

**District 36 Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: Zoom (remote) November 16th, 2022**  
**Referee's Meeting 7:30PM – 8:30PM**

*\*\*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 @ 7:31pm by Katie Pond (President)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
  - 16 of 27 Clubs/Promoters present
    - PRESENT: CERA, CCP, E-STREET MX, HAYWARD MC, LODI MC, PDMC, SALINAS RAMBLBERS MC, TIMEKEEPERS, WSRA, WDBRA, DDNMC, RDR, REDNECK ROOSTERS, VALLEY CLIMBERS, GOT, GHOSTRIDERS MC
  - 37 of 67 Committeemen present
- Approve Minutes (October, 2022), motioned by Brian Garrahan; minutes approved.
- Guests: No guests in attendance for November, 2022.
- Correspondence: No correspondences for November, 2022.
- Before getting the meeting started, Katie Pond observed a moment of silence for a fellow member, Bruce Paulson, 257S who recently passed. Katie spoke a few words on behalf of Bruce and his family.
- 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)
  - Last Cross County race is this weekend (11/19/22-11/20/22) in Wilseyville.
  - The Bearfoot Family Enduro is also happening on 11/20/22, which will conclude the Enduro season.
- Membership (Cat Swenston)
  - 190 November renewal forms were mailed out.
  - 328 membership cards have been mailed out since 10/28/22.
  - There are two new life members:
    - Tanner Holeman, 303M
    - Tamara Marx, 101Y
  - Cat appreciates the clubs helping members with applications but please remember to complete them with all the required information. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. As a reminder, the carbon copy of applications needs to be legible.

- Youth Cross Country (Jimmy Whitworth)
  - There has been one race since our last meeting: Lilliputian
    - 200 youth riders; no incidents or protests.
  
- Cross Country/Scoring (Jeremy Carlin)
  - There has been one race since our last meeting: Lilliputian
    - 593 riders total
    - 21 new D36 numbers assigned, 20 temp. numbers sold
    - Total deposited on 11/11/22 was \$1,105.00
    - There were a couple injuries that were all self transported to medical facilities.
  
- Enduro/Family Enduro (Bruce Hendrickson)
  - There have been two Enduros since our last meeting
    - Jackhammer; 102 riders
    - Steam Donkey; 188 riders
      - The course had to be cut short due to course conditions but all in all, all riders had a great time.
  - The Fall Challenge scores are up to date and posted online.
  
- Dirt Track (Carter Fisher)
  - Jimmy Nichols Memorial ST
    - Saturday: 92 racers; 138 entries
    - Sunday: 78 racers; 122 entries
  - Lodi MC ST
    - 72 racers; 116 entries
  
- Dual Sport (Jerry Fouts)
  - No report at this time.
  
- GP Series (Leon Hanum)
  - Not in attendance.
  
- Sponsor Committee (Charlie Coiner/Brad Rosbach)
  - District 36 has lost Monterey Peninsula Powersports as a title sponsor.
  - Charlie has been working on getting sponsors for 2023.
  
- Social Media (Brad Rosbach)
  - Not in attendance.

- Contingency Committee (Rachel Douglas)
  - All contingencies are submitted, except for the Steam Donkey which results are not final until 11/20/22. Bruce Hendrickson will email results to Rachel when they become final.
  - Huge shout out to Racer Decal for helping create a poster to sign up for the different contingencies.
  
- Newsletter/Website/Operations Manual (Bill McGibbon)
  - All new rules or change of rules have been updated for 2023.
  - The website has no issues.
  
- AMA/Congress (Jerry Fouts)
  - No updates with AMA other than Mike (last name unknown) being the replacement for Erik Kudla.
  
- Director of Competition (Sean Rhodes)
  - No official protests other than a few emails going back and forth with CC Steward, Jeremy Carlin and rider, Pete Prichard. Although there is no official protest, Pete will be given a chance to speak during the “Clubs/Promoters/ Members - Questions/Answer” portion of this meeting.
  - Sean thanks everyone for a smooth year.
  
- LAO (Don Amador)
  - See attached report.
  
- Clubs/Promoters/Members – Question/Answer \*This is not for club announcements\*
  - Pete Prichard, 340R noticed once the results were posted the following day of Lilliputian that another rider had possibly cut the course. The results show a short lap time, about half the time, compared to his other laps and all the others riders. Pete feels that the lap in question, needs to be deleted so that Championship points aren’t affected based on a rider who cut the course. Katie Pond advised Pete to file a formal protest so that the active members could hear the protest and decide what to do.
  
