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Womens Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

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

PRESENT: Christine Knee (Chair), Kerry Marsh, Bec Lipsett.

APOLOGY: Melissa Holmes, Bec Lipsett (Sunday 19th only)

MEETING OPENS: 10:30AM

| Item No. | Raised By | Rule # (Issue) | Existing Rule | Proposed Rule Change & Rationale | Commissions Recommendation | MA Board Decision |
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| WO185 | | Welcome / apologies | Chairman welcomes those present and opens the meeting. | - | - | |
| WO186 | | Confirmation of minutes | Minutes of the 2014 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting. | - | Minutes of 2014 Womens Commission (WC) accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. | |

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| WO187 | 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. | WC feel that the current Rule is adequate, and do not see a reason to change it. | |
| WO188 | Lech Budniak | Scrutineers | N/A | 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. 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? | WC believe that the onus of safety is on members of clubs/participants of competitions and not Officials. The GCR's are there for everybody to acknowledge and adhere to. | |

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| WO189 | 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>WC do not believe that an additional flag will assist riders in the Starting Grid. Competitors are more likely to be concentrating on the Green Light and still won't have the opportunity to change their line.</p> | |
| WO190 JO775 MX1124 EO916 DT574 SU013 | Les Jones on behalf of the QLD Women's Sub Committee | 15.11 | 15.11 JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY | <p>Include Rule:</p> <p>15.11.2.2 Females 14 - Under 16 years old may participate at Club Competitions in the senior Women's Class.</p> <p>This change may encourage Clubs to hold at least 1 women's event, by providing the opportunities for junior ladies to ride with a senior class at Club competitions. Would be best implemented across the disciplines of MX, Dirt Track, Supermoto and Enduro.</p> | <p>WC does not endorse this proposal. Seniors and Juniors are not able to race together, and should the Rule change be permitted for women, then it must also change for other classes as well.</p> | |

MEETING CLOSES: 3.30PM Sunday 19th April