**Racers Under the Son**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**October 6th, 2014, Coco’s**

**Call to order** – Scott Burnett

* Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

**Bible Bob -**

Romans 12:1

* I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Mark 2:13-17

* **13**And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.**14**And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. **15**And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. **16**And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eat and drink with publicans and sinners? **17**When Jesus heard it, he said unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
* We are brought to this earth to serve, to present ourselves holy to God. We reach people that others think are unworthy – this is our calling. We hang out with desert folk. Christ did not come to die for the holy, He died for the sinners.

**Recording Secretary – Jyl Phillips**

* All the past minutes are on the web site
* Minutes were read and approved – John/Art

**Treasurer – Janet Harris**

* Present Balance $8499.29
	+ Total Inflows $2974.56
	+ Total Outflows $1929.20
	+ Net Total $1045.36
* Balance Last Year at this time $10,489.52
	+ Insurance for the club and the officers is coming due – this is liability insurance – we have a different carrier this year, but the price will remain about the same
	+ We have paid for ½ the insurance so far

**Communication Officer – Scott/Bible Bob**

* Nothing to report

**Vice President/Apparel – Bible Bob Nielson**

* Apparel will be at Moto Olympics

**D37 Report – Art Whitney**

* D37 stressed we need to take better care of the D37 trailer
* There is now an out of state attorney assisting in litigation to save and get more land in Johnson Valley
* There is a proposal to change our desert classification – it would change the point structure, it would score by race type
* Pie plates are $10 in 2014 – split between D37 & clubs
* New officers were elected
* D37 & National Hare/Hound has changed
* See D37 website for full information

**Competition Report –**

* Nothing to report

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

* No November Ride
	+ We don’t have a trail bosses for
	+ If we don’t have a trail boss, we need to cancel it
* We need to concentrate on 5 events – we do these events well
	+ - Moto Olympics
		- Poker Run
		- Dove Springs
		- Freemont Peak
		- Meltdown
* We can eliminate 5 events from our calendar – we need to put it on the website
	+ If someone wants to trail boss a ride, they can volunteer and we can put it on the website – they can own it and put it together
* **ALL CLUB EVENTS/RACE SCHEDULES ARE ON THE WEBSITE**

**General Topics**

Scott

* Moto Olympics is this weekend – there will not be a race
* There will be a men’s match time around the mountain
* Sunday morning there will be a Poker run of about 12 miles - it is very kid friendly
* Abe will bring out a teeter totter – we might use this for a new event
* We will need people to record the times and for scoring the event

DIRT – Scott

* DIRT (DUDES IN RUGGED TERRAIN) – a Men’s Christian Retreat
* November 6-8 at Ocotillo Wells
* They will have about 390 paying participants
* They would like RUTS to help with the event
* Tim and Scott are going to Hume Lake to discuss the particulars – this will be during one of their “Men’s Retreat”
* This falls in line with the movement of the club
* We would like trail bosses for that weekend
* It is a good promotion for the club

Racing

* We do not have pit support
* Some of our racers have left due to this
* George Green has decided move to a different club to be with more racers
* The cost for a 2 day race is about $8100 – it is better for a club to move to a one day race due to the increased costs from the BLM
* We are still considering moving our race to December
	+ This is not set in stone
	+ We would like to hear more input from our members
	+ We don’t have many racers, but still want to put on a race like Meltdown

December Race – general discussion

* John W
	+ We would have more of an outreach
	+ We could put on a BBQ one of the days
	+ Reach out to kids and their parents
	+ During the Youth Race we can be intentional about our sharing
	+ We could have a Saturday event and a Sunday worship service since we won’t have a race on Sunday
	+ Easier clean up
* Scott
	+ D37 Youth Series – it is a full series
	+ Four clubs are participating
	+ The race is 7 -11 miles
	+ 11 and under
	+ Our race is the last of the series – this will add attendance as they could be trying to pick up points
	+ D37 plates will be the same as our regular plates – like their dad’s
	+ We want to do this as it fits into our mission
	+ Just won’t be in June, it will be in December
	+ Just like an adult race
	+ If we have our new race, it will be 1 Hare Scramble, not 16 different races
* Tim Scott
	+ December has the only weekend available
	+ D37 did offer a date in April or two weeks sooner than our usual date in June
	+ D37 offered us December 12/13 if we get the results in early – this doesn’t really affect us as we have Moto Tally – the results are done that day
	+ We were given a special waiver and permission from the stewards of D37
	+ It does impact Christmas
* Roger Butterworth, Bible Bob, John Wiltsey, Dave Beaumont, Eddie - discussion
	+ Affects Christmas shopping and other events people attend
	+ We could offer a Christmas service on Saturday night
	+ We need to remember it is dark at 5 pm in December
	+ Weather is a factor –could be raining or snowing
	+ Our location (Cougar Buttes) – is good for families, a bon fire and racing
	+ We could consider a new date as other clubs drop out, their dates would be available – the would also already have a permit through BLMM – we would just need to change the club name with them
	+ D37 supports this new structure of the races
	+ BLM costs continue to go up – their fees go to man power
	+ Costing clubs a lot of money due to the BLM recovery costs
	+ We would need to have a theme – name appropriate and/or similar to Meltdown – need to have this name to do with Christ
	+ If race in December doesn’t work – we can change the date in 2016
	+ We need a catchy name
	+ Other racers have raced in February – there was 2 ft. of snow
		- Of 350 starters, only 100 finished
	+ We need to be cognizant of the weather
	+ We need to make certain we have a safe start
	+ If we don’t have a kids’ race, we would be at a disadvantage
	+ Racing in December is not as critical as the points could already be set
	+ How much would the club support
		- Not much
		- We break even – even with Meltdown
		- Our costs are covered – unlike other clubs, we don’t need to borrow from D37 to put on the race
	+ Many clubs don’t have a race any more
	+ Some clubs are merging to have a race
	+ We have Team Tru who has aligned themselves with us also

