

## MIRA Presidents Letter; Dec. 17, 2020

The MIRA board has been working overtime to keep the organization moving through these difficult times. Our goal is to provide safe, fun and affordable racing for our membership. This is not easy on a normal year, you can imagine what we are faced with now. There are updates that I want to share with everyone so please stay with me;

**To Race or Not?** The current order from the Michigan Governor does allow professional sports with no spectators to take place. I believe we fall under that ruling. December 21<sup>st</sup> will be the State's next order and we need to watch closely as to what that might contain. Minnesota for an example has made it impossible to hold an event. Should Michigan tighten up even more our season will be in jeopardy. Stay tuned for that press conference.

I contact every Pro Enduro team I could and 100% want to race providing we are allowed.

I am watching hospital capacity in the communities we race in so we can use the facility if needed.

I have provided our Covid plan to all health departments where we race with either good feedback or none at all.

I have been in constant communication with ISR, they are in full support of us racing if allowed. Lack of insurance will not be a factor.

I have been given a legal opinion and was told we must be tight on our waivers more than ever, but no other issues.

I have asked medical professionals for feedback and was told if we conduct ourselves smart and follow protective guidelines we will be fine as can be expected.

Conclusion is; MIRA is racing. We still could get shut down by a new State of Michigan order or even a Biden order but we cannot control that. So unless something develops to shut MIRA down, we are racing. BUT: be prepared to be smart, patient, thoughtful and compliant with our Covid rules. Anyone putting us in jeopardy will be asked to leave. Know your team mates as far as their health and condition. Know and understand there is risk in what we do and even more this year.

### **UPDATES;**

Kinross race is being moved to Feb. 6/7. This will allow for cold weather and snow to make the track safer. It will allow time for the Covid numbers in the area to decline. This takes us off New Year's weekend. Given the recent announcement from the Soo 1500, we are only using this date for this race.

Eagle River is racing, they have all permits and permissions in hand and now this becomes our first Pro Enduro point's race. The schedule for the weekend at Eagle River is posted to our web site under Policy/Procedures. Remember our pit passes will not be honored and you **MUST** register on line. I hope to see our sprint racers make the trip. Be ready for a big event and represent MIRA well.

Gaylord remains the same Jan. 23/24 with a weather date of Jan. 30/31.

Caro with much regret has to cancel their race. They depend on spectators and activities there to justify the event. They feel fund raising will be very hard to do in this environment and I support that decision. Caro will be on the schedule again in 2022. **CARO is CANCELLED.**

Lincoln no changes.

Youth program on Sunday will be included as before.

There will be NO meet the Drivers before the Pro Enduro at this time unless we can have spectators by the time we get to Gaylord.

ALL Teams must read and know the Covid plan. Wear a mask as you approach the Pit Boss and all officials and each other.

Enter and sign wavier online to avoid contact with registration. ISR cards will require waiver signed on line. We are working on our general wavier to be on the web site soon.

Please understand we are doing all we can in this crazy time in our lives to stay focused, positive and racing; SMART. I know all you will support whatever decisions need to be made moving forward. Continue to watch our Facebook page and web site for information as it becomes available. I appreciate everyone who has helped our group remain the premier snowmobile race organization that it has become.

See you all in Eagle River.

Karl Schwartz; MIRA president.