- Old Business
  - BOD Position
    - The vote has taken place and the winner of the open BOD seat is Ryan Gouldthread. He will finish out the remainder of 2022 and will remain onboard for 2023. Katie would like to thank the clubs and promoters for taking the time to vote during the election.
  - Certify electronic meeting in By-Laws
    - This was inadvertently skipped over. Will be moved to December, 2022 meeting.
  
- New Business
  - No new business

- Good of the Body
- Jerry Fouts motioned to adjourn; Meeting Adjourned @ 8:31pm

### **Competition Committee Meeting**

- Meeting Called to Order @ \_\_\_\_\_ pm by Sean Rhodes (Director of Competition)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
  - o \_\_\_\_\_ of 27 Clubs/Promoters present
- Protests
- New Clubs
- Old Business
- New Business
- Motion to adjourn by \_\_\_\_\_; meeting Adjourned @ \_\_\_\_\_

### **BREAK**

### **Board Meeting [8:30-9:30]**

*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 @ 8:33pm by Katie Pond (President)
- Roll Call (Monique Whitworth)
  - o 8 of 9 members present
    - Not present: Brad Rosbach
- Old Business
  - o No old business
- New Business
  - o Hutzler Award
    - Katie Pond described what the Hutzler award is. It is given to one individual that has shown their commitment to District 36. The BOD will nominate candidates and then vote. The nomination process and vote is usually done in private.

- Adhoc Committee Updates
  - Sanction Committee Update
    - No current updates
- Non Agenda Items (There will be 5 minutes TOTAL allowed)
  - Katie Pond would like a BOD member to motion to retire Bruce Paulson's number. Jeremy Carlin asked if we could put a pause to retire the number as a long time friend would be coming to Wilseyville to race in memory of Bruce using his number.
    - Jerry Fouts makes a motion to retire Bruce Paulson number, 257S.
    - Cat Swenston suggests, to avoid confusion, we put an "M" in front of his number. This will ensure points and standings line up correctly.
    - Jerry Fouts amends his motion to retire number 257S immediately after Wilseyville.
      - 8 yay; motion passes
  - Ralph Lee would like to see a double point race at Lodi MC for 2023. Jeff Katazry said this could help bring out more racers to boost numbers and to change things up a little. Jeremy Carlin suggests allowing each one of the sanctioned venues to have one double point race.
    - Jerry Fouts makes a motion to hear this in the Competition Committee meeting in December.
      - 8 yay; motion passes
  - Jeremy Carlin would like to address Rule 11.1.3 (A), when voting last month on spark arrestors, this rule was missed and the wording needs to be changed to align with the current rules that were accepted. Based on the spirit that was voted in October, Jeremy would like to modify the rule to read: "as required by venue, state and federal law".
    - Jeremy Carlin makes a motion to modify the rule; Brian Garrahan seconds.
      - 8 yay; motion passes
  - Jeremy Carlin would like to clarify Rule 1.4.5 (A) regarding the \$20.00 race benefit for committeemen. Jerry Fouts makes a motion to modify the rule to read: "if a committee member volunteers to work both days of the competition meet, they may give their \$20.00 race entry to their spouse or minor child and must be approved by discipline steward."
    - 8 yay; motion passes
  - Jeremy Carlin would like to introduce Chris Dark. Mr. Dark works in the IT department at SMUD. He has worked with various organizations as a volunteer and has volunteered to at least look into the idea of moving our membership database into a program where it can be used for both advertising, membership administration, ect. He cannot work for free but will work for a reasonable amount. Once D36 can get a list together of our "needs" then he can provide a formal quote. Katie Pond suggests that Jeremy Carlin and Cat Swenston be the contact to communicate the needs of the District.
    - Cat Swenston asked for permission to share the District 36 database with Mr. Dark. Jeremy Carlin motions that Cat be allowed to share the database, as needed, with Chris Dark.
      - 7 yay, 1 no; motion passes.

- o Katie Pond brought up biological males racing in women classes. This was brought to Katie's attention by a member so she wanted to bring it up to the BOD. There was some back and forth discussion.
  - Section 2.1(A), #7 within AMA states: Standard meets are open to all qualified AMA members in good standing. Age and gender will be determined by the original birth certificate. A person whose gender identity does not match their original birth certificate should contact the AMA for eligibility.
  - Jeremy Carlin suggests addressing this issue when it arises in District 36.
- Good of the Body
  - o Katie Pond would like to thank Al Fitch, Jerry Fouts and Rachel Douglas for the time spent as Board of Directors.
- Executive Session
  - o Jeremy Carlin motions for an Executive Session regarding the Hutzler award for 2022.
    - 8 yay; executive session to follow.
- Motion to adjourn by Katie Pond; meeting adjourned @ 9:25pm



## Amador District 36 LAO Activities Report

Oct. 19 to Nov. 16, 2022

### 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,

**SOMBER NOTE FROM THE LAO LOBBYIST, TERRY MCHALE, REGARDING 2023** - Important to note a new Legislature in place with the highest turnover of the modern era. It is not an exaggeration to say the future of outdoor recreation (including OHV) is at stake – such as ongoing efforts to ban generators, diesel engines and propane for those who want to explore the outdoors ....

