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All Terrain Vehicles Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th & 19th April, 2015

PRESENT: Darrell Knight (Chair), Len Pipicello, Martin Stone.

APOLOGY: None

MEETING OPENS: 10:30AM

Item No.	Raised By	Rule # (Issue)	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commissions Recommendation	MA Board Decision
QC198	-	Welcome / apologies	Chairman welcomes those present and opens the meeting.	-	-	
QC199	-	Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the 2014 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting.	-	Minutes of 2014 ATV Commission (ATVC) accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
QC200	Ralph Freeman	1.1.0.21	1.1.0.21 "Motorcycle" means and includes: a) Solo - a one-track vehicle with two wheels with the drive through the rear wheel.	Change Rule: 1.1.0.21 "Motorcycle" means and includes: a) Solo - consisting of a frame, the structure or structures used to join any steering mechanism at the front of the machine, the engine, gear box and all components of rear suspension. In some disciplines a "change of machine" can be allowed, with what can be changed being stipulated within the SR's - and allows for confusion. Intrinsic parts which make up the machine should allow more understanding.	ATVC cannot rightly agree or disagree with this issue as it is not directly related to ATV machines. ATVC cannot envisage how this expanded definition would help though, and we are concerned that such an expansion would make 'solo' inconsistent with other machine type descriptions, and possible flow on effects throughout the MoMS.	

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QC201	Lech Budniak	Scrutineers	N/A	<p>Add Rule:</p> <p>2.5.x.x Scrutineer The Scrutineer checks all motorcycles for compliance with the corresponding discipline's rules and Supplementary Regulations. This is done at the beginning of the meeting (and at other times if required) and for all motorcycles involved in accidents, prior to being permitted to return to the track. The Scrutineer report to the Chief Scrutineer, who then reports to the Clerk of Course.</p> <p>The is no definition of the Scrutineer's role. This has caused confusion about whether the Scrutineer is to ensure the compliance with the rules (which indirectly ensures safety), or whether the role is to check every component of the bike for safety. This is problematic as the Scrutineer could be judged as legally liable for an unsafe motorcycle. Widely varying standards are being enforced by well meaning Scrutineers making up their own rules and excluding riders because of them. If an item is important enough to exclude a bike, it should be listed in the discipline's requirements. How else can newcomers know the machine requirements?</p>	<p>ATVC advises that if entrants are being failed at Scrutineering for issues like damaged valve caps in low speed dirt events, then there is a problem. However, ATVC envisage that writing an exhaustive list of what components are important for various entrants on different machines in all disciplines as virtually impossible. To our thinking, Scrutineers should act in a consistent manner in the best interests of the sport with safety in mind. It may be necessary for different interpretations especially where new or inexperienced entrants in lower classes are concerned.</p>	
QC202	Murray Garlan	Flags	N/A	<p>Introduce a Rule that ensures a Yellow Flag is available in pit lane for someone to use in an emergency. Penalties would apply for deliberate misuse.</p> <p>This addition would improve rider safety with minimal risk. As Flag Marshals are spread thinly around the Track, once a Yellow Flag has been waved, why not have someone in Pit Lane waving one more to ensure riders are aware of situations up ahead. There has been the case of a rider stalling a motorcycle at a start line and, being near the front, was hit from behind by a rider who was unaware of the situation. The second rider could not see the Yellow Flag being waved from the right-hand side of the Track (closer to the start line).</p>	<p>ATVC recommend the idea for large events. Smaller events struggle to raise volunteers which often results in threats of discontinuing events or cancellation. Further burdening small local events with this extra requirement may stress grass roots level racing.</p>	

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QC203	MA	18.9.1	Helmets	N/A	<p>ATVC believes any AS1698 or Internationally rated helmet that is in good condition should be accepted. Helmet condition is viewed as a far greater safety concern than whether or not a helmet is older or newer, or which standards sticker is displayed.</p> <p>A new condition M2005 helmet might easily offer greater protection than the latest ultralight Carbon helmet that barely met AS1698 testing and has been poorly looked after and abused every day by a high level rider in practice and racing for 6 months.</p> <p>ATVC notes that further regulation within ATV is not necessary as all riders wear appropriate helmet types anyway. With extensive event experience we have never seen a competition entrant attempt to enter any event with an open face helmet. Helmet type suitability does not need GCR specification as self regulation appears to be 100% effective best practice.</p> <p>ATVC recommend that all International Helmet standards to be accepted and helmet condition to be the major focal point of scrutiny.</p>	
QC204	WC	National Women's Day	N/A	Ramp up promotion and encouragement of females in motorcycling.	ATVC supports the concept of a National Women's Day promotion. Suggestions include: discounted structure, Come'n'Try, existing licensed Girls and Women participation encouraged. No males to ride for event (encouraged to official, pit crew, assist running of event, and put a lady on their bike).	
QC205	SMC	18.1	<p>18.1 CATEGORIES FOR SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ATV CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ATV CHAMPIONSHIPS SUPERMOTO</p> <p>S4: Open</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>18.1 CATEGORIES FOR SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ATV CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ATV CHAMPIONSHIPS SUPERMOTO</p> <p>S4: Open</p>	Following SMC lead, ATVC recommends changing 18.1 Supermoto ATV class "S4 Open" to read "Open", and drop the S4 descriptor.	

