

Vancouver Island Motocross Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2012



## Attendance

**In Attendance:** Dave Barnes, Myrna Hansen, Paul Hansen Matt Muenzler, Jim Muir, Donna Meyland, Paul Wilkinson, Mark Ellis (by Skype) and Stuart Abernethy (by Skype)

## Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Meeting is called to order at 7:34pm

## Review Agenda

Topics to be covered at this meeting:

- Welcome and Call Meeting to Order
- Attendance
- Review Agenda
- Review and Approve Previous Minutes
- Goals, Objectives and Priorities
- Proposed BC Oldtimers Races
- Proposed North/South Series
- Promotions and Growth
- Sponsors
- Island Series Format and Schedule
- BC Provincials
- Nationals and Nationals Committee
- 2012 Meeting Schedule
- Meeting Adjourned

## Review and Approve Previous Minutes

- January Minutes approved
- Minutes of previous meeting was distributed. Will be reviewed by all at home and approved via email.

## Goals, Objectives and Priorities

- Ideas/Suggestions:
  - Get more riders, especially young riders new to the sport
  - Perhaps a 3 year plan for VIMX rather than revisiting each year

- Address declining interest in the Fall Series
- Keep the existing pool of riders we have
- Affordable races
- Pulling in Pro and Alumni riders back into the sport
- Promotions
  - Sponsors for Pro Classes and or the 50 cc classes
  - School Program promotions and Community Event participation
  - Tracks having Learn to Ride programs
  - Island Wide Open Houses
  - Brochures to give to members of tracks who typically don't race
  - Promote first race free scenario

## BC Oldtimers Races

- CMRC has no problem allowing tracks to have BCOT races as long as they are not insured by CMA.

## North South Series

- If tracks are "private" they are not allowed to hold CMRC sanctioned events. However CMRC are making an exception this year. They can hold a CMRC Island Series Race but will need to purchase CMRC insurance for the day. Port McNeill understands this and still wants to have a CMRC race as well as a North South Series. On the CMRC race days M. Ellis confirms that he would still be paying the rider tax to VIMX. Victoria would be expected to do the same thing.
- Discussion regarding voting rights on VIMX by private tracks. Private tracks are not currently allowed to vote on the VIMX Board as they are not "members". Victoria and Port McNeill would still be allowed to come to the meetings and contribute ideas. They would just not be allowed to vote.

## Race Format

- J. Muir presented the results of the pole this morning regarding having one whole series, throw away races, double headers versus single races, club races etc. Much discussion ensued. People are reporting they are not happy with double headers because they work on Saturday and find the long weekends exhausting. As well, the tracks are really struggling and often losing money having double-headers and losing practice day revenue. Having a practice day really helps keeps the clubs sustainable. A minority of those polled do enjoy double headers. Some wanted one series, rather than two, but the vast majority seem to like the two series format. Some want to keep it the same with a Spring and Fall Series. A discussion ensued as to how to build and maintain more interest in the fall races? It was decided to try and keep the fall series shorter and more affordable. It was dubbed the 'Club Series'. Jim will look into holding this series as an 'inter-club' series under a CMRC 'Club' license. There is difficulty with the schedule due to so many weekends already being taken up by other series. With the weather being an issue it is almost impossible not to conflict once in a while.
- A schedule was drafted for the Main Vancouver Island Series including Victoria and Port McNeill that was agreeable to all parties. The representatives are to give the draft to their clubs for approval. The schedule begins earlier and runs later than the board would like, but this is necessary in order to avoid conflicts with other series'.

## Next Meetings

Meetings will be held last Wednesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm