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All Terrain Vehicles Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 25th & 26th March, 2017

PRESENT: Darrell Knight, Len Pipiciello
ABSENT: Martin Stone (phoned on voting)
MEETING OPENS: Saturday 25th March

Item No.	Raised By	Rule # (Issue/Item)	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commissions Recommendation
ATV223	-	Welcome / apologies	Commission welcomes those present and opens the meeting.	-	-
ATV224	-	Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the 2016 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting.	-	Confirmed
ATV225	MA	Chair to be elected by vote			L Pipiciello & M Stone voted to support D Knight in the position of Chair. D Knight expressed concern for succession and accepts position of Chair for 12 months only, when the position should be re-elected.

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ATV226 MX1193	David Berry	Appendix A	N/A	<p><u>Add Rule</u></p> <p>Neck braces are to be mandatory for all off-road competitors; both Junior and Senior.</p> <p><i>My 13 year old son had a series accident while racing Dirt Track State Titles at Broadford. He was wearing a neck brace at the time of the accident and after examining marks which were left by the neck brace I believe his accident could have been much worse. The marks that were left suggested to me that there had been quite some force impacting on this neck.</i></p>	<p>ATVC recommend neck braces should remain an item of rider choice.</p>

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ATV227 MX1195	Michael Burns	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Revert to 2016 Rule</u></p> <p><i>Allow tear-offs</i></p> <p><i>There has been very little if any real collaboration with all the stake holders especially and consultation with the ones most affected by this change being the Motor cross riders. Since the very late reminder of the rule becoming effective the general response from the MX community has been very negative towards this change even though it has been on the table for some time.</i></p> <p><i>The level of contact I received directly as well as amount on Social media prompted to try and find the reason for this ban and I really struggled to recall apart from the obvious standard environmental issues that have been around for 100 years.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to propose that the rule be delayed indefinitely and that a more long term strategic plan be formulated that includes a clear time line the clear intended outcome for the removal tear offs from our sport but in a phased approach. He strategic to ensure we work with all willing participating, participants, the manufacturers and the distributors as industry working party. This working will need to ensure we have system available that reasonably cost competitive, that the functionality of the system is to a rider acceptable standard.</i></p> <p><i>See original proposal for additional rationale</i></p>	<p><i>ATVC notes MA's extensive consultation on this issue over at least 3 previous years. The decision to ban Tear-Offs has been made and the Commission recommend that it should now follow through to the announced implementation and be monitored.</i></p>

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ATV228 MX1196	Peter Cigliano	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Allow tear-offs for use at all levels of MX and SX.</p> <p>A tear-off collection at the conclusion of each meeting shall be conducted to satisfy the environmental requirements of venues.</p> <p><i>This rule change is for the following reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of peripheral vision with roll-offs - Large number of roll-off failures - Eye damage - Very difficult for young riders to use - Extra expense due to high cost of roll-off systems - Very poor supply of all roll-offs - Restricted vision under artificial lights - Roll-off maintenance very difficult 	See ATV227
ATV229 MX1197	David Forster	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Tear-offs to be permitted at the Clubs Discretion</p> <p><i>I have raced for over 20 years. You lose so much peripheral vision when going in to the first corner, and you cannot see if there is anyone next to you. My brand new roll-offs got splashed with water and the canister broke in the first corner.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, some bulky roll-offs have given me black eyes in the past because they stuck out past the sides of the helmet. Having a bulky roll-off system is a similar danger to having a helmet camera attached.</i></p>	See ATV227