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QC206	ATVC	Application of Chapter	<p>Application of Chapter The Rules set out in this chapter are for the competition events using ATVs. Everything that is not authorised and prescribed in this chapter is strictly prohibited.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>Application of Chapter The Rules set out in this chapter are for the competition events using ATVs. Everything that is not authorised and prescribed in this chapter is strictly prohibited.</p>	<p>ATVC recommends removal of this sentence as it is currently used unfairly and misinterpreted in multiple ways by all levels in our sport. With the present wording it would be possible to justify excluding every entrant from all events for at least one fact that does not exist in writing in the chapter.</p>	
QC208	ATVC	1.1.0.21 g) & 5.6.0.2	<p>1.1.0.21 "Motorcycle" means and includes: ... f) ATV - a two-track vehicle with four wheels driven by the rear or all wheels and on which a rider may be accommodated astride the vehicle having control of the steering by way of handlebars operating the front wheels. g) UTV/SxS (Utility Terrain Vehicle/ Side by Side) a two-track vehicle with four wheels driven by the rear or all wheels and in which a driver and passenger may be accommodated within the vehicle having control of the steering by way of a steering wheel operating the front wheels. Note: UTV/SxS can only be used in permitted recreational activities.</p> <p>&</p> <p>5.6 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES 5.6.0.1 The technical specifications must be approved by MA and be included in the Supplementary Regulations. 5.6.0.2 UTV/SxS cannot be used in any form of competition.</p>	<p>Change Rules:</p> <p>g) UTV/SxS (Utility Terrain Vehicle/ Side by Side) a two-track vehicle with four wheels driven by the rear or all wheels and in which a driver and passenger may be accommodated within the vehicle having control of the steering by way of a steering wheel operating the front wheels. Note: UTV/SxS can only be used in permitted recreational activities. Competition between UTV/SxS may only be permitted through Chapter 5: Alternative Forms of Competition, Rule 5.6.</p> <p>&</p> <p>5.6 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES 5.6.0.1 The technical specifications must be approved by MA and be included in the Supplementary Regulations. 5.6.0.2 UTV/SxS cannot be used in any form of competition. UTV/SxS are allowed in competitions only where they do not share the track or compete with any other type of motorcycle. During the event, consideration should be given to relocating track officials away from track edge and behind safety fencing.</p>	<p>As previously recommended, Competition rules define which machines can enter an event (class). ATVC advise that competition where UTV/SxS are used only with each other is obviously a far safer environment than less controlled recreation where UTV/SxS can be operated at the same time as other motorcycles. Competition should not be excluded because it offers safety isolation and greater control.</p>	

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QC210	ATVC	6.2	<p>6.2 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES 6.2.0.1 Recreational activity must not: 6.2.0.2 Be competitive, 6.2.0.3 Involve starts or finishes as defined in Discipline Chapters, 6.2.0.4 Be scored, or timed, 6.2.0.5 Have any results which may or may not be published. Note: UTV/SxS can only be used in permitted recreational activities.</p>	<p>Change Rule: 6.2 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES 6.2.0.1 Recreational activity must not: 6.2.0.2 Be competitive, 6.2.0.3 Involve starts or finishes as defined in Discipline Chapters, 6.2.0.4 Be scored, or timed, 6.2.0.5 Have any results which may or may not be published. Note: UTV/SxS can only be used in permitted recreational activities. Recreational use of UTV/SxS in open or multi directional traffic areas with other motorcycles must be controlled by event officials. Separated use by timing or designated area, or use of systems such as corner man or unidirectional traffic planning are recommended.</p>	<p>ATVC has previously recommended and still recommends this philosophy.</p>	
QC212	ATVC	18.14.2.1	<p>18.14.2 Superchargers and Turbochargers 18.14.2.1 Superchargers and turbochargers must not be fitted to any ATV in any competition.</p>	<p>Change Rule: 18.14.2 Superchargers and Turbochargers 18.14.2.1 Aftermarket superchargers and turbochargers must not be fitted to any ATV in any competition.</p>	<p>ATVC do not endorse the use of Aftermarket modifications in relation to turbochargers on UTV/SxS, however the Can-Am Maverick is fitted with an OEM Turbocharger. Adding the word "aftermarket" provides for new model Standard OEM Turbocharged machines only.</p>	

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QC213	ATVC	UTV/SxS Competition Rules		<p>Add Rules:</p> <p>5.4 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS- ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES</p> <p>5.4.0.1 Promoters must include comprehensive details of the proposed competition in Supplementary Regulations. State Controlling Bodies must submit the Supplementary Regulations to MA for approval.</p> <p>5.4.1 Supplementary Regulations for competition involving UTV/SxS must include the following points:</p> <p>5.4.1.1 A Vehicle must have two occupants for the entirety of the competition, including practice.</p> <p>5.4.1.2 Protective Clothing and Helmets are required to be worn as per GCR 18.9.</p> <p>5.4.1.3 Minimum 4 point harness must be fitted to the vehicle, as well as a ROPS approved canopy and side doors or nets, and</p> <p>5.4.1.4 A fire extinguisher must be located on board that is readily accessible to both driver and passenger.</p> <p>5.4.1.6 Driver and passenger must be able to comfortably reach all controls, contact points, hand holds with feet flat on the floor while firmly harnessed in the seat.</p> <p>5.4.1.6 Class briefing to include discipline specific safety information, including that Drivers and Passengers are cautioned to keep all limbs inside the vehicle at all times, with heightened focus particularly when vehicle stability or control is compromised, and in the event of any accident or vehicle roll over.</p>	<p>Commission recommends including a UTV/SxS mandatory regulation guidelines upon Section 5 Alternative Form of Competition application for Event Permit:</p> <p>UTV/SxS should be allowed in competition as per rationale in Item QC .</p> <p>The ATVC are very well experienced in UTV/SxS machines and their operation in CAMS competitive events in SxS.</p>	

MEETING CLOSES: 3.30PM Sunday 19th April