

WMRRA August 2026 E Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 5th 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– **Not present**

Rider Representative: Don Williams ✓

Secretary: Jenny Chancellor ✓

Treasurer: Neil Heineman – **Not present**

Guests:

BOD Member: Mark DeGross ✓

BOD Member: Paul McComsey ✓

BOD Member: Chris Wilcox ✓

Craig Johnson ✓

Meeting Summary

Board members Discussed several key operational topics including the injured riders fund radio equipment needs a new starting Light prototype and potential banquet locations the meeting also covered scheduling adjustments for future race rounds including the use of an extra hour on Saturdays and address concerns about race refunds and corner worker arrangements.

1. Injured Riders Fund

- Kumpy reported that he spoke with a family member of an injured rider (Vanessa) at the family's request about removing social media posts regarding her injuries. Some posts were taken down, but not all.
- Don Williams noted that the Injured Riders Fund has been limited by policy to \$1,000 cap per rider per season, and recommended the club not make an exception, since requests for exceptions would likely recur. A prior payout to the same rider (after an air-lift from Pacific a couple of years ago) was cited. Don also recommended a smaller amount of about \$200–\$300 for a second injured rider (Rex), whose injuries were less serious. Louis Stevenson noted that payouts for lesser injuries have traditionally been made by request rather than automatically.
- Kumpy noted that an outside organization has offered to match whatever WMRRA contributes.
- **Vote:** Contribute from the Injured Riders Fund to Vanessa, with a recommended amount of \$1,000 (the fund cap). **Result: Approved unanimously.** No vote was taken on a payout to the second rider, since none has been requested.
- Don asked that members posting on social media be reminded that the family has asked that information be kept private.

2. Races, Refunds and DNS Credits

- Kumpy raised the issue that some racers withheld from racing last round due to delays and a fear of short (two-lap) races. The board confirmed there will be no two-lap races. The general agreement from last round is that **four laps is the minimum for any race**, though no formal rule has been written.
- CJ stated that refunds are not justified for last round: entry costs were reduced, all races ran at four laps, and everyone's Sunday races were completed despite roughly 1 hour 20 minutes of downtime. Racers who chose not to race forfeit their admin fees.
- Clarification (no change to policy): races marked DNS are automatically credited to the rider, while registration fees remain non-refundable. Don estimated roughly \$12,000 in DNS credits, which he described as a rough guess. Jenny emphasized that any future policy change must be announced publicly before it takes effect.
- Paul McComsey and Jenny asked that the four-lap minimum be officially announced at the riders' meeting so that members are aware. Kumpy agreed it will be addressed at the next riders' meeting.
- The four-lap minimum will be presented during the rules committee.

3. Schedule and Extra Hour

- **Adjusted schedule:** A revised schedule for the next race round has been sent. An extra hour on Saturday has been purchased.
- **Using the extra hour:** Louis Stevenson suggested moving one Sunday race into Saturday's extra hour so that Sunday has more cushion if there are red flags. CJ was open to the idea but noted challenges (for example, rider readiness for a fourth race on Saturday and uncertainty over whether the time would be available). Last event Sunday ran very close to the limit, while Saturday finished 35–40 minutes early. This was left for a broader schedule discussion.
- **Extra hour on Sunday:** Don and Jenny suggested also buying an extra hour on Sunday as insurance. Craig raised concern that volunteer corner workers are already starting at 7 AM and that the track has previously declined such requests. Louis said financial data was needed before deciding. Jenny noted that a corner worker preference should not be the deciding factor, and Craig added that any new hours should be announced in advance.
- **Decision (Kumpy):** Keep the extra hour on Saturday for the rest of the season and reassess in the off-season.
- **Corner worker costs (for off-season review):** Craig asked about using the Ridge's paid corner workers instead of volunteers. Jenny cited about \$2,400 for partial Ridge corner workers (full coverage priced differently), compared with volunteer expenses of roughly \$800 for the weekend (per Craig) plus hotel rooms (9 used last time per CJ). Board members agreed an all-in cost comparison should be done in the off-season. Craig noted procedures and training differ between track days and race days.
- **Other:** Tico suggested using any spare time for pit bikes on track; CJ said this would need a plan and would likely be a next-year item. Kumpy invited Tico to bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- Louis reported that the combined waving of the women's class and 450 Superbike was only raised by one rider and is a scheduling matter for the Race Director, not requiring board action.

4. Starting Lights and Start Procedures

- **Vendor lights:** A vendor offered to send its starting light system at its own cost for evaluation, to be returned if not suitable. Louis noted a solution is already being worked on and that the price of the vendor's system seemed excessive.

- **Tico's prototype:** Tico presented a prototype (10 vertical lights on a 15-foot stand, run on a 12V deep-cycle battery, about \$300 invested, stand donated). It was demonstrated on screen in direct sun from about 200 feet. Weighted sandbags will be used on the base. Craig advised against mounting on the bridge due to wind; the stand will be off to the side of the track like MotoAmerica's setup. Tico will bring it to the next round and set it up. No complaints about visibility were reported after the existing light was repaired.
- **Practice start sign:** Tico shared a sample graphic for a practice starts sign. Since a sandwich board already exists, CJ will get dimensions from Chris so Tico can order a vinyl label (about \$15–\$20). Board suggested a high-visibility or white background with black lettering to resist sun fading. CJ felt a dedicated practice-start session is unnecessary for racers who have completed the New Racer School.
- **Acknowledgment idea:** Chris noted that CVMA requires riders to review and acknowledge a flag/procedure packet at registration, and suggested WMRRRA consider something similar. Chris will see if he can obtain the content.