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ATV230 MX1198	Chris Byrnes	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Race Steward is in control; 10 minute track walk before presentation.</p> <p><i>Roll-offs are dangerous as they easily break so a rider loses the use of their goggles within the first or so, which can cause eye injuries. The roll-off film can hold up to 120kg of weight, and can become tangled in the machine's wheels, sprockets and could be very dangerous. It could potentially cause a rider to be torn from their bike.</i></p>	See ATV227
ATV231 MX1199	Carl Jepsen	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Tear-offs are permitted in all competitive closed circuit racing venues.</p> <p><i>Having attended the first club day at Kilcoy MX club in January, I was horrified at the number of riders competing the race with no goggles on, or goggles worn around the arm after being removed mid-race.</i></p> <p><i>The club Officials were also required to fetch removed goggles from different points around the track at the end of each race.</i></p> <p><i>The potential danger to the riders is high given this new rule, therefore I strongly suggest MA reconsider this rule for safety of all off-road events.</i></p>	See ATV227

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ATV232 MX1200	Adrian Leach	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Revert to 2016 Rule</u></p> <p><i>The alternative to tear-offs are roll-offs systems. The canisters that hold the roll-off plastic are exposed to roost from leading bikes and will break. The roll-off plastic then unravels and is susceptible to getting caught in moving parts of the motorcycle whilst hanging from the riders helmet.</i></p> <p><i>For Junior riders this is very dangerous and will cause damage to riders neck, face and limbs. The breaking strain of the material is greater than 250kg. All junior riders now risk serious injury. MA has a duty of care and should revise the rule.</i></p>	See ATV227
ATV233 MX1201	Charlie Snell	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Tear-offs to be used in all MX disciplines.</p> <p>Roll-offs to be banned from MX.</p> <p><i>Roll-offs are too dangerous for use in MX as the film can kill or injure riders.</i></p> <p><i>Tear-offs give safer vision through the whole race and have less impact on the environment as roll-offs are dangerous to wild-life and riders when tape builds up around tracks.</i></p>	See ATV227

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ATV234 MX1202	Philip Snell	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>The use of tear-offs in MX is allowed.</p> <p>The use of roll-offs are banned from use in any MX discipline. Any rider using roll-offs will be removed from the track and lose any points.</p> <p><i>Until a safe system that has been tested by "middle of the pack" riders in race conditions at a variety of tracks is available then tear-offs should be allowed. Roll-offs are too dangerous as the canister can fail and the film can wrap around the riders neck and choke the rider or pull the rider into the wheel.</i></p> <p><i>Riders have voiced complaints about impaired vision when the film gets dusty, muddy or wet. Rider have been injured from the film axle poking into their face causing eye injury and the film getting caught in a moving wheel and reefing the neck towards the back wheel.</i></p>	See ATV227

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ATV235 MX1203	Dwayne Stadthaus	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Make tear-off rule venue specific</p> <p><i>From what I understand this rule has come about due to concern for litter. This would be completely understandable at events that do not use motocross specie venues (IE. Farms or private property's for grass tracks). Motocross venues are all fully fenced which stops stray tear-offs from blowing outside. I have raced my entire life at a national level and have always noticed that tear-offs do not end up outside of the set venues, so in turn I feel this rule is unnecessary.</i></p> <p><i>I strongly believe this rule is a safety hazard (I'm lead to believe M.A is suppose to be looking out for our safety). By wearing roll-offs, a riders vision is drastically reduced, not to mention the fact that roll-offs are very unreliable and tend to fall apart or come loose while racing which then leads a racer to take goggles off altogether and risk eye damage.</i></p> <p><i>See original proposal for additional rationale.</i></p>	See ATV227
ATV236 MX1204	Mark Cunningham & Brad Kirkels	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Tear-offs are permitted at all MX, SX and other Off-Road disciplines that are conducted on Closed Circuit Venues.</p> <p><i>The ban on tear-offs have already resulted in numerous injuries, loss of compete roll-off film due to rocks breaking the canister housing as well as eye damage.</i></p> <p><i>Refer to proposal for detailed list of concerns.</i></p>	See ATV227

