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Women's Commission Meeting Minutes – April Final

Minutes of the Women's Commission held on the 12th April 2014 at Horsham Victoria.

PRESENT: Christine Knee (Chairperson)
Kerry Marsh

APOLOGY: Nil

Venue : Horsham

Start Time: 6pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Lynn long (MA board advisory)

item No.	Issue	Raised By	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commission's Decision	MA Board Decision
WO170	Welcome/apologies		Chairperson welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.	-	-	-
WO171	12.6.3, 12.6.3.1,12.6.3.2	MV MX Managment		<p>Add: Women's Mid Blue Yellow</p> <p>Add Girls – 4 – under 16 years Magenta White</p> <p>Women and Girls have been allocated their own numbers as per Race Controlling Body. These plate colours will allow them to be identified within classes they compete in.</p> <p>This rule allows for them to be identifiable to all, also allowing them to have their own identity for their own class for disciplines when run.</p>	<p>Commission feels that there is little benefit to adding more complexity to the existing numbers system. The Commission feels that imposing this change as mandatory, will increase rider costs, confusion and risks to those junior female riders in class and machine capacity racing. Survey of AWMX riders at the 2014 titles overwhelming did not support this idea, infact it was seen as unwanted segregation. SCB may as required Under current supp regs create their own requirements on plates per events as deemed appropriate.</p>	

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WO172	Electric bikes	Pete Goddard	Does not exist	<p>We would like MA to consider including Electric Motorcycles into the Manual of Motorcycle Sport for all or suitable Junior disciplines for 2014 please, to compete with and against petrol bikes for all of Australia.</p> <p>Minikhana Trials Dirt Track Pocket bike Motocross Enduro etc</p> <p>This will particularly open our sport and your entry level classes to electric bikes which are now at quite a good level and becoming readily available, well priced, low maintenance and cheap to run.</p> <p>Additionally electric only events can be run in almost any location as there is no noise issues</p>	<p>Commission believe this is not specific to this commission, but do feel there is merit in opening up the opportunity for alternative energy bikes.</p> <p>Commission ask the MA board consider further technical data to understand the potential risk of battery technologies and from event status how do they fit into capacity classification//hybrid.</p> <p>The idea of alternative technology racing would make interesting PR for the sport and perhaps create new interest in ecological support.</p>	

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WO173	Green Flag protocol	DRC		<p>Recommendation is to bring MA's green flag protocols in line with the FIM. Currently there is some confusion amongst officials as to which protocol is correct to use and when (e.g. International Island Classic).</p> <p>1.22 Flags and Lights Marshals and other officials display flags or lights to information and/or convey instructions to the riders. All flags are presented waved.</p> <p>1.22.1 Flags and Lights Used to Provide Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Flag The track is clear This flag must be waved at each flag marshal post for the first lap of each practice session and of the warm up, for the sighting lap and the warm up lap. This flag must be shown waved at the flag marshal post immediately after the incident that necessitated the use of one or more yellow flags. When the pit-lane exit is open, this flag must be waved at the exit. 	Commission does not feel this is in our scope. Commission does note however we feel it could be overkill in mandating waving or not waving.	

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WO174	Recreational activity	Tim Hewitt	there is currently no formal requirement for an entry form to be available , nor a rider's briefing to be delivered , at a practice / recreational event . whilst gcr 7.1.1.1 m) places the onus of completing an entry form upon the participant , currently there is no requirement for clubs / promoters to actually provide these at a practice / recreational event.	<p>suggest additional rules</p> <p>6.8.0.2 an entry form must be made available to all participants by the club / promoter conducting the recreational activity .</p> <p>6.8.0.3 participants in the recreational activity must complete the entry form</p> <p>6.8.0.4 - all participants in the recreational activity must attend a rider's briefing prior to participation.</p> <p>whilst the common requirement for participants to sign an indemnity form satisfies a minimum insurance requirement , machine details - which become vital in the instance where a junior is participating - and other information such as licence expiry that is completed as part of an entry form - are not recorded.</p>	Commission acknowledges potential loop hole around missing indemnity issues also parent/ guardian and responsible person requirements risk exposure. Commissions suggest Board address this issue at their level.	

