

WMRRA July 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 8th, 2026 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 ✓

Rider Representative: Don Williams: ✓

Secretary: Jenny Chancellor ✓

Treasurer: Neil Heineman ✓

Guests:

BOD Member: Mark DeGross ✓

BOD Member: Paul McComsey ✓

Corner Captain: Craig Johnson ✓

1. Celebration of Life – Gene Brown

- Event scheduled for Friday, July 17, 6–9 PM, at the Ridge, upstairs in the conference/event room.
- Food and one drink per person paid for by Elaine Brown (Gene's wife); all encouraged to attend.
- Tico has sent an announcement and received 15 RSVPs so far; will send a follow-up reminder, bundled with other club emails, later in the week.

2. Board Election / Voting Process

- Per bylaws, the board election occurs at the second-to-last round (August), so there is time to plan.
- Jenn will draft the election email describing the process and positions up for election, in coordination with Danielle.
- **Platform decision:** MotorsportReg (MSR) has built-in voting capability at no extra cost; an alternative platform exists but costs \$35 and requires uploading a voter list.

- MSR limitation: online voting must close at midnight on the day selected (cannot end at a specific morning time).
- Decision: online voting via MSR will close Saturday, August 29 at midnight; in-person paper voting will be available at the riders' meeting Saturday and Sunday, August 29/30 until 8:00 AM to accommodate members who prefer voting in person.
- Votes will be verified/tallied Sunday morning to confirm no duplicate (online + paper) voting.
- Volunteers/corner workers without an MSR account may vote by paper at registration, as done previously.
- **Action items:**
- Jenn and Danielle to send the nominations/voting email. Nominations are open now and close August 22; nominations go to the WMRRRA Secretary.
- Jenn to cover the election process at the Saturday and Sunday riders' meetings; Tico/social media to post a reminder that nominations are open.

3. Starting Light System ("Race Light")

- Kumpy met with CVMA officials and was introduced to a commercial "Race Light" system: light on (rev engine) / light off (go), manually controlled by remote button, approximately \$1,500. Kumpy has emailed the vendor and is awaiting a response.
- Discussion centered on visibility/cadence issues with the current board-and-flag system, especially at the back of the grid; Louis noted ongoing complaints since he began serving as Referee.
- Mark DeGross (experience with CVMA's system) described it as a brighter, multi-light setup similar to professional racing, and felt it could eliminate the need for a grid board person.
- A show-of-hands vote indicated the group is generally in favor of changing the starting system in principle.
- CJ and Don Williams cautioned against a rule change mid-season, especially since the club's regular starter (with no prior issues) is returning for the next round.
- **Decision:** Keep the current system for the remainder of the 2026 season. Explore the Race Light system (including a second light for grid coverage) during the off-season, coordinate with OMRRA, and revisit for the 2027 season.

4. June Round Recap, Extra-Hour Purchase, and Related Costs

- Average crash count for a June round at the Ridge is typically 22; this round had 24 (15 Saturday, 9 Sunday), plus helicopter transports, causing significant delays.
- Kumpy made an executive decision to purchase an additional hour on Saturday for approximately \$1,800 total: approximately \$1,200 for the extra hour of track surface, \$300 for ALS ambulance, \$200 for BLS ambulance.

- The extra hour will also be purchased for the July round; the Ridge does not allow separating track time costs from ambulance costs and does not offer a defined penalty amount for running over (they simply asked the club not to).
- General consensus: the additional cost was worthwhile given the weekend circumstances.

5. Financial Report (Neil Heineman)

- Racer counts: 102 this year vs. 62 last year (track day, +40); 153 this year vs. 118 last year (round, +35); up 51 people over the first round.
- Revenue: nearly \$70,000 this round vs. \$45,000 at round 1.
- Estimated DNS (did-not-start) impact: roughly \$12,000, still being finalized. Despite this, total profit was approximately \$27,000 (\$7,000 from the track day, \$20,000 from the two-day race).
- DNS/refund volume appears abnormally high, attributed to racers withdrawing after the repeated red flags on Saturday.
- Savings/checking balances were shared by email; savings has been replenished after covering the prior week's round payment, leaving approximately \$68,000 on hand.
- Neil confirmed approval to pay for the additional hour, upcoming round expenses, and Pacific rent this week.
- **Action item:** Neil to finalize DNS/credit figures once the list is received from Cherie and process credits before the next round.