**NEW COMPETITION PERMIT PROGRAM** - The LAO continues to work with Parks and other competition stakeholders including former racers and shop owner, Ted Cabral, to review options for a non-legislative administrative solution that could include an online in-house registration/permit program at Parks for 2022 model year and newer Competition motorcycles. This would be similar to the OSV and OUT OF STATE online permit program. Watch for updates.

LINK TO STATE PERMITS -

<https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/Permit%20Mail%20Order%20Form%202022-2023.pdf>



South Entrance to Walker Ridge

**PROTECTING WALKER RIDGE RIDING AREA FROM WIND PROJECT** - The D36 LAO continues to work with our conservation and tribal partners to put an end to the 20+ years effort by both Dem and GOP administrations to site a 4K acre wind energy project over the existing road and trail network along Walker Ridge near Indian Valley Reservoir. The strategy is to have that 4K acre plot added into the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. It is important to note that the Knoxville OHV Area and portions of the Upper Lake and Stonyford Ranger Districts are in the Monument and contain many OHV routes used for competition and casual use and those uses are protected in the Monument designation.

Thanks to the hard work of the LAO and other OHV leaders working with conservation groups about 10 years ago, the Monument was designated in 2015 with strong protections for existing and new OHV recreation including competition events and casual use.

Those OHV protections will be extended to the Walker Ridge area when it is added to the existing Monument. Having the additional land protected from energy development will also help the LAO and others finish the Monument OHV Travel Plan that has been put on hold until the energy issue is settled.



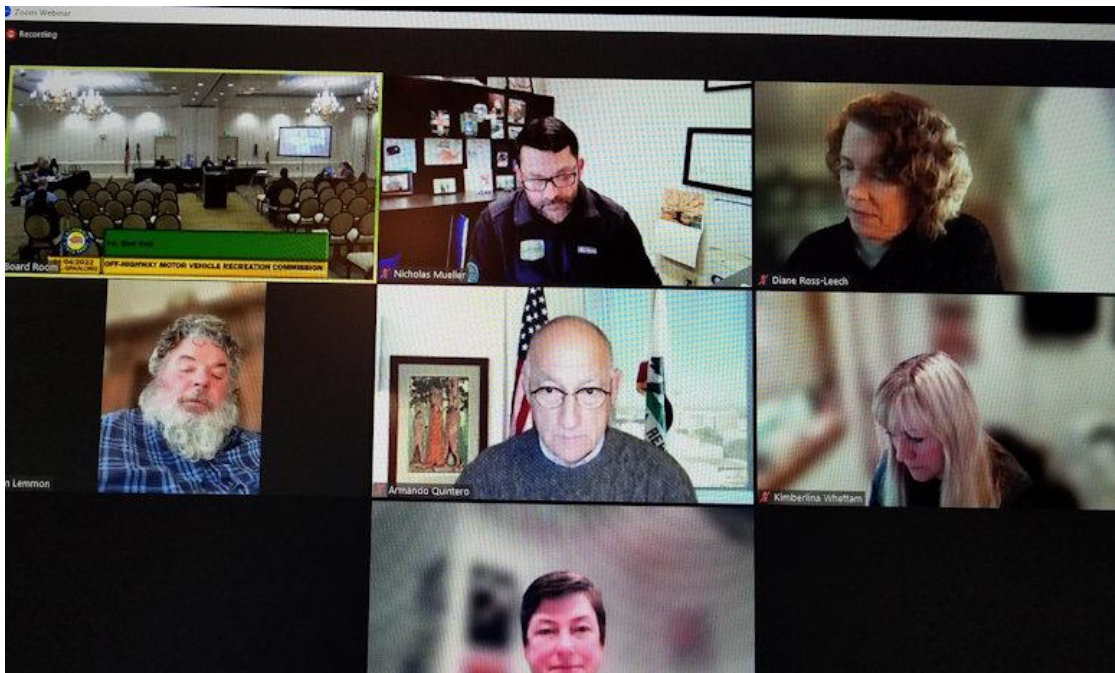
FS LE at Tech Station for 2022 Jackhammer

**MENDOCINO ALLOWS 2022+ COMPETITION MODELS TO COMPETE AT EVENTS** – The LAO attended and helped man the Tech Station at the 2022 Jackhammer Enduro to ensure the Mendocino stuck to their agreement to allow 2022+ Competition motorcycles to compete at our fall events. The LAO wants to thank the clubs and riders who kept their end of the agreement to not practice ride and only use said bikes during the event.

