

District 36 Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom (remote) May 17th, 2023
Referee's Meeting 7:00PM – 8:00PM

**NOTES: If topic is not on the agenda, it will be added to the non-agenda items,
if approved by the president for the next meeting**

- Meeting Called to Order @ 7:00pm by Brad Rosbach (President)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
 - o 19 of 28 Clubs/Promoters present
 - PRESENT: CERA, CCP, DDNMC, E-STREET MX, FAST TIMES, GOT, HAYWARD MC, LODI MC, OAKLAND MC, PDMC, RED NECK ROOSTERS, RDR, RICHMOND RAMBLERS, RIDGE RUNNERS, SALINAS RAMBLERS, STOCKTON MC, TIMEKEEPERS, WDBRA, VALLEY CLIMBERS
 - o 35 of 67 Committeemen present
- Approve Minutes (April, 2023): motioned by Jimmy Whitworth, no objections; minutes approved.
- Guests:
 - o Amanda Spurgeon, President of Lodi Cycle Bowl
 - o Matt Musgrove, Elevated Action Sports
- Correspondence: No correspondences this evening.

Committee Reports:

Maximum time spent on each agenda item is 3 minutes. If unresolved, it goes to the Parking Lot to be added to the agenda for the next month.

- Sanctioning (Katie Pond)
 - o There has been a Dual-Sport added in September hosted by the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest.
 - o Donner HS has been rescheduled for September 16-17, 2023
 - o Crazy Miner Enduro has moved to September 30, 2023.
 - o Lilliputian HS has been moved to November 4-5, 2023.
 - o There is currently no reschedule date for the Phantom, when it does get rescheduled, the website will be updated to reflect.
 - o As a reminder, all change of dates must go thru the Sanctioning Steward.
- Membership (Cat Swenston)
 - o 108 May renewal forms were mailed out
 - o 183 membership cards have been mailed out since April's meeting
 - o There are no new Lifetime members
 - o The current membership count is 3,465

- As an observation from Cat, prior to the Wilseyville Enduro and Bear Mountain, there have been a lot of new members or returning members whose memberships that were expired over 3 years. This may say something about the “new” venues.
- Youth Cross Country (Jimmy Whitworth)
 - o There has been no races since our last meeting.
- Cross Country/Scoring (Jeremy Carlin)
 - o Correction to CC Youth Steward there was one race since our last meeting: Fort Sage HS
 - 389 total riders
 - \$ 524.00 deposited from sales
- Enduro/Family Enduro (Bruce Hendrickson)
 - o No events since our last meeting.
 - o Two events coming up in June: Fool’s gold and 49er Family/Sprint Enduro
- Dirt Track (Carter Fisher)
 - o One event on April 29, 2023
 - 136 entries; no injuries
 - o Next race is scheduled for June 10, 2023.
- Dual Sport (Jerry Fouts)
 - o There was an event scheduled for the weekend of May 13-14, 2023, however Jerry has not received an update regarding said event. Will follow up at a later time.
- GP Series (Leon Hannum)
 - o No report due to Leon Hannum not present.
- Sponsor Committee (Charlie Coiner)
 - o No report due to Charlie Coiner not present.
- Social Media (Amanda Carlin)
 - o No report due to Amanda Carlin not present.
- Contingency Committee (Rachel Douglas)
 - o All contingencies are current.
- Newsletter/Website/Operations Manual (Bill McGibbon)
 - o Bill is looking for content for the next newsletter.
 - o Rule proposals can be turned in anytime, do not wait until the deadline.
 - o Operations Manual can be downloaded from our website to any smartphone.

- AMA/Congress (Jerry Fouts/Ralph Lee)
 - o New contact for Cross Country at AMA is Micheal Jolly.
 - o More rules coming our way regarding chest protection for youth racers.
 - o AMA will be hosting a in person meeting on September 15th & 16th. Jerry suggests District 36 sending back Ralph Lee and John Davis.
 - o There is claiming of motorcycles in the AMA rulebook. This is under discussion with the AMA.
 - o There were several rule proposals within the AMA regarding Dirt Track.
- Director of Competition (Jeff Irwin)
 - o No report due to Jeff Irwin not present.
- LAO (Don Amador)
 - o See attached report.
- Clubs/Promoters/Members – Question/Answer *This is not for club announcements*
 - o Matt Musgrove wanted to bring up possibly bringing Hill Climbs to District 36. Brad informed him this was on the agenda for tonight during the BOD meeting.
 - o There was a question regarding sound testing. Jerry Fouts said if there is interest, he is sure Chris Real would host a class. Will follow-up off-line.
- Old Business
 - o No old business
- New Business
 - o No new business
- Good of the Body
- Brian Garrahan motioned to adjourn; Meeting Adjourned @ 7:48pm

BREAK

Competition Committee Meeting

- Meeting Called to Order @ _____
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
 - o _____ Active members of _____ Clubs/Promoters present.
- Protests
- New Clubs
- Old Business

- New Business
- Motion to adjourn by _____; meeting Adjourned @ _____

Board Meeting [8:00-9:00]

Maximum time spent on each agenda item is 5 minutes. If unresolved, it goes to the Parking Lot to be added to the agenda for the next month. Comments and business by the BOD only unless approved by the President. Please keep your report to 5 minutes in length. Questions will be limited to 3 minutes.

