



Edmonton Motorcycle Roadracing Association 2024 Executive Members Meeting Minutes #7

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

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 – Joe Preston
- General Director – Rodrigo Naranjo
- General Director – Scott Kammer
- General Director – Dawne-Marie Jewett
- General Director – Norbert Dworzynski
- General Director – Linda Moebes

Member Attendance: Steven O'Brien

1. Meeting Commencement

Called to order at: 7:14 p.m.

2. Incomplete Action Items

- a. PA System – Motorheads will leave us the PA System after their event. EMRA to return same to Long & McQuad.
- b. Still keeping eyes out for topper for crash truck.

3. Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$132,800 in the bank. Visa issues still need to be rectified. The Downed Riders Fund by Shae Knapik has gone towards the ambulance for all riders to share in a credit. We still have invoices to be issued for equipment rental.

4. Registrar's Report

We currently have 175 members, with 119 race licenses sold. We had 84 racers for Round 1. Expecting 1 WMRC racer to register for next round.

5. CSBK Review

The EMRA's help was greatly appreciated during the event, with the gathering of volunteers and helping out wherever it was needed. CSBK would like to see more intermediate people participate next year and the Executive agreed that maybe we can put out an FAQ before the next time CSBK comes around to help people out with navigating participation.

6. CSBK Likes

Discussion ensued regarding how CSBK runs their races and suggestions were made on how the EMRA could adopt same. Suggestions of:

- a. Allowing time for practice race starts; and
- b. allowing the winner of the race to run the checkered flag in front of the grand stands for a victory lap.

Due to the schedule of the EMRA and the number of races during rounds, there is very limited time to add in "extras" at this point in time. However, practice race starts can be something to look at during one practice/qualifying session before a race round (at Stratotech Park specifically).

7. Crash Trailer

The crash trailer is in need of some repairs or potential replacement if repairs are not worth it.

8. Swag

Dawne-Marie sold approximately \$700 worth of swag. We need to order hats. Recommended to use same vendor as Motorheads Track Attacks.

9. Volunteer Supplies (See Schedule "A")

Linda presented numerous recommendations regarding race day supplies and how to minimize moving and storage. Discussion ensued regarding same. Will implement some recommendations next round to see how it fairs.

10. Air Fence Volunteering 5+ Times

Both Rory Gable and Rory Michalowski have volunteered above-and-beyond what is expected from racer volunteers. Executive agreed to give them both a free track day as a big thank you! It has been discussed that we need to start leaning more on the racers to help out with the air fence/track setup and tear down and that no one should be setting up a pit until the track is set up.

11. Air Horn (CSBK Set Up)

It was suggested that we purchase a train horn like CSBK had, with a remote that was set up in the grandstands. The train horn with a remote is approximately \$250. It was determined that racers need to pay attention more to the timing of the day.

12. Track Set Up and Tear Down

We need better communication and participation for track set up and tear down by the Executives. Discussion ensued regarding what we can do to improve this task amongst all.

13. Race Round 2/3

Tasks for Round 2/3 were discussed and confirmed (i.e. BBQ, Gate Person, Lunches)

14. WCC Medals

Medals for the WCC are going to be purchased. The events are: Superbike (Intermediate and Expert), Open Sportbike (Intermediate and Expert), 600 Superbike (Intermediate and Expert), Middleweight Superbike, Lightweight Superbike.

15. Onsite Masseuse

Tina Wilson (RMT) has asked if she can set up a massage booth at the next race round. Executive were 100% unanimous for this.

16. Social Media Posts

If we come across a social media post by a racer proposing club changes or presenting ideas, they

need to be redirected to bring their suggestion to the AGM or bring it to the Executive to discuss (if it requires an immediate attention).

17. Email Surveys

It was recommended that the Executive could send out surveys to the racers asking for feedback or allowing for questions/concerns to be considered, which would keep the racer anonymous and prevent uneasiness for those racers who are scared to come forward and give feedback or present ideas. This item has been tabled for future discussion.

18. Brian’s Duties

Discussion ensued regarding coverage of Brian’s duties in his absence from Round 2/3. Secretary to assist President with any required ambulance transfers. President to debrief with Rider’s Representatives at the end of each day.

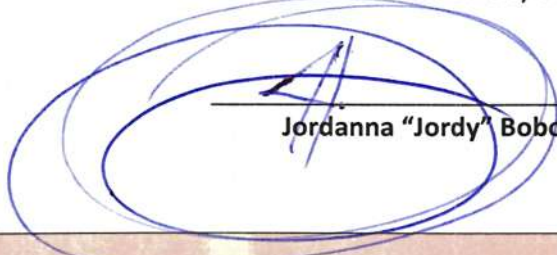
19. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

20. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted this 17 day of July, 2024



 Jordanna "Jordy" Bobowsky, Secretary

#	Action Items	Who
1	Look over crash trailer for repair recommendations	Scott/Jon
2	Get list of swag to Brian for ordering	Dawne-Marie
3	Make another timing light over the winter	Anyone
4	Purchase more brooms	Brian/Dawne-Marie
5	Purchase more floor dry	Dawne-Marie

#	Tabled, Continuing & Outstanding Items	Who
1	Anonymous Racer Survey for Feedback	All
2	Rent PA System for Race Rounds	Brian
3	Keep an eye out for Crash Truck Topper	All Executive

#	AGM ITEMS	Who
1	Review Rule 8.1(3) at AGM and amend the Rule Book to say Race Round "with any club" or bring it back to the members to decide if knockout round is even a viable option	Executive
2	Modify Endurance Race Rules regarding working on bikes during 15-minute time penalty	Executive
3	Modify Endurance Race Rules regarding Le Mans Style start after a red flag occurrence	Executive
4	Enforcing Air Fence setup/take down – One credit for each a set up and tear down	Executive

Proposal 1: minimize the number of volunteer bins to 2 bins that get transported between Rad Torque and Stratotech (1 bin for safety vests, 1 bin for flags and supplies).

