

# N.I.T.R.O.'s Minutes for 2018

Meeting location was Variety Rider's M/C club house Ottawa, IL.

Ralph Littlefield opened the meeting at 1:35 PM on 10/21/2018

Warren Lange took rollcall.

Ralph Littlefield read last year's minutes.

## Treasurer's Report:

- November 2017 ending balance was \$13,035.67.
- September 2018 ending balance is \$13,663.81 (with \$394.93 outstanding bills).

Motion to accept: Ralph L. Second: Shari Huber

## Election of officers:

- President - Ralph Littlefield, Incumbent
- V.P - Warren Lange
- Treasure - Eric Miller, Incumbent
- Secretary - Jeff Franklin
- Referee #1 - Jason Waldo, Incumbent
- Referee #2 - Tom Littlefield
- Webmaster - Charlie Shanks, Incumbent
- Trophies - TBD

After the election of officers, Ralph L. discussed further what the Referee's responsibilities entail. He recommended they watch the AMA Risk management videos to help prevent people getting hurt or sued. If we are not compliant with AMA insurance coverage rules, we risk the not being covered if an unfortunate accident were to happen.

## Old Business:

Ralph L. read through.

Due to the large amount of money in N.I.T.R.O.'s account, should we look for club house grounds and raise the member dues to cover the increased cost? The club members are too spread out to justify club house grounds. Discussion tabled.

Last time, we discussed Rocky Glen OHV park hosting an upcoming trials event? Jason Waldo said, due to the park being funded by the state, the park may not hold sanctioned events there.

Eric M. discussed, that he was joined by three other member who attended last year's District 17 general meeting. These meetings are open to clubs and promoters to discuss rule changes and review how the district is doing financially. Eric asked the members to review the regulations and mark what rules don't apply to District 17 last year. Several rules not covered by the District 17 hand book refer to the North American Trials Council (NATC) handbook. To keep the trials community compliant with District 17 & NATC, we must follow these rules listed in the two hand books.

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Bonus worker point for helping with event setups was brought up. Kevin Huber stated that worker points really didn't help encourage more people to come help before events. Discussion tabled.

## New Business:

Keven Huber brought up, that any member of N.I.T.R.O. can submit write ups and pictures to Cycle USA. The author can receive \$45 for each entry. If you noticed in previous magazine issues, Kevin H. reported on many of the W.O.T.A. events. All his reporting's received to pages of print and color photos.

Eric M. announced that the board members of District 17 will meet on November 17. Eric went over the rules he thought did not apply to us and the group agree to the changes. The NATC book is centered around national trials events and not local amateur events. He will bring proposed rule changes to the floor. After this meeting, the change recommendations will go to the floor at the general meeting as "board recommended" changes.

The next general district 17 meeting will be held Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Bloomington, IL at 1: pm. The exact location was not mentioned yet.

Eric M. stated that district 17's financial status is poor. He said, Patty Ward, the treasurer, has made some financial calculation. She found that much decline in District 17 money, is due to riders not purchasing a district card. Then, riders would race at local events with just an AMA card and not pay for a district card. Most of these losses are coming from the Moto Cross groups. Patty said the clubs and promoters need to ensure riders are purchasing a district card before racing. This should solve some of the financial issues going on in the District. Eric said, our event cost went up 2018. There hasn't been a price increase since the 70's. Currently, \$1.00 is paid to district 17 by the promoters for each rider who participates in a sanctioned event.

A discussion on improving the N.I.T.R.O. web-site was discussed. Andy Palframan mentioned he might have a contact in Tampa FL. that could update our web-site for a reasonable price. We also need to acquire our domain name back from a member who originally started it. He has since quit the club and moved away. Motion to table the web-site till we hear back from Andy P.

After Jason W. explained there was no competition allowed at Rocky Glen, Jason said, he would check on having a "just for fun" gate trials for N.I.T.R.O. members.

Andy Palframan brought up the need for better communication with members when N.I.T.R.O. or other clubs schedule work days for event setup. Setup participation seems to be the same four to eight people doing all the work. More participation from the club member is needed.

Warren Lange proposed the club should look into purchasing a back-pack style leaf blower for clearing sections on work days. Ralph asked Warren to look into this purchase. All members present, agreed with this purchase. Motion to accept: Nancy Littlefield, second: Eric Miller.

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## District 17 Events

Date	Location	Contact
Mar - 24	605 12th Street Mendota IL 61342	<a href="#">Megatraxs (Indoor Event)</a>
May 4 – 5	NITRO EVENT, 559 S. Grandview Terrace Oregon, Illinois	<a href="#">Jeff Franklin Place (NITRO/WOTA contest)</a>
MAY 18	NITRO EVENT, Elmwood Illinois	<a href="#">Tom Bledsoe's Place</a>
May 19	605 S Cameron Ln Bartonville, IL 61607	<a href="#">PEORIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB</a>
June 1 - 2	7196 Pettit Road Gilbert, MN 55741 We are looking for NITRO teams to score and support the nationals.	<a href="#">Minnesota Nation 2019 (NATC)</a>
Aug 3	Manchester, Iowa Directions to come later	<a href="#">C.M.J. Event, (Bacon &amp; Hops Fest.)</a>
Aug 10- 11	NITRO EVENT , 8182 200 North Rd, Sidell, IL 61876	<a href="#">Nitro Event/T.I. (Cross Winds)</a>
Sept 7-8	605 S Cameron Ln Bartonville, IL 61607	<a href="#">PEORIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB</a>
Sept 22	1414 E US Route 6 Ottawa, IL 61350	<a href="#">VARIATY RIDER'S M/C</a>
Oct 5 - 6	White City, Illinois	<a href="#">Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders</a>

### Attendees:

Ralph Littlefield  
 Nancy Littlefield  
 Tom Littlefield  
 Warren Lange  
 Cheri Huber  
 Kevin Huber  
 Travis Ward  
 Jeff Franklin  
 Jason Waldo  
 Camile Rivera  
 Carlos Arias  
 Gretchen Orme  
 Lee Orme  
 Chasen Orme  
 Eric Miller  
 Andy Palframan

Ralph Littlefield Closed the meeting at 5 pm.