

THAMES VALLEY RIDERS

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2010 RACING SEASON BEGINS

New Board of Directors elected

On January 9th we had our Annual General Meeting where the club's finances and direction were discussed. Only a couple dozen people showed up for this event, but that was enough to constitute quorum. Only 26 ballots were cast to represent 500 members (about 5% representation). Some minor changes to the by-laws were passed and the new Board of Directors was elected. Your new board of directors is:

Position	Director
President	Dan Verhoeven
Vice President	Rob Thornton
Treasurer	Bryan Tweedie
Secretary	John Dubois
Director	John Roney
Director	Dave Martin
Director	Peter den Dunnen
Director	Nathan DeBruyne
Director	Ben Abray

Their job is to control the direction and policies of the club. You can contact the Board from the Committees page on the Web site.

New Executive Positions Created

One of the first actions of the new board was to formalize the executive structure. These are the positions or people who do the actual work of running the club. The function of the board is simply to make decisions on behalf of the membership, but these positions are un-paid. The executive positions have compensation for the work done. Judy Burch is the new Membership Manger. She will be processing membership applications, answering membership questions, and sending out membership cards. The second new position is the Club Manager. The Club Manager oversees the other managers and acts as the main contact for the club for tracks and sponsors. Other responsibilities include hauling equipment and paying people. This year's Club Manager is Dan Verhoeven, Along with the Event Manager, Nathan DeBruyne, they will be running the club. You can contact the executive via the Contact Us page at tvrmx.com



New Dues Structure

After examining past issues, the board decided to try some new policies to improve race day time management. The measures are an attempt to reduce the long sign-in line ups.

The first policy is to change the fee structure for memberships. Individuals signing up by mail and sending in all their paperwork and money, will pay \$65 plus the \$30 flagging fee. Families will pay \$120 plus \$30/member for mail-in registrations. If you wait until you get to the track to do your registration individuals will pay \$85 plus \$30, and families will pay \$140 plus \$30/member. We hope this cuts down the long lines and gets us racing sooner.

In another policy change, we will not be accepting day riders this year. Day riders have made sign in and score keeping complicated. It was decided that TVR should be focusing its efforts on its members instead.

**Join by mail to save time
and money.**

Season starts on March 1

The official start of the season is March 1

On March 1, all existing memberships and bike registrations expire. This means that all the bike numbers are up for grabs on a first-come-first-served basis. You can reserve your number by renewing your registration on-line through your Web account. Please follow up promptly with your payment because if there is a competition for numbers, the first paid will win.

No membership applications will be processed until March 1. If you already have an account, with a valid e-mail address, you will be automatically sent a receipt informing you when your account becomes active. If you are creating a new account, you will get an e-mail when your account is created with your user name and password, and another one when your account is activated.

If your mail was returned from any TVR mail outs, your account may be deleted unless your address has been updated recently.

New for this year are membership forms you can fill in before printing them. This should make it easier to fill out your forms, and easier for the Membership Manager to read.

Note: Make sure you use this year's forms! Last years' forms have a different address and fee structure.

Year end promotions

If you were promoted at the end of last season, your registration has already been updated. You can see a list of everyone promoted in the FAQ section on the Web site.

Promotions are now being done by the promotions committee. Please contact them if you need more information.

Get 'er Done!

If you think there is something that needs doing this season, you can join a committee or even start one for your particular interest. Visit the Committees page to see what's available.

If you want to start a new committee, just ask the Club Manager or the Board of Directors. If your committee suggestion is approved, it will be added to the Committees page where people can sign up.

Some of the existing committees will be cleared at the start of the season. If you are still interested, please sign up again.

Who, What, Where?

As we rev up for 2010 there will be changes to policies, the schedule, and other things. Information will appear on the Web site, and important or time critical information may be sent out in bulk e-mails. Please make sure you have correct information in your Web account. If your kids don't have e-mail, use yours, otherwise you may find yourself showing up for a race that was cancelled or moved.

Other important stuff will be sent to you by mail, so we need to have your current mailing address.

More fun to come...

The marketing committee has been working with our sponsors and they have some interesting promotional ideas for 2010. Nothing has been finalized yet, but watch the Web site and your e-mail for more news.

Let's Ride!