

31 members (including 6 officers) were present at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3 new members were accepted bringing the current membership to 85.

President Steve Arteman explained that anyone can have their cell phone number added to the Club's "alert" list and get up to the minute information on the status of events at Dirt Riders thru text messages on their cell phone. Anyone desiring to receive text alerts should use their cell phone to send a request to [dirtridersinc@yahoo.com](mailto:dirtridersinc@yahoo.com) to be added to the list.

Dirt Riders insurance news: We have an insurance carrier for the club grounds! Unfortunately the landowners current policy issuer did not want to recognize our new carrier. So a new carrier was found for the Timmerman's farm land. This new carrier does acknowledge our new policy. However the landowners new carrier is not content with the Timmerman's land. Issues concerning brush around the buildings is the key. Dirt Rider's will offer to help Gene with getting the farmland up to the insurance standards, but we will delay the offer a little while as Gene's family has just suffered a loss in the family. If Gene accepts our offer to help, we will announce the dates and times by all means available and the time each family member works be counted as work hours for the club.

Because we are still not sure when the club grounds will be open to ride, we will not plan on having a fun ride in April. If the timing is such that a fun ride can take place in April, please let an officer know that you would like to set up a course and we will post the details online.

Also because of the issue with insurance, we will plan on having the May meeting at either the Argenta or Oreana firehouse on May 3rd at 7:00pm. If the club grounds are open before May 3rd, the meeting will be at the club grounds. You can stay up to date with the changing events by visiting your website at: [www.dirt-rider.org](http://www.dirt-rider.org) or visiting your facebook page: [Oakley Dirt Riders](#). Anyone without internet service will be notified by text, phone call or word of mouth.

The (3) AMA sanctioned races sponsored by Dirt Riders this year are: District 17 race in Oakford IL on June 26 Wounded Warrior Charity Race at the clubgrounds on July 10 Big Brother's Big Sister's charity race on November 6.

Jay Hall was authorized to secure the sanctions for these races now that we are certain the club grounds will be opened shortly.

A flyer for the July 10 race is included with this newsletter. Please post any questions you may have concerning these races to the sites listed above or contact one of your officers.

Remember when riding resumes - turn out the club house lights and lock the gate is locked padlock to padlock (upon entering and leaving.) In the meantime, while we are waiting on the insurance issue to be resolved, anyone found on the property will be treated as a trespasser and may be subject to prosecution. Please do not attempt to enter the property until informed of permission to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this unanticipated situation.