

Vancouver Island Motocross Association Other Meetings Held in 2011



This document provides some details about other VIMX, CMRC, Nationals Working Group and Banquet planning meetings that were held during the year.

Saturday, January 15th – VIMX Meeting

Minutes are available but the following was also provided by email to the VIMX Executive..

A few follow-up items from our meeting...

1. Thanks to everyone that came out to the meeting on Saturday. It was long and a little rough at times, but we did get through most of what we needed to accomplish. I will do my best to keep things shorter, more on track and more positive/constructive at future meetings.
2. Thanks **very much** to last year's VIMX Executive for your commitment and hard work getting VIMX off the ground! There were many accomplishments that we should all be proud of including:
 - Organizing VIMX into a manageable structure that represents all the clubs/tracks
 - Establishing VIMX as a BC non-profit society
 - Creating a clear mission statement
 - Established a VIMX website at www.vimx.ca
 - Establishing standards and practices for Island Series racing
 - Provided common administrative support where needed to clubs
 - Agreement with CMRC to be the Island CMRC governing body
 - Establishing a VIMX Rider Fund and helping out Ross and Brandon with it initially
 - Organizing one of the best Island year end banquets in several years
 - 3 Year agreement with CMRC for the return of the Nationals to the Island
3. Myrna will be sending out the draft Spring and Fall Island Schedule that we came up with shortly. Please review and run it by your club Executive and get back to her with any changes or suggestions by **this weekend**. We need to communicate at least a tentative schedule very soon.
4. Attached is an updated PDF version of the Nationals Activity Planning worksheet. Hopefully I got who "volunteered" to do what correct – if not please let me know. Also please let me know of other people in each of your clubs that would be willing to help out in any of the areas identified. We are still missing someone to be responsible for **Pit and Camping Coordination** and **Beer Gardens Coordination** activities.
5. Also attached is an updated PDF version of the Nationals Budget Planning worksheet. We have to get a reasonable estimate as to what our revenue and expenses will be so Elaine can create and track to our budget. Each of you that have an area of responsibility (in brackets) that have revenue and/or expenses associated, please review and provide Elaine updated budget estimates by **the end of January**. Note that the numbers already there are just a starting point, with some based on previous years. Please revise as required based on your plan to be realistic.
6. As I mentioned earlier by email and at the meeting, VIMX has a meeting with BCMA and CMRC in Abbotsford this Saturday at 11am at the Comfort Inn on 2073 Clearbrook Road (apparently near the Tradex where the M/C show is being held). Topics will include the BC's and working together as the 2 regions in BC. I will be attending, and I understand from Myrna and Jeff that they are also. Is anyone else interested or planning to attend the meeting? We're also planning to meet with manufacturers and

distributors at the M/C show regarding support for VIMX and the Island racing.

We have a lot of work ahead of us this year to manage and grow the sport on the Island, and work with BCMA and CMRC within the Province. This along with our own Island Series, the Nationals event, possibly BCs, and our own individual club events should keep us pretty busy. I look forward to working with you all as colleagues and friends this year.

Saturday, January 22nd – VIMX Meeting with CMRC in Abbotsford

Meeting at the Vancouver Motorcycle show to discuss Nationals planning. In attendance from CMRC was Mark Stallybrass and Brett Lee. In attendance from VIMX was Dave Barnes, Myrna Hansen, Paul Hansen, Jeff Evernden, Kelly Rowlett. There were also informal discussions with Travis Acheson from BCMA. Some meeting notes were captured and posted. Additional details were communicated to the VIMX Executive by Dave Barnes by email as follows:

An update on our meetings with BCMA and CMRC in Abbotsford January 22nd and the latest draft of the Island Schedule...

VIMX/BCMA/CMRC Meeting

In attendance: Mark Stallybrass, Brett Lee, Travis Acheson, Jeanine Acheson, Dave Barnes, Myrna Hansen, Jeff Evernden, Kelly Rowlett

The main topic was BC provincials. BCMA again confirmed that they weren't interested in a Provincial series this year and were focusing on a new BCMA Mainland Championship race planned for Sept. 3-5 long weekend. CMRC (Mark and Brett) suggested having a 2 race BCs to be held during the Amateur Day races in Kamloops and Nanaimo. This was discussed and accepted by everyone. Since the meeting BCMA discussed it further and decided that they still aren't interested due to the same issues from the past: travel expense limiting riders from doing both races and their feeling that there's a general lack of commitment by riders for the BCs. We're still talking to CMRC and BCMA about other potential options.

BCMA also requested that we get the word out about their BCMA Championship race on the September long weekend and that we avoid having any conflicting race events on that weekend. We have to decide whether we want to be good BC CMRC MX citizens and block out that weekend which is booked for Port McNeill on our draft schedule. BCMA would like to have Island riders attending and are working on some possible ideas for encouraging people to make the trip. They have some interesting promotional ideas including:

- Club challenge – same jerseys, stickers etc.... For example register as VI club
- Vintage race and display
- Major prizes: bike raffle, bike upgrades, gear, entry fees

In addition to sponsoring the National series, CMRC is negotiating with Monster Energy to support the regional series racing across the country. If this goes, it could mean cash and some prizes to VIMX for promoting and advertising Monster Energy – title sponsor, banners, drink giveaways, etc. This will be confirmed shortly.

Apparently Mission is still pending CMA/CMRC decision with approx. 75% of their executive favoring CMRC. Their AGM is on February 9th.

We all agreed that we would like to see a National Ride for the Cure event day established and supported by CMRC.

VIMX/CMRC Meeting

In attendance: Mark Stallybrass, Brett Lee, Dave Barnes, Myrna Hansen, Jeff Evernden, Kelly Rowlett (Jeff and Kelly had to leave before the end of the meeting)

The main topic was the Nationals. Discussions included...

- Mark is still working on coordinating CSPAN for rig and large RV transport. VIMX will work with BC Ferries to try and negotiate some sort of fare reduction for everyone else.

- Talked about some of the facility requirements and Mark/Brett will hook our site/track and watering coordinators with their race coordinator guy. His information has already been requested through email. Generally track prepared, solid watering system, parking level, clean, visually appealing, no bushes, no garbage, grassy areas
- The factory pit area may need to be fenced (SPI to pay for) with admission by donation of a recyclable bottle etc.
- They liked having a Beautification Committee responsible for making sure the place was clean and visually appealing.
- We should have a Welcoming Committee for the race teams that includes everything they need to know about the facility and Nanaimo including laundry, movies, stores, gas, bike shops, etc. Some or all of this information can be provided to Mark/Brett in advance, at the Kamloops National race and/or at the gate upon arrival.
- We should consider organizing a Meet and Greet on Friday evening for race teams, sponsors, industry people, volunteers. Maybe at the pub near the track.
- Make sure the entrance to the site is doable for large rigs to get into. Apparently this was a problem in the past.
- They liked the idea of having some other fun activities during the event weekend but suggested not too much during the race day. Friday and Saturday evenings are good. They suggested that bingo has gone over well at some events.

Island Schedule

Here is the slightly revised version of the Island Schedule from the last meeting. Campbell River confirmed that they can do a double-header on April 23/24 and would also like to do a double-header on the October 8/9. Victoria can do a double header on October 22/23 or just a single race on the Saturday followed by a possible Year End Banquet on Saturday evening with no race on Sunday.

We need to talk about and decide whether to block out the September 3-5 weekend currently booked by Port McNeill to accommodate the BCMA race on the Mainland.

Spring Series

8 or 9 rounds depending on optional round during Jun 11 Amateur Day in Nanaimo.

Apr 09
Apr 10
Apr 16 Supercross Seattle
Apr 17
Apr 22 Good Friday
Apr 23 Campbell River (CR confirmed that they can do a double-header this weekend)
Apr 24 Campbell River
Apr 25 Easter Monday
Apr 30 Nanaimo
May 01 Nanaimo
May 07 Supercross Las Vegas
May 08
May 14 Port Alberni Practice Day
May 15 Port Alberni
May 21 Port McNeill
May 22 Port McNeill
May 23 Victoria Day
May 28
May 29
Jun 04 Kamloops Amateur Day, BC Provincial 1
Jun 05 Kamloops National
Jun 11 Nanaimo Amateur Day, BC Provincial 2, Possible Round
Jun 12 Nanaimo National
Jun 18 Calgary Amateur Day, Agassiz Old Timers National
Jun 19 Calgary National & Agassiz Old Timers National
Jun 25
Jun 26 Victoria

Fall Series

9 or 10 rounds depending on early Victoria round and/or Oct 22/23 Banquet or double header/

Aug 14 Victoria (possible round although pretty early given summer vacations)
Aug 27 Nanaimo
Aug 28 Nanaimo
Sep 03 Port McNeill
Sep 04 Port McNeill
Sep 05 Labour Day
Sep 10
Sep 11
Sep 17 Port Alberni Practice Day
Sep 18 Port Alberni
Sep 24
Sep 25
Oct 01 Port Alberni Practice Day
Oct 02 Port Alberni
Oct 08 Campbell River (CR requested to do a double header this weekend)
Oct 09 Campbell River
Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 15
Oct 16 Harescramble in Nanaimo
Oct 22 Victoria (followed by possible Banquet at Bear Mountain)
Oct 23 Victoria (double header if no Banquet on Saturday)
Oct 29
Oct 30 Could be used as a spare date

Please let me know if you have any corrections, comments or suggestions. We will need to confirm at our next meeting.

Saturday, April 3rd – Nationals Working Group Planning Meeting in Nanaimo

The agenda included:

- Understand the requirements
- Confirm a budget
- Discuss the funding sources and amounts
- Confirm the volunteers and responsibility areas
- Complete identification and assignment of preparation and event activities
- Ensure we have a workable plan, people and schedule

Tuesday, May 10th – Nationals Working Group Meeting in Nanaimo

Review of the Nationals plan and budget was conducted.

Sunday, September 11th – Nationals Working Group Planning Meeting in Nanaimo

Members attended in person and phone in by conference call. The agenda included the following:

5pm - 6:30pm:

- SPI Invoice
- Supplier Payments
- Nationals Budget vs. Actual Revenue and Expenses
- Nationals Review (preparation and event) including the following:
 - Planning
 - Equipment

- Watering
- Beer Garden
- Permits
- Site
- Track
- Activities
- Concessions
- Volunteers
- First Aid
- Finances

6:30pm - 7:30pm:

- Fall Series Promotion
- Banquet Planning
- Other VIMX Topics

Notes that were communicated via email to the VIMX Executive included:

Thanks to those of you that made it to the meeting in person or by phone on Sunday. As usual it was a longer meeting than planned, but we managed to get through most of the topics. Myrna will provide more details in upcoming minutes/notes but for those that couldn't make it here's a quick update...

Working Group

- Had a good lessons learned review session highlighting things in each area (site, track, concession, beer gardens, permits, gate, camping, etc.) that went well and things that could be improved upon for next year. Myrna documented these as part of the minutes.
- Reviewed the invoice that will be sent to SPI for payment to VIMX for equipment and other expenses. It was adjusted slightly and Elaine has prepared a revision. I will provide some explanation details that will be provided along with the invoice to be sent to SPI early this week.
- Reviewed the financial statements for the Nationals (preparation and event). There were a couple of adjustments to who pays what between SPI, NMA and VIMX. Elaine will be sending a revised financial statement shortly. There will be an overall loss for the event that will be splits as per the agreement between NMA and VIMX.
- Reviewed the outstanding payables list for suppliers and pending payment from SPI. Stone Pacific and Highway 4 Rentals were already paid by VIMX. There was discussion and concerns about the delays in getting the SPI invoice completed and paying the remaining suppliers. Many delay factors including everyone being burned out after the Nationals, getting all invoices/receipts, figuring out who gets billed what, trouble getting review meetings (4 attempts) scheduled. We agreed that the priority was to pay as many of the suppliers as quickly as possible using available VIMX and NMA funds:
 - VIMX will pay the following suppliers from their existing funds: Parksville Heavy Equipment, Knappett and Mid Island Towing
 - NMA will pay the following suppliers from existing funds: Windley and HaulmorThe other suppliers (a couple of smaller amounts) will be contacted and paid upon VIMX receiving payment from SPI

VIMX (mainly banquet topics given the time)

Discussed having the Banquet either on the Sunday evening after the last race in Campbell River or alternately on Saturday, November 5th in Duncan, Nanaimo or Port Alberni. Elaine was to discuss with CR Exec at their meeting last night. CR preferred not to have it at the end of their busy weekend. Duncan discounted due to relative lack of funding this year (with National expenses) so it looks like Port Alberni will be the location (venue and other details to be determined). Myrna is already working on venue, catering and Spring Series clothing for trophies. Mark S. is looking into Fall series trophies through Victoria Waterjet and other sources.

We are looking for Banquet Committee volunteers, so if you know anyone that would like to help out please let me know.

If anyone has any additional input on lessons learned from the Nationals or feedback on any of the topics, please let me know.

Monday, October 24th – VIMX Banquet Meeting by Skype

Virtual Skype meeting was held to address banquet planning. The agenda included:

1. Date and venue confirmation or alternate plans
2. Spring and fall trophy classes
3. Spring clothing and fall trophies
4. Event advertising, tickets and purchasing
5. Event decoration
6. Event activities
7. Sponsors and prizes