6. Injured Rider Fund (IRF)

- Don flagged that the three previously-approved IRF payouts (\$1,000 each to three riders) had not yet appeared in the payout records.
- Bylaws require a minimum fund balance of \$5,000, plus 5% of the January budget; Neil will confirm the current fund balance and process the payouts.
- **Action item:** Neil to report back on IRF balance and issue the three outstanding payments as soon as possible.

7. Saturday Red-Flag / Shortened-Race Review and Remedy

- Context: the final three Saturday races were cut to two laps and ended under red flag as race control tried to make up time lost to the day's delays. CJ noted this was an on-the-fly decision by the starter/race control, not a deliberate policy change, and was not communicated to the board in advance.
- Board consensus: this was a bad outcome. The preferred approach going forward is to hold an emergency riders' meeting when time is short, communicate clearly with racers, and either guarantee a minimum of 4 laps or push affected races to Sunday/the next event rather than shortening races under a red flag.

- Options discussed for the affected races included: double points, voiding results, adding laps to the affected classes, and refunds. The board ruled out cash refunds and voiding results due to budget impact and fairness concerns (grid sizes/composition would differ at a make-up round).
- **Decision:** Issue a 20% (\$20–25) discount toward the next round's registration fee for racers in the affected classes: Open Superbike (Race 4), 600 Superbike (Race 8), and the associated 250/Ultra-Lightweight/Female Lightweight/Ninja 250 waves (Race 11). Danielle will incorporate the discount and a brief acknowledgment/apology into the next round's registration email, which Kumpy will review before it goes out.
- CJ raised concern about setting a precedent ("opening Pandora's box") for lesser lap shortages elsewhere in the schedule. The board distinguished this case (races cut to 2 of 4 laps) from minor, one-to-two-lap reductions.

8. Rulebook / Race-Procedure Discussion (Red Flags, Minimum Laps)

- Craig provided historical context: administrative red flags to end a race day have occurred for over 20 years and are permitted under the current rulebook, which does not restrict red-flag use to medical situations and defines a race as "complete" once past the halfway point of the advertised laps.
- What was unprecedented was the multiple helicopter transports in a single day, which drove the extensive delays.
- The extra-hour purchase must be arranged with the Ridge in advance because ALS/BLS ambulance coverage is scheduled. The track will not allow last-minute or partial-hour arrangements.
- Jenn proposed a rulebook change requiring a minimum of 4 laps for a race to count, rather than the current halfway-point standard.
- **Decision:** No rulebook changes this season. Consider a minimum-laps rule change and related procedure updates in the off-season board discussions this winter.

9. Late Registration Fee

- The existing late registration fee policy will be restated in the next round's registration email as a reminder to riders.

10. Ariel (National Anthem Singer) – NRS School

- Request, relayed via Matt Darling to Jenn: comp Ariel's NRS (New Rider School) fee to encourage her to begin racing, in appreciation for her regularly performing the national anthem at WMMRA events.
- **Decision:** Approved by informal vote (thumbs up). Kumpy will reach out to Ariel directly, Jenn noted she lives in Canada and should be informed promptly.

11. Vintage License / Senior Citizen Discount Request

- Vintage racers requested consideration of a vintage-only race license and/or a senior citizen discount.
- **Decision:** Tabled for a future (off-season) conversation. Informal discussion favored a 65+ threshold if pursued, potentially a modest discount (e.g., \$20) on the race license.
- A related request from a member (Brandy, on behalf of her son, a vintage racer) to race additional rounds was also noted for future discussion; no immediate barrier to his racing was identified.

