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## Road Race Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Road Race Commission meeting held at the Airport Convention Centre-Melbourne on 3 & 4 May 2008.

**PRESENT:** Phil Tainton (Chairman), David Noice, David Bancell, John Redding, John Inkster.

**APOLOGY:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nil

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	Lead	Action Date
RR726	9-12 years Junior Road Racing NSW	Mick Demmery	MNSW Refusal of Junior Racing under rule 15.14.0.1 (b)	MA & Junior Commission to collect all relevant data and organise a meeting with MNSW to present a case to re-evaluate their position	To continue working toward uniformity of rules throughout Australia	MA	ASAP
RR727	125 GP Training for Juniors	Paul Edwards	A basic agenda outlining the training guide lines and reasons by Paul Edwards	With consultation with the Junior Commission, the RRC support this concept	We believe this training would again improve safety in the sport and will help towards the debate with MNSW & Junior Racing	MA/Paul Edwards	ASAP
RR728	Machine inspection after crashing	Darren Sciberras	Proposal of a Rider penalty if resuming a race after a crash	No Action as we already have provision for rescrutinizing crashed bikes	We believe this suggestion would be too hard to police with fare uniformity and the riders duty of care is normally pointed out at the riders briefing	No Action	No Action
RR729	Engine End Case interpretation	Terry O'Neill	Clarity, uniformity, fitment and interpretation of the Engine end case rule that was introduced this year	Rule 15.2.3.4 rewording: Engine end case protectors for all four stroke machines which have engine covers containing fluid that protrude outside the main frame rails. The protectors must be suitably mounted to the engine in such a manner as to protect the end case in an accident and protrude no more than 20mm or be fitted with heavy duty metal end covers. Removal of rules: 15.6.0.9(r) & 15.7.0.12(l)	To make uniform for all four stroke classes and clarify rule for both competitor and officials	MA	

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RR730	Engine End Covers	John Redding FNQ Road Racing Club	Clarity, uniformity, fitment and interpretation of the Engine end case rule that was introduced this year	As above	As above		
RR731	Wet Weather tyres for Superstock	John Redding	Recommend that wet tyres be introduced to this class with the same conditions of use as the Supersport	Add New Rule 15.8.0.3(i) to read the same as 15.7.0.5	This rule seems to be working well in the Supersport class and as they are on similar dry design tyres it will make for safer wet weather racing	MA	
RR732	Engine end covers	Tim Hewitt	Already covered in item RR729	Covered in item 4	Covered in item 4		
RR733	Clarification of fuel rule for 150 Juniors	Les Rowe	Reword rule 15.5.0.1 and delete existing wording "Fuel for production.....Minimoto and sidecars"	Rule 15.5.0.1 to read: "Fuel for all four stroke machines , unless otherwise specified must"	Better rule clarification that better suits the majority of the classes	MA	
RR734	Minimum weight suggestion for 125 gp machines	Daniel Plakidis	No change to existing rule	No change to existing rule			
RR735	Number plate change	Barry Jones	That single numbers be allowed on the rear seat section	No change to existing rule	We have not been getting any requests from the lap scoring people with regard to illegible numbers for two years no		
RR736	Feet forward facing sidecar configuration	Chris Thomson	To reconsider the reintroduction of feet forward facing sidecar configuration for use for disabled riders	No change to existing rule	There is provision for the use of this particular sidecar configuration in rule 15.12.5.3		
RR737	Sidecar Engine Capacity	Chris Thomson	Engine capacity change to accommodate over boring large capacity twins and triples	No Change to existing rule	The Commission feels that going down this path of engine configuration and modification could lead us back into unreliability in the class		
RR738	Rule Clarification & Consistency	David Noice	Better clarification of rules 15.21.6.1 and 15.21.6.2	Delete rule 15.21.6.2	Rules were contradictory confusing		
RR739	Superstock Tyres	Geoff Winzer	That an extra set of tyres for this class be allowed	Tyres for Superstock should be covered in Sup Regs not the GCR's and that this should be open for discussion prior the writing of the sup regs for 2009.	That Geoff brings up a point of safety and track time required for these new comer riders with relatively low racing experience	RRC/MA	Prior 2009' sup regs

