

COUNCIL AGENDA: February 19, 2013

SUBJECT: OVER THE HILL GANG RACE PROPOSAL

SOURCE: PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: Mike Tucker, President of the Over The Hill Gang Motocross Racing Club, is requesting to hold three races at the Porterville Off Highway Vehicle Park. The race dates are February 24, June 23, and December 1, 2013.

Over The Hill Gang will provide the necessary insurance, race registration, score keepers, trophies and advertising. The City will provide front gate staff, flaggers and track prep. The races are going to be held during normal track practice days so no additional duties are required of City staff. The racing will conclude at Noon, and then the OHV Park will open to the public for the remainder of the regular Saturday practice riding time.

All gate and entry fees (except \$15.00 per rider for insurance and trophy cost) will go to the City of Porterville. The Over The Hill Gang race last year brought in \$2,350. City staff and the Parks and Leisure Services Commission recommend approval of the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- 1) Approve the Over The Hill Gang Race Proposal.

ATTACHMENT: 1) Over The Hill Gang Race Proposal

23 Director MP Appropriated/Funded

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Porterville OHV Park/Motocross Racing

Over the Hill Gang Motocross Club
Mike Tucker/President
28445 Burrough North
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Dear Porterville City Council:

My name is Mike Tucker; I am the president of the Valley Over The Hill Gang Motocross Racing Club. Last year you provided us with the opportunity to conduct motocross racing at the Porterville OHV Park. We put on 2 events last year and they were very successful in generating some extra revenue for the city and at the same providing a new track for us to compete on. As a long-time participant myself of the Porterville OHV Park I was excited to be able to bring our members out to this outstanding venue. The OHV park is very well run and one of the safest tracks we ride on. We would like to continue OTHG MX racing at the OHV park in Porterville for 2013. We are a non-profit organization and our only goal is to promote safe and fair racing opportunities for our members. We have about 130 members in our valley chapter and about 1100 members throughout California and Nevada.

Plan

City would provide the following

1. Staff at the front gate to take gate fees and signed waivers (already in place for practice)
2. Flaggers for race (already in place for practice)
3. Staff to prepare track (already in place for practice)
4. All gate and entry fees (except \$15.00 per rider for Insurance and trophy cost) will go to City of Porterville. The Valley OTHG does not make any profit at this event-we do provide the trophies which cost about \$15.00 per copy.

OTHG provides

1. Score keepers
2. Sign up and race entry forms
3. Club Secretary to help with sign up and race fee collection.
4. Trophies

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5. Insurance
6. Club Officers to help control track entry gate in transition from racing to practice.
7. Advertising provided through the club web site and members email.
8. Members also help with starting gate and start/finish line flagging.
9. Club PA system available if needed

2013 Schedule

Motocross Races on the dates of **2-24-13, 6-23-13 and 12-1-13**. These dates would coincide with the already scheduled MX practice.

- a. Race day schedule: gates open at 7:00 A.M. – race practice at 8:00 A.M. – Racing starts at 9:00 A.M.- 2 Moto format
 - b. First round of Motos would conclude at about 10:00
 - c. Second round of motos would start at about 10:30 and conclude at about 11:45
 - d. At 12:00 Open Practice starts & continues for the remainder of the day.
5. **Fees - All fees go to City (except \$15.00 per rider for Insurance and trophy cost)**
 - a. Gate Fee \$15.00 – Race Fee \$25 – Total Fees \$40.00
 - b. Estimated Rider Count 40 to 70 entries.
 - c. Estimated Fee collected \$1600.00 to \$2800.00
 6. Our staff will handle statistics for the races.

Combining the Race Day and Practice day schedules provides a good revenue generating opportunity. It would probably double the rider count and generates 3 times the normal practice day revenue. Riders who do not want to race can practice just like they normally would, just a little later. Those who race can stay for the open practice after the races and get some extra ride time. This is the same format we have been using at the Tulare racetrack for the past 5 years and Porterville last year, it has been extremely successful. Porterville is a great track and has been a favorite for many of our members over the years. Please consider this proposal and give us the opportunity to continue racing at the Porterville OHV park.

Sincerely, Mike Tucker

President Valley OTHG

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