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WO175	4.2.6	Chris McArdle	<p>4.2.6 Competitions between Categories of Machine</p> <p>4.2.6.1 In respect of any competition:</p> <p>a. Unless otherwise provided for by these Rules or any relevant supplementary regulations, no two machines of a different category may compete in any event,</p> <p>b. No competition may be conducted under these Rules between a motorcycle and any other vehicle</p>	<p>4.2.6 Competitions between Categories of Machine</p> <p>4.2.6.1 In respect of any competition:</p> <p>a. Unless otherwise provided for by these Rules or any relevant supplementary regulations, no two machines of a different category (as defined in 1.1.0.21) may compete in any event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any promoter proposing events that seek to have two or more different categories of machine compete must be subject to the requirements of 'Alternate forms of Competition' and if approved, permitted accordingly. • Combination of Senior classes, of the same category, within disciplines, is the responsibility of the RCB. <p>b. No competition may be conducted under these Rules between a motorcycle and any other vehicles</p> <p>c. 50cc Demo (Non-competitive) class may have different categories participate on track at the same time subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two categories on track at one time (solo, sidecar, quad) • No more than 10 bikes on track at one time. 	<p>Commission requires more definition around term 'categories'</p> <p>Regarding point "C" - Commission see merit in allowing clubs demo classes to run solo and quad as required or where appropriate. Commison feels that this trial should be expanded nationwide and club feedback sought on its success.</p> <p>Regarding additional 2x DOT points referring to senior classes we advise that this matter should be discussed at a national basis and seek feedback from event and SCB's with higher rider participant numbers.</p>	
WO176		Women's Commission	Women's participation, communication activity notes to be forwarded to commission for discussion	National and international events (IFRD, Wispar etc) are communicated to commission for consideration, action	SCBs and MA to forward suitable contacts and information relating to women's activities. SCB to also encourage and push their women members to enter the National events at other states.	

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WO177		Women's Commission	Women's page on social media	Social media seems to be an easier place to create mentorships and event promotion in real time to congeal the women participant.	MA women in motorcycling to append face book page to link to the Main MA face book page. SCB to support page activity and event promotions links to sup regs etc with correspondence to pages main administrator.(Christine Knee)	
WO178		Women's Commission	Women's Australian titles min participant requirements	Current Modern MX women's title numbers would support a reasonable level required to showcase a credible number of min participants.	MX Championship status to require 10 min riders to start to recognise an official title status	
WO179		Women's Commission	Juniors 7-9	Current junior girl participation may decline and is at risk of rider numbers falling due too small age banding. Commission feel offering girl only classes to run 7-U10 would expand the participation level of junior girls and extend the use of Machinery and sport longevity.	Offer club level exception to allow girl junior events to race as 7-u10.	
WO180		Women's Commission	Additional commissioner position	Commission would like to seek interested parties to fill the 3rd position on commission to assist, support and expand the women's commissions endeavours	Seek expressions of interested parties	

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WO181		Women's Commission	Addition of a women's class offering at all events	Women indicated they would like to see the offer of a women's class offered within sup regs, even if ran within another class, subject min numbers entering.	Commission would like SCB to consider supporting a women's class with all discipline events permitted	
		Women's Commission	No Women Rider Representatives for the Women.	Propose each SCB'S promote to all disciplines and to nominate forward suitable rider rep as agreed/voted by there female licence holders. WC having access to rider reps will ensure any ground issues can be dealt with or advocate on their behalf to MA,	To be actioned as soon as practical through SCB's and other commissions where appropriate. WC to follow up.	

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WO182		Women's Commission	AWMX TITLE	<p>Due to ongoing discussions/Risks around future titles/ series for the Aust Women's Mx. All future host clubs must meet approved facilities guidelines, (including female specific) event resources and marketing support as required, this needs to be checked by MA within at least 6 months out from the date of the Event and a guideline checklist should be drafted and sent to appointed hosts upon acceptance of their proposals. Hosts/ promoters not able to show achievement or means to meet deficiencies may lose the title assignment and they may be redeployed to another host or as advised by the MA board.</p>	<p>WC to follow up rider survey results at next proposed meeting in Aug 2014.</p> <p>Draft standard female event guidelines to benchmark Appointments / Rescind hosts</p>	
		Women's Commission	AIS CAMPS and AIS ELITE CAMPS	Propose a Female Only mixed discipline Camps In 2015 onwards.	MA to negotiate and facilitate funding opportunities for the provision of the Female specific camp.	

Propose Women's meeting next at Port Augusta Classic August 23rd-24th 2014. (inaugural Womens classic title)

Meeting closed 8:30

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