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RR740	MA Board overturning Technical recommendations from Commission	Phil Tainton	The Chairperson present minutes to Board so that changes can be better explained	That Chairperson present minutes to the Board	To better explain the reasons behind the changes proposed by the Commission	MA	
RR741	That closed footwear must be worn in pit lane	MQ Road Race Subcommittee	Clarification on closed footwear be worn in the pit area and not in pit lane	Rule Rewording. 15.1.7.1 7 & 15.17.8.1 should be changed to read "Closed footwear must be worn in pit lane at all times"	To better clarify where exactly open footwear may and may not be worn	MA	
RR742	Drilling of the Swing arm for the fitment of chain guard protection	MQ Road Race Subcommittee	Consistency of scrutineers decision of whether drilling of a hole in the swing arm is allowable	No Change to existing rule	The Commission feels that the drilling of a small hole for the fitment of a rivnut or something similar would not harm the structural strength of the arm and that a common sense approach by the scrutineers should be adopted as most swing arms already have a small drain hole in this area which can be used		
RR743	Engine End Cases	MQ Road Race Subcommittee	Clarification of this rule	Already covered in Item RR729	Already covered		
RR744	Engine End Covers	Greg O'Hara	Clarification of this rule	Already covered in Item RR729	Already covered		
RR745	Suggestions for Junior Road Race Forum	Metrakit	Suggested age groups and classes for Juniors as well as a training programme	Referred this to the Junior Commission, but note that the RR Commission supports a change of rule to allow 14 year olds to compete in the entry level classes of 125 & the new 250 single four stroke class	We feel that 14 year olds have already been showing us how capable they are in off road events and therefore would be more than competent to learn the skills of road racing		
RR746	MA OH&S Draft policy	MA	Draft Policy Document for discussion	Whilst the RRC support this type of policy and action by MA we all feel that we are not qualified and don't have any expertise in this area to pass comment	Lack of expertise and knowledge in this field		

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RR747	Rules for 250 GP Mono Class	Phil Tainton / Paul Free	That the rules for this class be finalised with taking into consideration of proposed additions: a) Gearboxes maybe changed with another oem of that same model / make / year b) Cyl. Head be changed with another oem head of that same make / model / year	That these rules be finalized with the inclusion of changing the cylinder heads and Gearboxes with another OEM part of a different model but same year	In order to keep the class as even as possible and keep the costs at a minimum, the RRC suggests that this class be monitored and parity adjustments be made from time to time till the class gets fully underway	RRC	
RR748	Air Funnel changes be allowed in the 600 S/sport Class	John Redding	That due to the Yamaha race kit ECU needs to Recognise the Race kit adjustable air funnels	New Rule Wording addition & now to read 15.7.0.12 u) Air Filters and " Air Funnels (Velocity Stacks)	To accommodate technical changes in the race kit parts now being supplied for the new models	MA	
RR749	Treaded Tyres for Superbike	John Redding / Phil Tainton	That the Superbike class be made to use DOT Approved Treaded tyres	To get feed back from LCB's, Motorcycle industry, Tyre manufacturers and distributors with the possibly of introducing in 2010' after received input from the above parties	To further reduce costs in the vast selection of slick racing tyres and to reduce the gap between the privateers and the factory teams so as to give a better racing spectacle	MA	
RR750	Removal of Data logging on Superbikes	John Redding	That Data Logging be banned from the Superbike Class	No Change to existing Rule	It would be almost impossible to police as the Race Kit ECU's already have this facility built into them. And that all Factory Teams and some privateers have already purchased these systems and wish to continue using them at tests and practice	N/A	
RR751	Rule Rewording	RRC	That rule 15.6.0.11 should be reworded. The rule currently reads: "The following must be OEM but may be modified"	Rule 15.6.0.11 should now read "The following OEM parts may be modified"	For better clarification of parts that are allowed to be used	MA	
RR752	Rule Addition	RRC	That on board lap timers may be used	Add Rule 15.2.3.5 "Lap Timers with a maximum retail value of \$700.00 including GST may be used"	As on board lap timers have reduced in cost quite significantly over the last few years and this would go towards reducing the congestion in the pit lane signalling area	MA	
RR753	Rule alteration	MQ	Rule 15.19.6-Minimotard. Seniors This rule currently reads: "4 Stroke up to 125cc (auto or manual)"	The Commission recommends that rule 15.19.6.1 be amended to read: "4 Stroke up to 140cc (auto or manual)"	The market leader for minimotard appears to be a 140cc standard. Second to this, the 125cc limit has a disadvantage to the heavier riders.	MA	
RR754	Rule amendment	MQ	Rule 15.19.7 currently reads: "Junior rider (under 16 years) It is proposed that this be amended to read: "Junior riders (13 to 16 years) can compete/practice with senior riders at the discretion of the Steward or Practice Supervisor".	The Road Race Commission does not approve this proposal at present.	Some investigation into this proposal should be undertaken as MA allow 15yo riders to compete with senior riders in the 125cc GP class, and it has been proposed that this age be lowered to 14 years. There may be room for a similar approval for Minimoto racing.	MA	

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