Again, the Forest will continue do post-event reviews to see if there was compliance with the no practice requirement. Non-compliance may impact this allowance at future events in 2023.

The LAO commends the Forest for working with the clubs by honoring the OHMVR Division guidelines that allow competition bikes to compete in competition events that shows consistency between jurisdictions in order to be fair to the riders and clubs.





OHMVR Commission Meeting and Workshop – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING AND WORKSHOP** - The LAO attended the OHV Acquisition and Real Property Workshop where Parks presented the acquisition process for siting a new SRVA per SB 155.

In September 2021, Senate Bill 155 amended Public Resources Code Section 5090.42. It transferred \$29,800,000 from the General Fund to the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund to be used for the acquisition and development of properties to expand OHV recreation and where quality recreation opportunities for OHVs may be provided. This was part of a resolution to the 20+ year battle to open the Tesla property to OHV where anti-OHV forces prevailed in stopping expansion of OHV use on said property.

During public comment, the LAO stressed the import of having support from local government agencies and environmental groups so OHV does not waste time and money fighting for a site where there is no political support.

As you know, since January 2022, the LAO has facilitated field trips between CA State Parks and real estate professionals in the following counties, Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Shasta, and Siskiyou on to review potential sites for a new SVRA – or a hybrid state/fed riding area - that would host both permitted events and casual use. One of the ranches has been submitted to the Parks Property Team for review. The search continues...

**STATUS OF OHV TRUST FUND** -After ongoing efforts by the LAO Program to get an accurate account of the OHV Trust Fund, it appears our concerns – were well founded - about the deficit spending by the OHV Division and Parks - to subsidize activities that DO NOT benefit OHV recreation – has drawn down the \$190M dollars that was in the TF to approximately \$36M dollars.

The LAO Program remains concerned about the fiscal health of the OHV Trust Fund and is reviewing options and action items to ensure the TF and our OHV Program remains viable.



**NEW FOREST SUPERVISOR ON MENDO** – Wade McMaster began his role as the permanent Forest Supervisor on the Mendocino National Forest on Monday, November 7.

McMaster has been with the Forest Service for over 12 years and grew up in Northern California near Shasta-Trinity and Klamath National Forests.

McMaster comes to the Mendocino National Forest from the Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest, where he served for four years as District Ranger for the Gold Beach Ranger District. He has also recently completed a 120-day detail as Acting Forest Supervisor on the Shoshone National Forest.

Prior to his role as District Ranger, McMaster was the Tribal Relations Program Manager for Region 5, where he worked with leadership to develop, maintain and nurture relationships with over 150 California tribes. McMaster also worked as a Tribal Liaison for the Plumas, Lassen and Modoc National Forests. “I’m delighted that Wade is returning to work with us here in the Pacific Southwest Region,” said Regional Forester Jennifer Eberlien.

McMaster is a member of the Wintu Tribe of Northern California and served 13 years as Chairman. He continues to serve on the Tribal Council as Vice Chairman.

The LAO has sent a welcome to Wade and has been in comms with him about the import of OHV recreation and substantive relationship the Mendo has with D36 clubs and riders. The LAO is working with Wade on getting an in-person meeting in the near future.

**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.



BLM Knoxville OHV Area

**NEW BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT MANAGER INSTALLED** - On Nov. 7, Melissa Hovey was appointed as the new Monument Manager. The LAO has been in contact with her and is planning to meet with her after Thanksgiving to update her on OHV recreation and the import of getting the Monument OHV Travel Planning process restarted.

**ROGUE/ILLEGAL SxS USE AT OHV AREAS** – The LAO 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. The Parks LE Strike Team and federal LE partners have performed a number of targeted enforcement projects and have made arrests and confiscated weapons.

This remains one of the LAO's top priorities in 2022 and beyond.

**REOPENING CLEAR CREEK** - The LAO is waiting to meet with the new Field Manager once that public announcement has been made to review updates on an administrative process to reopen CC to OHV use.

**STREAMLINING THE SVRA EVENT PERMITTING PROCESS** - The LAO continues its work with Parks to stress the important of streamlining the competition event process and to make the process consistent throughout the SVRA system. The LAO is optimistic that Parks will accomplish this important task.

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