**Racers Under the Son**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**February 1, 2016 – Coco’s**

**Call to order** – Scott Burnett

* Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm
* Scott
  + Opened meeting with prayer
  + Hebrews 10:25 & Ecclesiastes 4:12 – “… we are to stir up one another to serve..two are better than one, three is even more so”
  + There is power in a group
  + We need to acknowledge we are under attack form Satan, we need to protect ourselves
  + We need to keep meeting

**Recording Secretary – Jyl Phillips**

* December minutes were reviewed and approved
* All minutes are on the web site

**Treasurer – D 37 Report - Art Whitney**

* Art was not at the meeting
* Janet will assist Art
* Present Balance $4890
  + We still have payment for the apparel pending
  + $900 less than last year this time
  + We have $1500 we need to deposit
  + We owe approximately $600 for apparel
  + We still need to order trophies
* Tithe – we agreed to donate to Stringfellows kid camp - $450 – nominated by Tim Scott, 2nd by Sonny
  + We need to collect for membership – the roster is current
  + Officers all need AMA membership
  + 14 families have renewed to date
  + Scott will re-send a mailer to remind our members
* D37 –
  + See D37 website for full information

**Vice President – Bible Bob Nielson**

* Not in attendance

**Ride Report & Upcoming Rides/Races – Competition Report –**

* + FREEMONT PEAK – Sonny – trail boss
  + It was cold
  + We had multiple rides including a journey to Ransburg and the petroglyphs
  + It was a good ride, no injuries
* DIRT - Hume Lake Event
  + Attended by several RUTS members as we provided support
  + It was a good weekend of fellowship and great riding
  + 475 riders attended
* POKER RUN – MARCH 12TH
  + Dave is the trail boss
  + We will have Dave create a course
* DOVE SPRINGS – April - TBA
  + Randy Hettama will be the trail boss
* Kennedy Meadows
  + Currently we don’t have a trail boss
  + We have had inquiries into this ride
  + We will see if we can get a volunteer – possibly John Wiltsey or Don Rager
* **ALL CLUB EVENTS/RACE SCHEDULES ARE ON THE WEBSITE**

**General Topics**

* Officer elections will be at the March meeting
  + 2 positions need to be filled
    - Correspondence officer
      * We need this to maintain a healthy club, we need to make certain we are responding to our members
    - Club recording officer
* General discussion regarding our race status
  + Should we move to a different location to encourage better attendance
    - We will look into a meeting space closer to the 210 freeway – John Wiltsey will look into this – possibly a Coco’s in Glendora –
    - John will advise Scott
    - Need to know if we can find a place central to Orange County
  + Need to make certain our mailbox is forwarding our mail
* Club voted to allow a person to be the Recording officer even with less than one year of membership – we need a good fit for this position –Bruce nominated, John W. 2nd – all approved
  + Garrett volunteered to take this position
* We need sweatshirts and stickers for out winter events -
  + 6 will be ordered – John W nominated, Tim 2nd – all approved
* Club voted for Scott to create shopping cart from our website – apparel orders will be able to be completed on line
  + Fee approximately $200 – Bruce nom – Tim 2nd – all approved

**2015 CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE** –

* The tent was great to have
* We would not have been able to have such a good race without it
* 172 racers, 205 total entries, 35 kid racers
* We lost approximately $1000 on race
* We have had positive feedback
  + Riders like the finishing board
  + Liked it was only one day
  + People had fun at our party
* Much easier for us to manage
* We still had challenges getting volunteers
* Clean up was very easy
* We lost money due to no sponsors – had we had sponsors we would not have lost money
* We could do better
* 2016 race is on the board for December 10th
* Need all paperwork 6 months from race date – we will not be able to race in June if we decide to go back to a June race –it would be 2017
* Should we consider managing the kid’s series only
* Should we have it at Christmas again
* It was agreed we had very little participation

**OPENED BUSINESS MEETING TO DISCUSS FURTHER – EDDIE - opened in prayer**

Primary discussion was on the forward movement - What we’ve done, what we are doing, and where are we going

* We had a successful race even though we lost money
  + Discussion led to being told if a club loses money, they discuss with D37 and maybe they could help – it was agreed we do not need to do this as we broke even
  + If we don’t have a race, it is not because of money
  + We are discussing not have a race because we don’t have the membership we used to have 100s of paid family memberships
  + Last year we had less than 50 paying family memberships
  + We have less club participation
  + No real racers – this is due to transition due to ageing
  + Entries have gone down for all clubs
  + Less members, less land to use due to the BLM and is difficult to create a course
  + Interest is dwindling for racing
  + Seasons have changed, but we are here to serve Christ – we will always get a return on our investment for our actions
  + Club was formed around racing because it was a group of racers who wanted to fellowship
  + Now we have too few volunteers to put on the race – we need about 60 people
  + We do want to be part of racing but we can minister to D37 in many different ways
  + There are concerns if we get out of racing it will be difficult to get back in
* D37 wants us to put on a kids race
  + It was agreed we do want to be involved in the kid’s race
  + Scott will contact D37 to let them know
  + We might possibly host a kid’s race with another club and have activities following that race instead of our usual Saturday night events

We agree to table the decision to have a race or not – we will vote on this next month along with officer positions

NEXT MEETING -- March 7th – 7 PM – COCO’S CERRITOS

Meeting adjourned