- Meeting called to order @ 7:53pm by Brad Rosbach (President)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
 - o 9 of 9 members present
 - Charlie Coiner arrived late
- Old Business
 - o GP Scoring System (Tabled from March, 2023)
 - Leon Hannum was unable to attend this evening and asked that this be tabled to June, 2023
- New Business
 - o Fast Times Appeal of Sanctioning Decision
 - Mike Fowler is trying to add 4 more races to the Dirt Track series on 6/3/23, 6/17/23, 7/8/28 (all at Hills Ferry) and 7/21/23 (in Dixon). They were denied by Sanction Steward, Katie Pond. Mike had originally asked for 8 to be added, 4 were granted. Mike was given ample opportunity to address his concerns regarding his appeal. There was some lack of communication from District and Mike would like to have races within the District, not against.
 - Katie Pond, Sanction Steward was given a chance to address her concerns when it came to adding dates to the series. Fast Times contacted Katie, who did not return a message and Fast Times took it upon themselves to add races without approval. Katie approved the date request for Fast Times except for the races that were to be added in June/July.
 - Carter Fisher, Dirt Track Steward recommends that District add the extra dates. If riders want to race, they will show up.
 - John Davis questioned why these races were not added during Sanctioning in September, 2022 for the 2023 season. Before adding to the series, Mike and his partner, wanted to try the races to see how they were. There were indeed successful so they approached Brad Rosbach during the Banquet in January, 2023. Brad advised Mike what avenues to take to get his races on the calendar.
 - Jeremy Carlin asked if there was room for compromise on the dates to be added. Mike Fowler responded that there was a little room for compromise.
 - Brad Rosbach asked what is it exactly that Mike Fowler would like to see as an outcome. Mike would get rid of the 6/17/23 race as there are many youth who are scheduled to attend Nationals.
 - Bill Goodno makes a motion to add the races requested by Mike Fowler (Fast Times) except 6/17/23. Jimmy Whitworth seconds.

- 4 yay, 4 no, 1 abstain
 - In the event of a tie, as above, Brad Rosbach as President receives a vote. He votes YES. Motion approved, Fast Times granted additional races of 6/3/23, 7/8/23 and 7/21/23.
- o D36 Sanctioned Hill Climbs (Brian Garrahan)
 - Brian has been talking to Matt Musgrove on adding Hill Climbs as a Sanctioned Discipline with District 36. Brad suggest that Matt get a proposal together of dates and more information out to the BOD. It is currently set up as a 3 race series, however, Matt would like to add one ore race. Will follow up.
- Adhoc Committee Updates
- Non Agenda Items (There will be 5 minutes TOTAL allowed)
 - o Brad Rosbach brought up the issue of sending back someone on behalf of District 36 to the AMA meeting. John Davis and Ralph will get some numbers together regarding flights, hotels, etc and follow up with Brad.
 - o Jeff Katarary announced that he has about 50% of the money back for the transponders.
 - o Brad Rosbach briefly touched on an incident regarding Leed Lulis, 777L. He is asking the Board of Directors to approve sending \$500.00 on behalf of D36.
 - John Davis makes a motion to send Leed Lulis \$500.00, Billy Goodno seconds.
 - 9 yay; motion passes. Brad will get with Matt Patterson to send a check.
- Good of the Body
- Executive Session
 - o No executive session this evening.
- Motion to adjourn by Jeremy Carlin; meeting adjourned @ 8:48pm



Amador District 36 LAO Activities Report

April 19 to May 17, 2023

D36 Mission Statement

District 36 is a volunteer-based non-profit organization of motorcyclists and like-minded enthusiasts who organize and enhance responsible family recreation and exercise environmental conservation for the purpose of promoting today's activities and protecting our sport for the future.

Dear Board,



D36 LAO Tour with Wildhorse Ranch Manager and OHV Committee Member

NEW D36 EVENT VENUE – On May 10, the LAO toured the 14K acre R Ranch with the property manager and a ranch OHV subcommittee member for the potential of it hosting a D36 competition event(s). This property is zoned for and managed as a recreation facility for both motorized and non-motorized uses. It has a vast network of existing roads and trails and a 900 acre OPEN area where new routes can be created. It also has great staging areas for dry camping with RVs and cabins for rent. It has a lodge and a recreation center with swimming pools where event dinners and meetings can be held. Families who want to ride here during non-event times can purchase a partial deed that allows them year around access.

