconded by Derek. Carried

Jess to create an attendance sheet for future meetings to include a spot to request mileage reimbursement. It was stated that we will have to use the honor system to ensure members do not obtain reimbursement from both the SMA and their club.

## **Next Meeting**

Tentatively scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Regina

Darwin moved to adjourn. Jess seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

