



# Edmonton Motorcycle Roadracing Association

## Executive Members Meeting Minutes #7

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: 5711 – 103a Street

### Attendance – Executive Members:

- President – Jon Bullee
- Vice-President – Brian Worsdall
- Secretary – Jordanna Bobowsky
- Registrar – Grace O'Brien
- Treasurer – Corinne Powell
- General Director – Rod Naranjo
- General Director - Norbert Dworzynski
- General Director – Linda Moebes
- General Director – Joe Preston
- General Director – Scott Kammer
- General Director – Cory Raketti

### Attendance – Club Members: Steven O'Brien

#### 1. Meeting Commencement

Called to order at: 7:11 p.m.

#### 2. Incomplete Action Items

- a) **Crash Truck:** Truck is currently running and air conditioning is working. Still need to take same to shop for mechanical look-over and repairs.
- b) **Research Banquet Venue:** Completed.
- c) **Talk to Racer regarding exiting track at gate:** Completed.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$129,000 in the bank. We made an approximate profit of \$12,000 from Race Rounds 3 & 4, equipment rentals and gate fees. However, a few additional deductions still need to be made for expenses.

#### 4. Registrar's Report

Rounds 3 & 4 saw 84 participants. We currently have 24 racers registered for Round 5 and 11 people for the Friday Night Track Attack. The registration of transponders in our system has become convoluted. Some racers are registering with the wrong transponder number, duplicates are showing up and racers who purchased a new transponder did not have clean title to transponder number (aka the previous owner did not cancel their transponder number in MSR AND Speedhive/MyLaps).

#### 5. Round 3 & 4 Recap/Feedback

Other than having a tent in Corner 8 breaking, the round was good except the crashes. We were a little short on volunteers but was nice to see racers stepping up. Linda got us back on schedule due to delay in crashes. Rider's Representatives reported that they had a steady stream of riders reporting jump starts. We need to use our best judgment in reporting same to Race Control and we need to support any officiates' decisions. Having a camera is best for evidence review, but we need to be aware that we are club racing and not MotoGP.

## 6. Rider Disputes and Approaching Volunteers

If anyone has a complaint, they need go to the Riders Representative. **DO NOT** go to tower. Tower is off-limits and do not need to be disturbed during race rounds.

## 7. Rider Representative's Responsibility

It has been reported that when complaints are given to Riders Representatives, that they are not being dealt with properly. One racer has alleged that they were told by a Rider Representative that they were over-exaggerating when they were reporting contact of bikes during a race. It was discussed and recommended that the rider go see another Rider Representative for a second reporting. Complaints of "almost" contact are open to interpretation and need to be dealt with carefully. However, the Rider Representative is supposed to be a "safe space", so if there are numerous complaints against a single rider, further investigation would be required (aka where there is smoke, there is fire) as there may be a pattern. Again, video of incidents would help with determining whether a racer is dangerous. It would be helpful if Rider Representatives started to log complaints in a notebook and at the end of each day, can meet and discuss the day's events with other Rider Representatives and an executive member. This will ensure that any duplicate complaints from separate riders on a particular rider is captured.

## 8. Crashes/Incidents

- a) **Rider contact during races:** Discussed the major incident during Round 4 which caused one rider to be transported to hospital. Investigation by executive to follow. At-fault racer will be issued a verbal warning.
- b) **Concussions:** Discussions with the Ambulance Crew ensued about potentially issuing a baseline test to racers for concussions. It was agreed that this would be hard to enforce. Any racer who is determined to have a potential concussion or is not cleared by the Dees, are required to go seek professional medical attention. We would like to have a doctor's note advising clearance to be able to race. The Ambulance Crew is usually pretty good at following up with riders the next day and can reassess ability to race.
- c) **Helmet Sizing & Technical Check:** The Ambulance Crew brought the issue of riders wearing helmets that do not fit properly. For the next round, there will be a technical inspection on helmets by executive and racers will be asked to show us their helmet and demonstrate proper fit. If the majority of racers are found to have ill-fitting helmets, it will be voted on at next executive meeting that we implement a helmet inspection and helmet sticker to start enforcing good helmet fit.
- d) **Medical Data Carrier ("MDC") Information:** It has been found that racers are not doing a good job at filling out information and taking the requirements of the information contained in the MDC seriously. At next rider's meeting, it will be stressed how important that information is and if they are unsure of their information, they can come see Jordy during Practice Day of Round 5 and get a new one for free. We will ask that racer's take the time to complete the MDC as much as possible.