Purpose: (1) minimizes the amount of storage space needed for supplies, (2) minimizes damages, (3) increases efficiency and minimizes tasks during track setup.

Currently, we have 6 corner station bins with the following supplies:

- Flags
- Safety vests
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Ear plugs
- Tie downs + tent pins
- Track map
- (Pylons)
- (Dry erase markers + eraser)
- (Clipboards)
- Fire extinguisher

I propose that we eliminate corner station bins and store all supplies across 2 bins (and 1 volunteer coordinator bin).

Bin 1:

- Safety vests (to be distributed at the volunteer meeting)

Bin 2 (to remain at gate for easy access):

- Flags (6 sets)
- Tie downs + tent pins
- Pylons
- Dry erase markers

Volunteer coordinator bin:

- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Ear plugs
- Track maps
- Clipboards (+ timing bin)
- Other

When volunteers are brought out to their stations (which happens during the riders meeting), they will grab items needed at their station according to a masterlist held by the crash truck driver (e.g. flags, tie downs + pins, water). At the end of the day, the supplies

are returned to the bin. Fire extinguishers and brooms can be put out during set up and remain at the station until the end of the weekend.

Pros/Reasons:

1. Eliminates the need for excess number of bins, thereby minimizing need for storage
2. Ensures each volunteer receives a vest (crash truck no longer has to do extra laps in the morning to distribute extra vests)
3. Eliminates the need to purchase new vests due to shortage at each track (allows for flux)
4. Ensures flags are not misplaced
5. Ensures flags are not damaged (due to mold or negligence)
6. Ensures each corner station has the appropriate type and number of flags
7. Minimizes/eliminates need to clean flags due to dirt or mold
8. Most of the sunscreen/bug spray is expired but the bottles are still full, meaning they aren't getting used and then are wasted. This is an unnecessary expense. Keeping a small supply in the volunteer coordinator bin allows for availability but minimizes need.
9. Track maps can be stored in the volunteer coordinator bin and supplied when needed. They get wrecked/lost by sitting in a corner station bin.
10. Eliminates the need to clean bins after each weekend/at the end of each day (30 min - 1 hr)
11. Would prevent people putting (and leaving) trash in the corner bins (adds to clean up and risk for damage of flags+vests)
12. To minimize the amount of storage space needed further, the coolers can be replaced with cooler baskets. 1 large cooler will serve as storage for extra bottles, allowing for quick inventory (prevents bottles from going moldy, prevents storing excess water).
13. Coolers and extra bins can be sold for cash.

Cons:

- Would require tracking to make sure all supplies are returned at the end of the day (this can be made easier by making a masterlist/checklist)
- Might take longer to get volunteers on track (minimal, plenty of time during riders meeting)
- Lots of extra supplies (flags, tie downs) that would be unused (however, this ensures we always have backups, some can be sold for cash).

Proposal 2: purchase a trailer (7x14) for equipment that is transported between Stratotech and Rad Torque.

Purpose: (1) provides storage for all supplies, (2) prevents things being forgotten, thereby preventing multiple trips, (3) increases ease of transport, (4) allows for easy access to supplies.

Two people would be needed to transport both the crash truck trailer and equipment trailer. However, the crash truck trailer and supplies need to be transported anyway, so not much change. These volunteers can be reimbursed with \$25 gas cards (each), costing the club \$50-100 each month for transport (depending on the number of moves).

Supplies that need to be transported between tracks:

- Timing light
- Timing bin
- Folding table(s)
- Tents
- Coolers + water
- Brooms
- Bin 1 (flags + supplies)
- Bin 2 (safety vests)
- Fire extinguishers (in spare large bin)
- Floor dry (in spare large bin)
- Blower
- Group signs + white board
- Exec bin
- Tie down bin
- PA system (no longer necessary due to new rental agreement)

The vision: the equipment trailer can be parked in the pits for easy access. At Rad Torque, both podium tents can be set up on one side and serve as registration, swag, and volunteer booths with folding tables with table covers, acrylic signs for the volunteer list, waivers, and swag prices, perhaps a donation bin. On the other side, rings can be installed on the trailer to attach a large banner that serves as a backdrop for the podium. We can get podium stands that fold up or tuck together compactly. At Strato, the tents can be set up along the hot pit wall and the trailer/podium either next to them or somewhere within the hot pits (perhaps in front of the grandstands like usual). The speakers can be set up on either side of the podium for riders to give speeches and to serve as a good spot for the riders meeting. (We could speak with our sponsors and ask if they are willing to give us some flags/banners, which could be set up along grid at both tracks.)