

Vancouver Island Motocross Association
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
March 8, 2012



Attendance

In Attendance: Paul Wilkinson, Jeff Stites, Dave Barnes, Jay Pugh, Matt Muenzler, Jim Muir

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Meeting is called to order at 7:00pm

Review Agenda

Topics covered at this meeting:

- Welcome and Call Meeting to Order
- Attendance
- Review Agenda
- Review and Approve Previous Minutes
- VIMX Treasurer
- VIMX Schedule Review
- Island Series Format and Rules
- Rider Move-up Review
- 2012 Goals, Objectives and Priorities
- Island Level Promotions and Growth
- Island Level Sponsors
- Nationals and Nationals Committee
- 2012 Meeting Schedule
- Confirm Next Meeting

Review and Approve Previous Minutes

- January Minutes approved

General Items

- Motion that Jim is temporary Treasurer. Dave, Matt second....motion passed.
- We need a permanent treasurer. Action Dave will post for job on website and ask each club to solicit from their membership.

Schedule Review

- Quick review of schedule, Westshore and Port McNeill pull out and reasons. Jeff Stites brought up to date on efforts we made to include Victoria and PM on schedule.
- Also review for Jeff Stites on CMRC regulations and Westshore's desire not to be involved with VIMX.
- No changes required for schedule.
- In regards to dates conflicting with Westshore reasons were reexamined. April 29th was chosen to avoid conflict with Seattle Supercross. Sept 30th and Oct 14th were selected due to lack of dates and a desire to avoid long weekends.
- We were also limited due to our decision to honour racers desire to not have double headers.(more race weekends)

Island series format and rules.

- Dave putting together VIMX handbook.
- handbook to stipulate that VIMX sets formats and rules outside/beyond jurisdiction of CMRC, rules can be changed each year.
- Dave runs through handbook.
- Decided to propose to tracks that racers don't pay gate fee to enter grounds. Adults 10\$, 612 5\$, <6 free.
- Camping fees members and associates members free, nonmembers \$10 per night to be proposed to clubs.
- Propose \$25 per rider for practice day.
- Race fees 30 prim, 25 secondary, paybacks 30, as is...
- Payback amounts as is.
- Class structure:
 - Youth/plus 25 merged.
 - School boy at ANQ.
 - Propose to add ATV class, add +50...officially require 5 people to run class except at ANQ.
- To shorten day:
 - Ladies must have min 5 to run separate class (note isn't this the case for all classes?).
 - Combine vets, GP Pro/Int.
 - Max 1/2 hour lunch (tracks to organize vendors for flaggers).
 - Riders meeting on time.
 - Shorten practice join 65/85, beginners/ladies, all vets and +classes, shorten 50 class practice .
- Race order...bottom 3 to top (as is).
- 50's normal in cycle.
- Pre- sign up 78 sat night, gates open at 6:30am, race day sign up 7:45am, riders meeting 8am sharp, practice 8:30am.
- Goal to race by 9:30am.
- Must have referee. Refs available: Myrna Hansen, Richard Wilson, Scott Haylett, Maurice Vanderbash, Andy Barry. Tracks arrange their own ref.

- Must have dedicated safety crew.
- All points count, no dropped races.
- “Must be member of a club” rule remains...to collect trophy! Points are scored and tabulated.
- Tracks will honour associate memberships from any recognized track.
- Payback rules as is...based on results.
- Trophy only to 123.
- All clubs should have AGM by Nov. 15th, and should select VIMX reps at AGM or very soon after.
- VIMX AGM must be held by Nov 31st or earlier.

Move ups

- Check move up rules with CMRC...Esp. beginner, can/should they move up during season? Can move up points required be adjusted?
- Decided that Beginner will not be awarded Championship, and no trophies at events. This is being done to provide incentive to Beginners to move up to Junior. Beginner should only be used for riders too inexperienced or timid to race Jr.
- Jim will notify all move ups and options ASAP.

Goals and Objectives

- Do assessment at end of season.
- Addressed fall series problems...attempted with shorter club series.
- Get more young riders...school programs posters and tickets (free passes), parades, clubs to get in local events, VIMX to hit Victoria, try to use more social media Dave and Jim.
- Event lists and calendars clubs to approach locally, ride demo days...go to next level.
- Matt motions that VIMX supports Jim's blog with Level 2 advertisement, Paul seconds. Motion passed...Jim will do poster as part of the deal.
- VIMX okay to absorb printing costs. Dave proposes VIMX banner. Looking to find connection...Dave and Jim will use social media to help find someone to do banner.
- VIMX should create and publish a Wish list.
- VIMX should have information booth at all races, especially Nationals.
- VIMX t-shirts could/should be printed to sell at booth. Possibly merge with Seahorse booth to make easier to attend for both.
- VIMX “All Club” track membership proposed by Dave. Saves money, makes money! no camping, entry fees. Split all proceeds evenly. Jim suggests this may be more difficult to make fair than it seems since some.
- Clubs have 300+ members and other apparently have 10! Will proceed with working on idea for next year.
- First time free first event at each track, tracks must pay AD&D for rider which is about 30\$, and mail forms to CMRC first thing Monday.
- Media coverage Jim will submit media releases for races, look into TV coverage, costs?
- Island level sponsors; we're late in the game.
- Try to avoid double-hitting local “club sponsors”.

- Distributers, manufactures...Dave will send out list of potential sponsors outside industry sponsors...bmx, ski shops other extreme sports.
- Big franchises...Canadian Tire, Lordco, Tim Horton's etc.
- Possibly hire promotions manager...paid on commission. Dave will look into.
- Nationals Committee Dave will send out list of roles and responsibilities, will try to find other "new" members to work on it to avoid overload.

Next Meetings

Meetings will be held last Wednesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned