



# Edmonton Motorcycle Roadracing Association

## Executive Members Meeting #8 Minutes

Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: 150 Chippewa Road

### Attendance – Members Elect:

- President – Jon Bullee
- Secretary – Jordy Bobouchie
- Treasurer – Scott Huber
- General Director - Graham Lynch
- General Director – Trevor Patrick
- General Director - Steven O'Brien
- General Director - Grace O'Brien
- General Director - Neil Carlson
- General Director – Shane Fraser

### Attendance - Missing:

- Vice-President - Brian Worsdall
- General Director – Ryan Leslie

### Attendance – Club Members:

- None

### 1. Meeting Commencement

Called to order at: 7:09 p.m.

### 2. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from July 2021 previously approved by email by all Executive effective July 28, 2021

### 3. Executive Commitment

We need to communicate better with each other, especially regarding absences and on race weekends.

### 4. Incomplete Action Item Review

- a) Registration and insurance for Crash Truck needs to still be researched by Jordy.
- b) Written apology to volunteer by Brian not yet completed.

### 5. Round 3 & 4 Review

There was no gate person on Sunday so the club lost out on gate fees. We need to ensure someone is managing gate at all times. Next year we will continue with the All-access Pass.

Supermoto was a success for the 11-12 guys that showed up. We may need to look at getting a grid for these bikes next year as it seems to be an untapped market.

Lots of people were passing on waving yellow flags. They will be DQ'd from races. Yellow flag at one station was not waved consistently. This was discussed with all volunteers and explained the importance of waving flags consistently. Anyone being DQ'd due to this type of incident needs to go talk to Neil as it will affect results of races.

Coaching of novice from Brad has been excellent. He really puts a lot of effort into this role and it is greatly appreciated by the Executive. The review of graduating Novices into Intermediate needs to be reviewed by the Executive as standards for promotion have a minimum set of standards required. Brad will be requested to provide the Executive with notes on the Novice riders after each round (verbally or written).

## **6. Favours, Exceptions, Tower Access and Volunteer Lunches**

People are still entering and hanging out in the hot pits. They are showing up with sign boards for the racers. This needs to stop as we are not at the signage level and it is dangerous for anyone to be in that vicinity. Anyone who is there will be asked to move to the grand stands on the first warning and asked to leave the event if caught again.

No one is to be in the tower during any of the races, with the exception of Brad for the Novice races only.

We need to feed Brad. He is a volunteer. Lunch orders are to be taken by the Executive in charge of the lunch task only (Trevor). Preference is to use Subway or order pizza. We should also be feeding the ambulance workers and the photographers.

If Race Director needs to take a bathroom break during a race event, they need to contact an Executive to take over. The Executive needs to be more responsive on the radio for when assistance calls come out from the Race Director.

## **7. Air Vests**

Although Stratotech is a safer track, people tend to push hard and this led to injuries. We need to find a way to incentivize people to wear air vests. Possible incentives could be a discount on race fees or free races. This will need to be a discussion for the AGM. We are missing several members due to injuries that could have been prevented. Touch base with some of the dealerships/sponsors to ensure they are carrying vests and maybe work with them to promote selling same.

## **8. Superpole**

Racers did not read the rules in regards to the Superpole replacing the last round of practice/qualifying. It was posted incorrectly in the program. People jumped from Group 4 down into 3. We need to watch for this at gate. Superpole is the 10 fastest racers of the day who were registered for one superbike race and the Dash for Cash race. EMRA points are awarded

accordingly. If you run 2 bikes that qualify, you still only get one spot. You must run the bike that gets you in the Superpole. No bending the rules for this for personal gain.

#### **9. Air Fence Repair**

Motorheads TA rented the radios for their event at Strawberry Creek for \$100. They also repaired our Air Fence for \$100 so we will consider that a wash.

#### **10. BBQ**

BBQ was a success. Enjoyed by over 110 people. We will have to look into doing another one for Round 6. Will need possible food permit.

#### **11. Start Lights/Jump Starts**

We had a lot of jump starts at Stratotech during last round. Lights were hard to see due to sun and the timing of lights going on/off. We had a new volunteer running light for each day.

#### **12. Good Guy Award**

Brian would like to nominate a couple of people for the Leo Johnston Award and for the Spirit Award. We can discuss nominees more closer to the end of season.

#### **13. Supermoto Ramps**

We will have to wait and see what the club finances are like before we commit to purchasing ramps.

#### **14. Endurance Race**

We will currently still run the Endurance Race at Stratotech notwithstanding the current Stop Work Order. Stratotech currently has an appeal to be heard on August 18 for this. We will have to wait and see what the County decides.

#### **15. Stratotech Access and Cats**

Any access to the building at Stratotech on the east side is not permitted. We have the west end of the building on rent only. Any doors that we open, must be closed. One of the owner's cats went missing, but was eventually found in the warehouse. We do not want to be responsible for a missing pet.

#### **16. Air Fence Blocks & Flags**

It is mandatory that one air fence block is placed in each corner station where workers are present as they need protection from possible off-track bikes, crashes, etc. We will need to increase the number of air fence for moving to accommodate this.

Need to increase more side impact blocks in Turn 7 (Strato). The max capacity for air fence in the moving trailers is 48 blocks. We will have to leave the bins out and use the crash truck for transportation of same to make room for more blocks.

Corrine Powell has made us our Meatball Flag. We should look at getting a second set of flags, flag holders and corner station bins so we don't have to transport bins back and forth from each track. This can be an off-season project.

### **17. Air Fence Rental Request**

We have 2 requests for air fence rental for September 18 – Motorheads for Strawberry Creek event and HardNox for September 18 and 19 at Castrol. Pending the Stop Work Order from the County, the air fence may not be at Castrol during this time as it will have been moved to Stratotech for the Endurance Race. Any rental of air fence is the entire cost regardless of renting 1 block or 50 blocks of air fence. A deposit and new contract are required as this is not a part of the original contracts. We need to deal with these requests on a first-come, first-served basis to be fair. Any moving of air fence is completely the responsibility of the renting party. Any rental for this date must be completed in a timely manner or the rental moves on to the next request.

### **18. Air Fence Contract**

We will need to modify our Air Fence Contract for cancellation of contract on EMRA's part to prevent track attack companies from monopolizing on air fence rental for next year. We can change the deposit to be non-refundable or can increase deposit. We will require requested dates in advance from potential renters and then co-ordinate the schedule with EMRA availability. Not all dates would be guaranteed and all rentals would be at the discretion of the EMRA Executive in its entirety.

Air Fence rental rates may also need to be increased as a lot of work goes into the moving of same. The contract needs to be revamped for next year.

### **19. Additional Items**

- a) Is there a possibility that we can use volunteer vouchers at Strawberry Creek. We can increase the value of the vouchers to accommodate for the increased cost of racing at Strawberry Creek. Can be discussed at a future date.
- b) Castrol has an event that they have requested our assistance/air fence for June 2022. No details have been provided other than it will be a "bike event". Will need more information on that before we commit.
- c) Look into only having 6 Race Rounds next year. Co-ordinating the schedule to have 3 races at Castrol (Round 2/3 and 4) and Stratotech (Race School (May) and Round 1 and 5/6). The moving of air fence would have to be planned carefully so we are not doing extra moves as it is exhausting the Executive and with the lack of assistance by Club Members, it has become cumbersome. We also need to plan the end of season so we can store the air fence at either

Stratotech (in a heated indoor facility where repairs can be done at leisure) or in the trailers at Castrol.

**20. Next Meeting**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

**21. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at: 9:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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**Jordy Bobouchie, Secretary**