5. Annual Banquet

- Tico has tentative holds for **November 14** at either **LeMay – America's Car Museum (Tacoma)** or **Green River College**.
- **Green River:** About \$8,200 in 2024 (event space, meal, and A/V); the comparable package is now closer to \$9,500 and Tico could try to negotiate.
- **LeMay:** Estimated about \$9,800 for everything, using the museum restaurant (Cafe Pacific) as caterer, the lowest of 12 quotes (outside caterers started around \$12,000). Includes dinner, dessert, and a cash bar with drink ticket (bar minimum is \$500; unused funds are returned; expected cost around \$750, maximum about \$1,500).
- **Hazard Factory:** About \$6,300–\$6,800 last year, but required a lot of setup work.
- Last year drew about 110–115 attendees, with about 65 paying tickets (about \$60–\$65). Tico will invite award winners and aims for about 100 paid tickets to offset costs.
- Kumpy reported that OMRRA's banquet is **November 7**. Don cautioned about competing events.
- Kumpy, Louis, and Tico favored LeMay. Tico needs confirmation that there is budget for roughly a \$10,000 spend before locking in a date. No vote was taken.

6. Race Director Report (CJ)

- Rider and vendor complaints should go through the proper channels (rider representative, referee, or Race Director for riders; Tico or CJ for vendors), and not directly to the President.
- Kumpy briefed the board on a vendor dispute from last round that has been resolved. Vendor-owned sound equipment cannot be used or lent to the club at the Ridge per the Ridge's Track Manager (Eric).
- CJ will follow up with Neil offline about receipts.

7. 2026 Elections (Secretary Report)

Jenny reported the nominations accepted to date:

- **President:** Kumpy Kump, Brian Birchall, Seppi Hutter
- **Race Director:** DionLeBlue (not a current member but a past member who previously served as Novice Representative)
- **3rd VP:** Danielle Mulkins-Franklin
- **Race Referee:** Louis Stevenson
- **BOD:** Mark DeGross
- CJ was nominated and declined. Damon Poor was nominated and is considering.
- No other nominations were reported.

- Eligibility: Louis, CJ and Jenny confirmed that the bylaws require prior E-Board service only for BOD candidates, not for E-Board offices including President. The board concluded all listed nominees are eligible. Board requirements for membership status were noted as vague; Louis noted Dionne's past service.

8. Registration and Scoring (Danielle)

Danielle will open registration for the next round on August 6, since she will be away the following week.

9. Rider Representative Report (Don Williams)

- **Contingency payouts:** Don reported that WMRRR contingency payments are slow (Round 4 contingency arrived about two weeks after Round 5), while OMRRR pays within about a week using a registration radio button and MotorSport Reg results. Tico will follow up with OMRRR's contingency coordinator (Shannon Lang) and review options with Danielle.

10. Radios and Budget

- Chris, Louis, Craig and others reported that the club's radios are 20+ years old and failing at a rate of about 3–5 per round. Last round used every radio, including 8 borrowed for Taste of Racing.
- Quotes total about \$24,000 to replace all radios. Craig believes about \$14,000 is the minimum, which could be done in two parts. Radios are purchased in sets of six because of the six-bay charging pads. Craig believes the club can make it through the end of the season.
- Louis called radios an operational necessity and suggested compiling a list of club expenses to triage (for example, the air fence fund).
- The purchase is a **budget decision** that depends on Neil's financial report. No vote was taken. It will be a priority at the next meeting.
- **Funding ideas:** (a) a suggested \$25 radio replacement donation option in MotorSport Reg registration (Tico, estimating up to \$2,500 per 100 donors), and (b) 50/50 raffles at the remaining rounds (Jenny). Both ideas were supported. Chris noted that charitable-deduction donations are not available, as WMRRR is not a deductible 501(c)(3) organization.

11. Gear and Technical Inspection (Paul McComsey)

- Craig reported that a rider's boots were taped so heavily that removal took about 10 minutes per boot, delaying care after a crash. There is currently no rule on this. Paul supports a rule limiting tape. Because gear is not worn at tech inspection, it cannot be checked there.
- Louis will add the topic to the Rules Committee notes for later discussion.

12. Other Business

- **Gear collection:** Jenny announced that Track Time is collecting small donations toward replacement of a rider's race suit and airbag that were cut off after a crash. Tico is meeting with a Seattle gear retailer on Friday about joining the WMRRR sponsor group and possibly donating a suit.

Adjournment

Kumpy thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 PM. The next meeting is tentatively **Wednesday, September 9, 2026**, after the last round at the Ridge and before the last round at Pacific.

Action Items

Owner	Action	Timing
Kumpy Kump	Announce four-lap minimum policy at riders' meeting; send meeting invite	Next round / September

Kumpy Kump	Confirm OMRRA banquet date (Nov 7) with Tico; follow up on corner worker contract costs	Before banquet booking
Treasurer / Board	Provide financials to guide budget decisions on radios and banquet	Next meeting
Tico Sandoval	Bring starting light prototype to next round; redesign practice-start sign; confirm banquet venue and pricing; follow up with OMRRA contingency contact	Next round / ASAP
CJ Hobbs	Get sign dimensions from Chris; follow up with Neil on receipts	Before next round
Chris Wilcox	Look into CVMA Flag acknowledgment packet	Next round
Danielle Mulkins-Franklin	Open registration for next round on August 6; add radio donation option if approved	August 6
Louis Stevenson	Add tape-on-boots rule topic to Rules Committee notes	Before next meeting
Jenny Chancellor	Continue election nomination tracking	Ongoing
Board	Off-season review of Saturday/Sunday extra hour and volunteer vs. Ridge corner workers	Off-season