## 9. Preparations for Round 5 & Friday Night Track Attack

We are going to see if we can use the go-kart ramps for our supermoto event. It was noted that people were looking forward to the jumps. Track set-up is scheduled for Thursday night. Need to find a Gate person for Sunday.

## 10. Timing System

- a) **People:** Dan from Motorsports Timing is available to learn our system. Rod has invited both Dan and Steven Ma out for Round 5. Both will get paid for the club having 2 people being able to run the system; however, this is necessary as we require a back-up person.
- b) **Equipment:** The cable at Stratotech was replaced as there were issues last round.
- c) **Light:** Discussion ensued regarding extending the timing cable and moving the light switch to Tower. It was suggested that Race Control can control the on/off light, which would free up a grid volunteer to help with seeing jump starts. There would have to be a longer cable at Rad. It was further suggested to put in a hard-wired GoPro to the timing light (which would be completed during off-season). A further suggestion of making an additional timing light was made so that the club can have a timing light at each track.

## 11. Lap Times & Combined Classes

Discussion regarding the lap times and combined grids took place to ensure that this was not the cause of crashes. There was a concern that slower racers might cause a problem during races. However, the slower racers or the lap times contemplates too many different factors to consider (like cc of bike, race lines, and the faster racer learning how to pass and the slower racer learning how to get passed). Taking slower racers and placing them back into a slot where lap time is considered is not where the fix should be.

## 12. BBQ

We will be holding a BBQ on Saturday, August 12, 2023. It was discussed that the BBQ for the last round will be a little bit more costly as the executive would like to take it up a notch to say thank you to all for another anticipated successful season!

## 13. Air Fence Transportation Costs

A representative of Motorheads Track Attacks requested clarification on who pays for transportation of the air fence and if there will be another invoice to be issued prior to the end of the year. It was brought to the attention of the Executive that Motorheads Track Attacks would like to revise the rental contract for the 2024 year.

**14. Volunteer Incentives and Free Memberships**

The Executive Volunteer Coordinator is having a hard time getting volunteers and does not feel like sending the current list of volunteers excessive emails. It was suggested that the incentive to volunteer be increased. Ideas were suggested and voted on.

**MOTION:** Increase vouchers for a Saturday day and Sunday day to two vouchers per volunteer instead of one.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

**15. Expenses**

It was previously discussed that Executive need pre-approval for expenses over \$200. Spending for 2023 has been generally good, but going forward we need to be more descriptive in what we are buying for accounting clarity.

**16. Superpole Watch**

Superpole was sponsored at \$500, with \$250 of the funds to go towards the watch and the remainder to the club.

**MOTION:** If the winner of Superpole has decided that they wish to purchase a more expensive watch than the amount sponsored, the racer will be responsible for the difference in cost.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

**17. Additional Items/Open Discussion**

No additional discussion items.

**18. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.



Jordanna "Jordy" Bobowsky, Secretary

#	Action Items	Who
1	Make an announcement at Riders Meeting for: a. to ensure racers have registered with the proper transponder number; b. advising no one is to approach tower for disputes and that any complaints need to go to a Riders Representative c. Medical Data Carriers – Get a new one and fill it out properly with as much information as possible	Jon
2	Make a Facebook post regarding proper way to transfer a transponder if buying used or how to register same properly	Norbert
3	To talk to Riders Representative on procedures. Possibly ask for log notes or after round meetings to transpire to ensure reporting accuracy	Jon/Brian
4	Major Crash Investigation: The three riders involved will be on Supermotos: Steve Begg; Todd Smart (passed Dawne first) and Jon Brown. Chat required with Steve Begg about incident and give him a verbal warning.	Jon/Brian
5	Go around pits for helmet inspection	Brian/Exec
6	Build/repair Corner Tents from broken tents	Any Executive
7	Order more floor-dry	Jon
8	Need to find a gate person for Sunday	Any Executive

#	Tabled Items	
1	Review and finalize Corporate Bylaws	Tabled to Fall/Off-season
2	Review and finalize Policy and Procedure Manual	Tabled to Fall/Off-season
3	Stratotech Season Opener Participation	2024 Executives
4	Review race fees	2024 Executives
5	Review Air Fence Contract with Motorheads Track Attacks	2024 Executives