12. Vendor / Staff Ride-for-Free Policy

- Jenn raised a fairness concern: some vendors and vendor helpers have been permitted to ride free during WMRRRA track days, while WMRRRA staff and volunteers are not permitted to ride for free, creating an inconsistent, undocumented policy and lost registration revenue.
- Mark DeGross explained that at 2Fast days it has been an informal courtesy to let vendors take a session or two in exchange for vending. Tico explained this is not a written part of any vendor/sponsor agreement with WMRRRA.
- Concerns raised: potential for abuse (e.g., people obtaining vendor status just to ride free), lack of transparency/consistency, and appearance of favoritism.
- **Decision:** No policy change made at this meeting; the board agreed a clear, standardized, written policy is needed and will revisit the topic.

13. Medical Liaison Notification Process

- Don raised complaints from the medical liaison: on several occasions, riders overheard radio traffic and incorrectly notified other riders' families that they had been injured or transported by helicopter, causing unnecessary alarm.
- CJ confirmed all individuals involved have already been spoken to directly about not doing this again.
- **Decision:** Reinforce at the next riders' meeting (and/or by email) that only the medical liaison or WMRRRA staff should notify families of injuries or transports. Other members should not relay radio traffic as fact.

14. Sportsmanship Reminder (Social Media Conduct)

- Don recommended reissuing the periodic reminder that posting negatively about WMRRRA, officials, or the club on social media (e.g., after a disputed ruling) can be subject to a sportsmanship ruling, up to and including suspension from the club.
- To be mentioned at the riders' meeting and/or by email.

15. Corner Worker / Rider Conduct Issue

- Craig reported an incident in which an OMRRA rider (Jeffrey Toves, #27R) was disrespectful toward a corner worker in the paddock regarding a flagging dispute.

- Craig is not seeking penalties, but requested a reminder be issued that conduct concerns should be directed to the race director, rider rep, or referee, not corner workers directly.

16. New Rider School (NRS) – July 17

- Damon reported a combined classroom and track NRS session is scheduled for July 17. Qualifying new riders who complete registration, tech inspection, and pass the class will be ready to race Saturday.
- Registration volume: roughly 5–6 confirmations so far, with typical late sign-ups expected.

17. Purse Fund – Formula Ultra Class

- Tico reported that a sponsor has stopped paying monthly purse fees for Formula Ultra and is unresponsive. The class no longer has a funded purse going forward.
- **Decision:** Keep the Formula Ultra entry fee unchanged (rather than reducing to the standard \$70 no-purse rate, since it does not carry additional laps); add a neutral note at registration stating no purse is available for the next round. Kumpy will privately reach out to potentially interested purse sponsors. Interested parties may inquire about becoming a Formula Ultra sponsor for the remainder of the year.

18. Awards Banquet Planning

- Tico is evaluating venues for the November awards banquet, targeting November 7 or 14 (Saturdays), and aiming to finalize a venue by end of July.
- Pricing comparisons shared: Green River (prior/other year) \$8,500; Hazard Factory (last year) \$5,000; the Ridge \$100/hour plus \$50/person catering (\$7,000 for 125 people, but seen as logistically far for many members); LeMay Car Museum (Tacoma) \$1,600 venue fee (non-profit discount) plus a \$10/person museum admission fee, with a preferred vendor list for catering (pricing not yet available).
- Tico is touring a space near Pacific Raceways and LeMay this Friday and will report back.

Next Meeting

Second Wednesday of August 2026. Kumpy will send the invite.

Action Item Summary

- Jenn & Danielle — draft and send the election/nominations email (nominations open now, close Aug. 22); cover voting process at Sat./Sun. riders' meetings.
- Neil — finalize DNS figures and process credits; confirm and process Injured Rider Fund balance and outstanding \$1,000 x 3 payouts.
- Danielle — include discount note for affected race classes and late-registration-fee reminder in next round's email (for Kumpy's review); add "no purse" note for Formula Ultra.
- Kumpy — reach out to Ariel re: comped NRS school; reach out to potential Formula Ultra purse sponsors; review registration email before it goes out.

- Tico — finalize banquet venue by end of July.
- Board (winter/off-season) — revisit starting-light system purchase, minimum-laps rulebook change, vintage/senior discount and license, and vendor ride-for-free policy.