

## Southern Californian Trials Association

### November Meeting

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### In Attendance,

Peter Croft	VOTE
Lowell Bellis	Plonkers
Don Williams	VOTE
Marc Schnoebelen	SDTR
Paul Oswald	SCTA
Chris Cullins	VOTE
Ty Cullins	VOTE

The president called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs.

#### Finance,

Captain Oswald provided details to opening of the new checking accounts and closing of the old ATA checking accounts. The transition is taking more time than anticipated but going smoothly overall. Lowell Bellis will close the ATA accounts permanently after the last checks clear this month. Remaining funds will then be transferred to SCTA accounts. Larre Butterfield, Lowell Bellis, will continue to work closely with the Treasurer to create accurate reports for our tax purposes and accounting.

Pete Croft and Paul Oswald continue to refine our 501c(3) tax exempt status working with the SCTA legal team to achieve optimum results. This process is designed to allow future SCTA administrations to have reliable, easily accessible documentation with regard to SCTA corporate business and operations.

#### Old Business,

The future of the ATA's perpetual awards (Sprayberry and Wilson awards) was discussed. The board expects to maintain the continuity of these trophies, but with a significant update to their recognition and value to the recipients.

VOTE Ridgcrest trial was a great success despite a paltry rider turnout of 46 riders. The weather was perfect and the sections were sublime, and everyone had a big smile at the end of the day. Good job VOTE.

#### New Business,

Loop constraints sometimes have the Novice riders working a little harder than they anticipated, with no relief to be found. These areas on the loop are almost always short and overcome with some effort. When these testy spots exist on the loop, the board would like to see an effort made to inform the Novice riders about the tricky stuff and to ask for help if needed at the Riders Meeting.

Keyesville set up is set for the weekend of November 1st. Between 7 and 10 sections are planned depending on availability of Checkers and punchers. & sections will be ridden 4 times. A fire permit is being sought for the campfire with the anticipated cool weather ahead.

President Oswald took a moment to apologize to the leadership of SDTR for his grievous omission of any mention at the Ridgecrest riders meeting of the donation handed to him just minutes beforehand. "Due to the stresses of being old, pudgy, and president I completely failed to bring attention to SDTR's \$575 donation to the California Youth Trials Team. These monies were raised during the Demonstration the SDTR set up at Del Mar. The Youth Team and the SCTA board of directors would like to thank all who are responsible. Well done and thank you again."

The board is exploring the construction of a "Demo Trailer" to house and transport equipment used during trials demonstrations. Will report at next meeting.

Marc Schnoebelen president SDTR reported on a meeting they had with a group of developers with interest in the McCain Valley area. This group will be erecting Wind Turbines throughout the area and had sought our (trials) input. Marc reports that this development will have little impact on our trials operations and may open some new terrain to us. SDTR also pointed to some possible access to venues In Anza-Borrego and Rainbow. Will report more when able.

NATC meeting,

The North American Trials Council is the governing body of the AMA/NATC North American Observed Trials Championship. Scheduling, procedure, administration, rules, and technical issues are handled once a year at a three day marathon meeting held in Dallas, Texas. The SCTA board of directors would like to thank Mr. Peter Croft for attending on behalf of the SCTA and representing us with verve and style.

The NATC board of directors voted Mr. Croft to a seat on the board. This is an epic development, in that the SoCal trials community has been recognized on the World level as well as the National level through the selection of Peter to the NATC board of directors. Congratulations Peter!

Changes to the NATC rules were pretty basic. The Youth competitor age has been upped to 18 at the beginning of the competition year to synch with the FIM age rules. A "Twin Shock" class has been added to the National schedule of competition classes.

SCTA will host no National in 2009. No World Rounds will be held in the United States in 2009. Nationals will be held, all two day events, in New York, Vermont, Tennessee, and Nebraska.

Thanks to all who attended. Good Meeting! Meeting Adjourned at 2100 hrs.

Submitted by PO

