

September 3, 2009

Meeting called to order promptly at 1905 hours by the Captain.

My thanks to Charlie Rowlett, Chris Cullins, Ty Cullins, Pete Croft and special guest star Martin Belair for the earnest efforts to educate me and their attendance.

Finance.

Clubs were given a simple financial breakdown of the distribution of funds within the SCTA fiduciary empire. Within the finance discussion the president revealed that clubs had not been asked to release their rider fee obligations to the SCTA for several years. This creates some accounting challenges that need to be addressed by the board to equitably fund the day to day operations of the SCTA. No real money is in play, just an accounting vehicle to provide an accounting and source of funds for the daily ops. No such instrument exists. Further research with past Treasurers will be required. Be assured that SCTA is fiscally robust.

Correspondence.

SCTA, to the board's astonishment, received a tax refund of our \$10 dollar filing fee plus interest for tax year '07. Go figure. SCTA's legal section has advised the home office that all filings and records are complete and up to date with the California Secretary of State in regard to our annual filing of the Statement of Information. This means that we may continue as a thriving entity within planet California, and experience little or no tax obligations. The Internal Revenue Service of the United States was pleased to hear from us, so much so that they issued an Employer ID number for future correspondence. Now if only we had employees.

New Business.

Captain Oswald spoke of his desire to have the clubs get their event flyers posted and into the rider's hands three weeks ahead of their events in the hopes of gaining some additional rider participation by enabling riders to plan to participate earlier. With our recent low rider turnouts an additional 5 riders at an event becomes a 7% to 10% improvement.

AMA insurance requires that clubs post "liability release requirement" posters at sign up. The president reminds all clubs to display the posters at all events and all riders and their support groups to sign the release forms to maintain our insurance coverage.

SCTA receives numerous requests for "Trials Demos" each year. The

president would like SCTA to be postured to respond in the affirmative when these request come along. Many possibilities were discussed. Mr. Belair and Mr. Cullins will work on the possible building of, or acquisition of, a "Demo" trailer. We will need additional permanent command, control and support personnel for Demo operations. The board will identify and seek out prospective "Demo" crew members and leadership.

Sign up and Set up standardization was again emphasized by the president. The clubs work very hard to keep set up and sign up simple and tidy. These efforts are encouraged and will continue due to the efforts of our dedicated sign up teams and the club principles. At every opportunity, please recognize and thank these people for their hard work. It is hard work and they do it every year, rain or shine, hot or cold. It is a remarkable thing that needs to be recognized by all of our members and riders.

SDTR will need a bit of help to keep their ambitious schedule of events due to some unforeseen manpower and staff changes. Please consider offering a little help for the SDTR Del Mar Demo or set up for their trials events down south. Contact Rick Jenkins or the president if you can help.

No details yet, but Mr. Oswald regaled the board with a tale of possible new riding terrain becoming available to SCTA. 300 acres of virgin rock out cropping and canyon with no ridiculous restrictions has been under severe aerial scrutiny by members of the board. Contact with the land owners has been initiated, and proceeding at a positive rate. Board members will participate in a ground survey that will take place in the near future. More details when it is safe to release them. Could be good!

Old Business.

Plonker's Trial will stage at approximately the same spot as last year. Saturday Adventure ride is a must for those who have never done one. If you moved up a class this year (Intermediate or Clubman) you must ride the adventure ride to maintain any shred of dignity within your class. It is a total blast, you get to hang with all the SCTA legendary riders, and anyone in your class who has not participated will be driven to tears as you describe each and every sublime climb and drop off at the campfire. Highly recommended by the Captain. Again no details yet, but the Plonker finisher awards will make you the envy of your entire neighborhood. SCTA will be providing incentives to riders to participate in the entire TEC-Cycles SCTA Championship season. These incentive will only be available exclusively at the Plonker's season opener.

VOTE's Ridgerest trials will follow the Plonker event. Staging will be the

same as last year at the "Wagon Wheel" area. Don't miss the spectacular vistas and wide open feeling that can only happen at this special place in the desert. This is always a great event that is always poorly attended. The board thinks the slack attendance is due to the false perception that Ridgecrest is "too far". It only takes 35 minutes longer to get to Ridgecrest than going Lucerne. Please make every effort to attend this great round of the Championship.

SCTA's AMA charter will be renewed by the end of November. The SCTA will have held an AMA charter for 40 years, with the first application being completed in 1969.

Mr. Croft and Mr. Oswald will continue to pursue answers to the board's indemnification questions (corporate and officer insurance) to report at future meetings.

The president answered some technical and order of business questions.

Meeting adjourned 2050 hours.

Humbly Submitted  
Paul Oswald  
Southern California Trials Association