Christmas Party

* We need the date
* 50-75 people attend
* We need to have one – we do not want to deter new members
* John Wiltsey will look into a few places to have it – near the Covina area
* If we had it at our race in December
	+ We could put notices at sign-ups
	+ We would have about 100 people
	+ It is a good way to minister
	+ Family friendly Christmas party

Officers in 2015

* We are looking for 2015 Officers
* We welcome participation
* We now will have a communication officer – we just need to vote on it
* We do need someone to update the website, Facebook and send the newsletter
* It was decided the newsletter is important
	+ Lists the events for members
	+ We don’t have to search for it – it is sent directly
	+ Both Facebook and newsletter work
	+ We agreed we should stop the message but still need to update Facebook
	+ If perspective members go to the message board, it directs them to Facebook
	+ We could put a Facebook feed on the message board
	+ We could create a prayer group on Facebook
* Need someone to come along side Scott and he will train them

Patches – Bible Bob

* The patch is RUTS and AMA emblems
* Could be added to any jersey
* Easily identified as a Christian – everywhere you go
* We need to know if they will be iron-on or sew-on
* We need to decide if we would give them out and if the club would pay
* We could offer them to the members for $5/each
* AMA has given us permission to use they emblem
* Our symbol needs the racing stripes – that is our official symbol
* Cost is about $250 for a minimum order
* Motion approved by Jyl & John -- Bible Bob will order

State of the Club

* We have very few racers
* D37 racers as a whole are also declining
* At the meeting we only had on racer – GPs
* We do have good attendance at our events
* Our club is shifting to ‘Riders’ vs ‘Racers’
* We don’t want to give up our race regardless of how many racers
* In 2002 we had very few racers also, but it was important to be part of the club
* It is important to maintain availability to racers who want a Christian Club
* Our ministry is D37 racers
* Our ministry has shifted to family and friends of family
* We decided at the last meeting we are not changing our status/club
* We agree we are to be in the desert as light
* If the Lord called us to minister to D37 then it is no longer ‘our’ ministry
* This has been discussed over many years due to the ebb and flow of membership
* We need to ask the Lord what He would like us to do
* We are ministering to D37
* We have had several members always at the races, Roger B., George G., Scott B.
* Doors are still opening - the Youth Series is one
* We are not stopping – the Lord will raise up someone to take the lead
* At one time there were zero racers
	+ They race with a different club
	+ They have dual membership with another club
	+ Guest pitters
* We agreed to lend Team Tru some of our pit items – they are pitting and we are not right now – Scott will call and see if they are in need of something we can help them with
* We agreed if we need something else, God will provide
* While we align with Team Tru, they are not RUTS and they cannot speak directly to our mission
* We do not want to give up D37
* D37 has been pushing clubs to private property to avoid BLM costs – Anza Rancho
* We could consider this also

MEETINGS

* We are changing the format of the meetings – as the same people attend
* We will hold the general meeting at one of the officer’s home
	+ This hopefully will pull in members who live near that officer
	+ We appreciated the input from all the additional members who attended this meeting
* November meeting – Art’s home
* December meeting – Scott’s home
* January meeting – Freemont Peak

**Prayer and Closing 8:55pm**

**Officer’s Meeting was held immediately after the general meeting**

Officers are looking for new officers for 2015

Needed:

* President
* Communications officer
* Competition officer
* Trustee
* Treasurer – Art volunteered – he will still be the D37 rep

Current officers for voting

Vice President/D37 Legislation Liaison – Bible Bob

Recording Officer – Jyl Phillips

Trustees – John Wiltsey & Scott Burnett

Discussion regarding checks – we can give signing power for small checks or they need two signatures

* We could appoint a person to sign checks
* We will check by laws – verbal approval may be needed
* Paper checks are actually being phased out, our debit card will probably be used most

**November Meeting – Art’s home**