For D36 Clubs and Promoters wanting to set up a tour/meeting with Frank Clifton, the property manager, please send a text first to his cell number: 808.227.3804 – and you can email him at: fclifton@rwildhorseranch.net

COMPETITION PERMIT SENATE BILL MOVES TO ASSEMBLY - :On 5/11/2023- SB 708 passed the Senate (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) and was ordered to the Assembly. This bill would authorize State Parks to add a new in-house online permit program. It would allow the owners of competition motorcycles model year 2022 and newer to obtain an ID decal.

The LAO continues to work with Senator Jones on SB 708 as it makes its way through the legislature this year.

Background:

Beginning in 1972 and until 2003, the CA DMV issued GREEN Sticker identification to any off-highway motor vehicle (OHV) that applied. The CA ARB passed a regulation in the late 1990's requiring all OHVs to be certified to an air emissions standard. Because some OHV manufacturers either could not or would not certify some of their OHVs to the new CA ARB standard, a second RED Sticker identification was issued beginning with 2003 model year OHVs, specifically for motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles that did not meet the CA ARB GREEN Sticker identification air emissions standard. Those two means of identifying all OHVs operated on public lands in CA remained until 2019 when the CA ARB eliminated RED Sticker identification for all 2022 and newer OHVs that could not meet their air emissions standard. This new regulation has caused conflicts with state and federal agencies that historically have required some type of OHV identification sticker at sanctioned events on public lands.

AB 1617 - SXS LEGISLATION - After the D36 LAO program discussed our concerns about a new SxS bill AB 1617 that would DOUBLE the engine size (and horsepower) of current SxS from 1000cc to 2000cc, the bill's author, Assembly Wallis pulled the bill for now. Our land use partners, CAL4WD also expressed their concerns to Wallis about the proposal. While high horsepower SxSs may work in the desert and sand dunes, having high horsepower SxSs could only increase the current conflicts and safety concerns about SxS vs. Dirt Bikes on mountain trails on FS and some BLM lands.

OVERVIEW OF AB 1617 - AB 1617 was introduced in the CA legislature by Polaris. Polaris became aware that their RZR Pro R, introduced in 2021, does not fit the definition of Recreational Off-highway Vehicle (ROV) in the CA Vehicle Code (CVC) and therefore the safety code requirements (helmet, seat belt use, grab bar and age limit for unsupervised drivers) do not apply.

The CVC ROV definition does not apply to the Pro R because it has a 2000cc motor and the CVC definition of ROV limits motor size to 1000cc or less. As a Recreational Off-highway Vehicle Association (ROVA) member Polaris helped develop the ANSI standard for ROV, which is a national standard. Additionally, Polaris had to certify the Pro R through the CA Air Resources Board (CARB) as a sand car before selling it in CA. All previous Polaris RZR's were certified as ROV by CARB and one limiting factor was a motor of 1000cc or less. The CARB sand car category is very similar to the Off Road Sport Vehicle (ORSV), but the motor specification is 1000cc or more.

U.S. SENATE BILL S 683 - The Senate ENR Committee passed The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Act by unanimous voice vote! The LAO believes getting the additional 5K acres along Walker Ridge added to the existing National Monument will allow the stalled out travel planning process to restart and eventually lead to creating a legal OHV route system in that area since currently none of the heavily used OHV routes are open for motorized use.



Agency Staff take Dirt Bike School class -- SxSs and Dirt Bike meet at trail intersection

2023 FS/BLM/State Parks Ranger Ride and Workshop - Don Amador hosted the 2023 Interagency Ranger Ride at the BLM's Chappie Shasta OHV Area near Redding, CA on May 1-4.

Due to a series of mega wildfires and COVID, the OHV Ranger Rides had been sidelined since 2017 so the group of dedicated OHV trail leads, crews, instructors, and partners were glad to get back to an in-person field workshop.

Top tier federal and state OHV specialists from the Klamath, Shasta Trinity, Mendocino, Eldorado, and Tahoe National Forests and the Ukiah, Eagle Lake, and Redding Field Offices were in attendance. CA State Park representatives were there from grants, law enforcement, and the OHV Safety Week Program. Chris Real from DPS Technical was there to give agency staff training on administering the SAEJ1287 Sound Test for OHVs and performing the check for spark arrestors.

