

WMRRA December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10th 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Attendance

E-board Members:

President: Kumpy Kump

Race Director: CJ Hobbs

2nd VP: Tico Sandoval

3rd VP: Danielle Mulkins-Franklin

Race Referee: Louis Stevenson

Novice Representative: Damon Poor – **Not Present**

Rider Representative: Don Williams

Secretary: Jenny Chancellor

Treasurer: Neil Heineman – **Not present**

Guests:

BOD Member: Mark DeGross

Agenda and Discussion Summary

The meeting focused on memorial plans for Gene Brown, operational updates, financial decisions, and planning for the 2026 season. Kumpy outlined key topics: Gene Brown memorial, licensing fees, banquet feedback, Mohai event, Austin McCabe issue, class structures/championships, and potential e-board payouts.

1. Opening and Announcements

- Meeting called to order by Kumpy Kump.
- Quick overview of topics; no initial questions.

2. Gene Brown Memorial

- Gene Brown (significant community figure) recently passed away.
- Proposals: Memorial service at first round (April at The Ridge), possibly a parade lap or remembrance event.
- Concerns: Timing conflicts with Taste of Racing; parade laps during lunch could be problematic at The Ridge due to time constraints.
- Alternatives: Second round (joint with OMRRA) or replace Taste of Racing Event on one day.

- Consensus: Do something meaningful; time available to plan. Tico to create memorial t-shirts (small run; proceeds to go to Injured Riders Fund).
- No final decision; further discussion needed.

3. Crash Truck Assistant

- Crash needs a reliable assistant for 2026; criteria: Won't drive him crazy.
- Action: Spread the word if anyone knows suitable candidates.

4. Licensing Fees

- Discussion: Raise novice/expert fees? Current: Novice \$99 (first race free), Expert \$200, Races \$70.
- Factors: No full 2025 budget report yet; turnout similar to prior years; raised fees last year; avoid increases if no overall loss.
- Deposits unchanged (The Ridge, Pacific, Portland); medic fees up at Pacific but only one round.
- Insurance costs unknown until March/April; Ridge can change prices anytime.
- Consensus: No changes for 2026; revisit mid-year if needed (e.g., emergency per-race increase). Focus on attracting novices.
- Danielle to open licensing soon; people inquiring (e.g., Christmas gifts).

5. Austin McCabe License Issue

- Cutoff for full-season license: July 1.
- Austin inquired July 2 (via email); informed of deadline and did not petition board.
- Later approached Kumpy at Ridge round (mid-July) to buy license for championship eligibility.
- Precedent: Late requests require board petition; none filed.
- Decision: Deny; missed deadline. No exceptions without process.

6. Banquet Feedback and Finances

- Banquet successful; positive feedback on venue, food, awards, games.
- Cost: \$8,500 total (venue \$1,500, food/drinks \$4,500, awards \$2,500); minor loss (\$1,000 less than prior year).
- Suggestions: Better AV setup; more structure for awards; raffle improvements.
- No major issues; plan similar for 2026 (earlier date again?).

7. Mohai Event

- WMRRA participating in Mohai (Museum of History & Industry) exhibit on local racing history.

- Provide bikes, memorabilia; event in February 2026.
- Volunteers needed; positive for visibility.

8. Class Structures and Championships

- Ongoing: Premier/Title Championship (e.g., Formula Ultra, Open Superbike, Open Supersport); Club Championship (all other classes, equal points, each class must race twice per weekend).
- Issues: Scheduling challenges (15 classes need 2 races per weekend; some currently only race 1x); no multipliers; exclude single-run classes.
- Don suggested including multiple big-bike classes for Title Championship.
- Debate: Simplify points but impacts schedule; backwards planning (classes first, then schedule).
- No resolution; email discussion proposed with deadline (end of year) to finalize before rulebook publication (January 1, 2026).
- Action: CJ/Louis to lead offline/email structure for resolution and path forward.

9. E-Board Payouts

- Proposal: Stipends for board members (e.g., \$500/year) to recognize effort.
- Pros: Attract/retain volunteers; Disparity on why some staff receive stipend while other don't/fairness.
- Cons: Budget impact.
- Tabled: Need full finances to review for feasibility.

10. Other Items

- NRS/Track Days: Dates TBD; coordinate with Damon (absent).
- Financial Cadence: Jenn suggested quarterly P&L reports from Neil (even if absent) for informed decisions.
- Consensus: Agreed; Kumpy to follow up with Neil.

Decisions and Votes

- Gene Brown T-Shirts: Approved (Tico to handle).
- Licensing Fees: No increase for 2026 (consensus).
- Austin McCabe: License denied (precedent/consensus).
- Championships: Tabled; email for structure/deadline.
- E-Board Payouts: Tabled pending finances.
- No formal votes; most by consensus.

Action Items

- **Kumpy:** Follow up with Neil on 2025 finances/P&L (establish a report cadence: monthly or quarterly); confirm NRS with Damon; set next meeting (tentative Jan 7 or 14); send Zoom link.
- **Kumpy:** Reach out to Austin McCabe to issue formal apology from WMRRA and refund for late license registration; Relay message to Chance Terrell's friend about disabled racing accommodation – that he should go through normal novice program to start.
- **Danielle:** Open licensing registrations.
- **Tico:** Create/sell Gene Brown memorial t-shirts (proceeds to Injured Riders Fund); pursue sponsors.
- **CJ:** Get accurate stipend payout data from Neil and share with board for transparency.
- **CJ/Louis:** Lead email discussion on class/championship structure/scheduling; aim for end-of-year deadline. Have offline discussion about class structure and scheduling.
- **All:** Suggest memorial ideas for Gene Brown; spread word to recruit for a Crash assistant; review emails for championships.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM PST.
- Next Meeting: Tentative January 7 or 14, 2026, 7:00 PM (virtual); Kumpy to confirm.
- Holiday wishes exchanged.