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ATV237 MX1205	Dean Keightley & Luke Gleeson & Jeff Dray	Appendix A	Goggles and Visors	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>Make tear-off rule venue specific</p> <p>Stewards should be responsible for organizing a 10 minute clean up of tear-offs before presentation.</p> <p>Roll-off systems are far too expensive for families. Junior riders have already been injured by the ribbon tape streaming off goggles. The safety factor alone is enough to have this rule returned to allow the use of tear offs. The majority of parents of Club MX agree that this rule needs changing.</p>	See ATV227
ATV238	Ron Goldfinch	15.11.6.5	<p>15.11.6 Scoring</p> <p>...</p> <p>15.11.6.5 An entrant suffering a DNF will attract 21st place points (10pts) or last place points, whichever ever is lesser. If two DNF's occur in one race they will be awarded sequential 21st and 22nd place points, and so on, with the first DNF finishing with the lowest number of points.</p>	<p>Rules need to be consistent. The Rule in the ATV section is inconsistent with other disciplines, Inflicting this rule on all events Australia wide is inconsistent with events that run MX and ATV's all at the same events.</p> <p>If a number of ATV's come together and can not complete the event how is anyone meant to allocate who was the first to DNF? Example, An incident on turn one, leads to 3 or 4 ATV's running into each other all do not continue for whatever reason, who determines which ATV DNF'd first?</p> <p>If an ATV breaks down during practice what's to stop them pushing their ATV to the line, waiting for the gates to drop then pushing it away from the line and still getting points?</p> <p>How is a scorer at an event with 2, 3 and 4 wheel entrants suppose to know if a person breaks down at the start line or start straight whether to score them, or 4 people break down across the circuit, the scorer doesn't see in which order they broke down or crashed, how do they score them? This rule is impractical. If clubs want to implement this they can do via supplementary regulations.</p>	<p>Mr. Goldfinch's concern for consistency across disciplines is noted, however the 35 point system that ATV had previous copied from two wheel racing does not ideally fit a maximum grid of 20 ATVs.</p> <p>Many ATV grids around the country see single digit grid numbers (not 20 and not 40 like two wheeler classes can).</p> <p>The ATV DNF rule rewards participation and allows a DNF sufferer to remain in closer contention. DNF points will be awarded favouring most the machine that has travelled further in the race. Minimum eligibility for DNF points is clarified as "the entrant must be in the starters hands, in position at race start (drop of gate, signal, flag, tape etc.)".</p> <p>ATVC recommends addition of "start" clarification to the rule, "A rider starts when the rider and machine is present at the line for gate drop (flag, light, tape etc.)."</p>

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ATV239	Bethwyn	15.11.6.5	<p>15.11.6 Scoring</p> <p>...</p> <p>15.11.6.5 An entrant suffering a DNF will attract 21st place points (10pts) or last place points, which ever is lesser. If two DNF's occur in one race they will be awarded sequential 21st and 22nd place points, and so on, with the first DNF finishing with the lowest number of points.</p>	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>15.11.6 Scoring</p> <p>...</p> <p>15.11.6.5 For ATV Dirt Track & Track classes only: An entrant suffering a DNF will attract 21st place points (10pts) or last place points, which ever is lesser. If two DNF's occur in one race they will be awarded sequential 21st and 22nd place points, and so on, with the first DNF finishing with the lowest number of points.</p> <p><i>This rule is impractical to Marshal at MX events.</i></p>	<p>ATV DNF rule implementation should be tried for its greater list of positives. Note that Officials have a responsibility to control all of the track and account for all entrants in any event.</p> <p>Refer ATV238</p>
ATV240	MA	Banning of Titanium Axles and Pivots	N/A	<p>Refer to DRAFT Bulletin #1624</p> <p>Commission are requested to give their recommendation on this new rule.</p>	<p>ATVC support the new rule providing that the exception for OEM fitment of Titanium and Alloy parts remains. Titanium / Alloy axels and pivots have existed in some OEM ATV models since 2008 and may become more prevalent in the future.</p>

MEETING CLOSES: Sunday 26th March