The group had number of good discussions on various topics such as the import of land agencies adding dirt bike strike teams to their suite of post wildfire and storm recovery efforts, developing meaningful partnerships with trail clubs or non-profit trail recovery organizations, future of EVs, looking for new management strategies to enhance recreation opportunities for SxSs (since it remains a growing user group) on a unit, providing more OHV educational/training opportunities for agency staff, OHV grants program, allowing staff to actually get some on-the-trail seat time to help build muscle memory and/or see how other units manage their trail systems, and much more.

At the end of the event, it was clear the group thought one of the most important benefits of this and similar field-based events is they allow for participants to build long-term relationships with other professionals for the benefit of providing sustainable trail-based recreation for current and future generations.

OHV TRAILS REOPENED AT UPPERLAKE RANGER DISTRICT on May 16 (see news release below)

WILLOWS, Calif., May 15, 2023 —Mendocino National Forest officials have lifted the off-highway vehicle and Deer Valley campground closure order (Order No. 08-23-02) on the Upper Lake Ranger District, effective at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16.

Agency and volunteer crews have been clearing trails after severe storm damage this winter. Fire-killed and fire-injured trees may continue to fall, so riders should be prepared and exercise caution.

Road access remains limited across the forest due to storm damage, though some temporary fixes are in place for emergency vehicles.

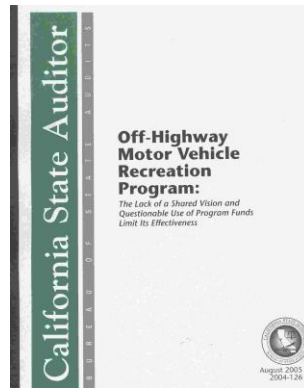
“Last week Lake County Department of Public Works crews completed temporary repairs to Elk Mountain Road (County Road 301) to provide quicker response time for first responders in the event of an incident,” said Frank Aebly, Upper Lake District Ranger.

“This temporary fix is for emergency vehicles only,” said Aebly. “To access the OHV trail system or Deer Valley Campground, the public will need to take the longer alternate route via Potter Valley (Mendocino County Rd 240 / Lake County Rd 301). The gate above Middle Creek Campground will remain closed and locked.”

The public can also access Deer Valley campground and the trail system via Forest Roads 16N01 and 16N30 out of Sam Alley, but these roads are very narrow in many places and only drivable with a high-clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle. Officials advise the public not to haul trailers up these roads.

**Huge credit to PWORA volunteers including many D36 riders who helped clear trails to the FS could reopen the riding area. Credit also to Lake County for working to find a temp. solution to reopening Elk Mountain Road.*

CARNEGIE SVRA (AND OTHER SVRA) PLAN UPDATES - OHMVR is updating a number of SVRA general plans including Carnegie. There will be a public comment period later this summer where the public can comment. The D36 LAO talked with Park Planners about the need to maximize every square foot of Carnegie for competition events and to have dynamic and streamlined permit process that does not have any arbitrary limits on the number of competition events. Stay tuned.



Cover of the 2005 Audit of CA OHV Program

AUDIT OF OHV TRUST FUND - Due to the LAO Program's concerns about the long term fiscal viability of the OHV Trust Fund due to the ongoing deficit spending by the OHV Division and Parks - to subsidize activities that DO NOT benefit OHV recreation – it continues to work with Legislators on submission of a REQUEST FOR AN AUDIT that will be submitted this year. The audit is expected to highlight deficit spending on unwarranted projects and funding shortfalls that could impact the operation of SVRAs and grants to federal and county agencies. The audit is also expected to find possible solutions to fiscal shortfalls.

SxS SAFETY – The LAO will be attending another OHMVR Division Safety Conference on July 27 as it continues to work with State Parks interagency SxS safety team on solutions to address illegal and rogue activity by certain SxS groups and the growing number of accidents between dirt bikes and SxSs. As part of our joint effort with Parks, the LAO is doing research on existing online OHV safety courses, the LAO took the online OHV safety courses offered by OR State Parks and UT Parks and Recreation.

The LAO expects that Parks will require some form of REQUIRED education certificate similar to other states such as OR and UT before riding a SxS on public lands. It would most likely start off with a required online cert. but if that is not effective than an in-person field training would also be required.

EDUCATION OF NEW LEGISLATORS in 2023 – Again, there will be an historic number of new legislators coming to Sacramento after the fall election. This massive sea change is due to a large number of current legislators being termed out. The LAO Program has asked the OHV Division to partner with us in a joint effort to educate (both in-person and in the field) new legislators and their staff about the OHV program and its many positive and pro-active tenets including conservation, restoration, LE, and safety. Field trips for legislators/staff to local SVRAs such as Prairie City SVRA have proven highly effective in helping them understand and appreciate the value of our program.

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