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## Speedway Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Speedway Commission meeting held at the MA Office, South Melbourne on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 @ 9.15am.

**PRESENT:** Ivan Golding – Chairman  
Jane Collier  
Matt Jones

**APOLOGY:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ross Martin MA

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	Lead	Action Date
SW547	Previous Minutes	Comm	Minutes from 3 & 4 May 2008, and 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2008 were read.	Both sets of minutes were approved.		Comm	
SW548	Rule 19.12.4	Comm	This rule currently reads: "To qualify for selection for an Australian championship event, a competitor must:"	The Commission recommends that this be altered to read: "To qualify for selection for an Australian championship event, a competitor must <b>apply in writing no less that 30 days prior to the event:</b> "	Some competitors have failed to enter a Championship, but have later had to be included due to other qualification criteria. This throws out planning for the event and disadvantages riders who did enter on time and were initially selected.	MA	
SW549	Selection of U16 Speedway Championship competitors	MQ	Difficulty has arisen in the selection of competitors for this event due to the lack of information sent to the Commission by the SCB's in reference to the State Championship placings.	SCB's will be asked to ensure that the placings in this, and all State Speedway Championships be passed to MA and the Speedway Commission as soon as the State event is run.	It is the responsibility of the SCB's to pass this information to MA, to ensure their riders are selected correctly. Failure to pass the information to MA in the future will be taken as no State Championship run.	MA/SCB's	
SW550	Rule 19.12.1.1	D.Parker	This rule currently reads "Applications for the conduct of Australian (Speedway) championships must be delivered to MA by 1 <sup>st</sup> April each year".	The Commission recommends that this rule be altered to read "Applications for the conduct of Australian championships must be received by MA by <b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b> each year".	This will give MA more time to make decisions, and the clubs/promoters more time to publicise the following years events.	MA/SCB's	

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SW551	Speedway Officials	M.Poole	Suggestion from Mr. Poole in regard to the decision making at Speedway events	The Commission discussed this item but will take no action at this time. Item received.	Nil	Nil	
SW552	Age of 350cc riders	C.Fordy	A suggestion that the age grouping for 350cc Speedway competition be altered to read: 13 years to 17years.	The Commission discussed this suggestion but does not agree with the implementation currently.	Nil	Nil	
SW553	Rule 19.11.12	Comm	Rule 19.11.12.1 currently reads "The Clerk of Course may direct a reserve to compete in the place of any competitor who is unable to compete or continue in a competition or who has been excluded".	The Commission recommends that this rule be amended to read " <b>The referee may direct a reserve to replace a competitor who has failed to start in an event</b> ".	The Commission fully supports this rule alteration which will clarify the inclusion of reserve riders in Speedway competition, and will remove the differing interpretations being used.	MA/SCB's	
SW554	Rule 19.11.19.2	Comm	The responsibilities of a Clerk of Course at a Speedway meeting, and the overall role of the Referee needs to be clearly communicated to all Speedway Clerks of Course.		As there is a substantial difference in the role of C of C at a Speedway meeting in relation to all other disciplines, it is important that the roles and responsibilities be spelt out to persons acting in the C of C position at Speedway.	MA/SCB's	
SW555	Permit fees for Speedway Championship events	D.Parker	Suggestion that permit fees be set at an earlier time that at present.	The Commission strongly recommends that the permit fees for Australian Speedway Championship events be set and released by October 31 <sup>st</sup> of the previous year.	This will allow promoters to settle on budgets and financial obligations in a timely manner.	MA/SCB's	
SW556	Rider payments	D.Parker	Mr. Parker suggests that sidecar prize money be reduced from the current \$40 per point.	The Commission does not agree with this suggestion.	Sidecar teams have been paid \$40 per point since 2001. These teams are paid no "tow" money. The Commission believes that this amount is fair and will not recommend a reduction.	Nil	
SW557	MA Rider levies	D.Parker	Mr. Parker suggests that the MA Rider levy be dropped for Speedway events.	The Commission does not agree with this suggestion.	This is a known obligation of a promoter to pay as part of the fees to MA. It is integral in the financing of all disciplines.	Nil	
SW558	Classic Speedway Sidecar eligibility rules.	Various	It has been requested of MA to set some eligibility rules for Classic Speedway sidecars.	The Commission asks the CCM to liaise with competitors in this class and to present eligibility rules for them to consider.	The Commission will consider rule recommendations.	CCM	

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SW559	Entry fees for Speedway events.	Comm	The Commission was asked to consider to introduction of an entry fee for Speedway events.	1. The Commission strongly disagrees with the introduction of fees and/or levies being paid by senior speedway competitors. 2. The Commission has no objections to the imposition of a reasonable entry fee for stand alone Junior National Speedway Championships.	It has long been a convention that senior Speedway competitors do not pay any entry fee or levy in relation to competing.	Nil	
SW560	Alterations to rule 19.8	Comm	The Commission recommends that following alterations: 19.8.1.1. Remove "upright" from this rule. 19.8.2.1 will read: "GCR's 19.1 and 19.2 apply". Remove rest of this rule.	The Commission agrees with both alterations.	These alterations will update the rules to allow machines commonly in use.	MA/SCB's	
SW561	Addition to rule 19.6.0.2 (Fuel)	Comm	This rule starts "For Senior and Classic competition". The Commission recommends that this be altered to read "For Senior, Classic <b>and 250cc and 350cc Junior machines</b> , the following fuels are permitted"	The Commission agrees with this addition to rule 19.6.0.2.	This will alter the rule to cover current practice.	MA/SCB's	
SW562	Introduction of a junior 85cc 2 stroke class	M.Poole	Mr. Poole recommends the introduction of an 85cc Junior Speedway class. This is the class that is used overseas and is cheaper for competitors.	The Commission through Matt Jones, will further investigate this machine/class and the 250cc Jawa junior machine. He will report to the Commission at a later time on both machines.		Comm	
SW563	Introduction of a PW50 class for 4 to 9 yo competitors	M.Poole	Mr. Poole recommends the introduction of a class for PW50 type machines from the age of 4 years to 9 years as a Speedway introduction class.	The Commission will further investigate this suggestion. It would be split into competition and non competition classes.		Comm	
SW564	Dirt Deflectors	Comm	The Commission is concerned that the "pre load" is not being checked on dirt deflectors.	The Commission recommends that, as a safety issue, scrutineers check the pre load and the ground clearance on the dirt deflectors fitted to solo machines. The FIM regulation is 2.5kgs pre load. Ivan Golding will make enquiries into the availability of a suitable tool to test this pre load.	This is a safety issue and should be checked at all speedway meetings.	MA/SCB's	

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SW565	Referees Packs	Comm	The Commission is concerned that the referee pack is not being sent direct to the referee.	The Commission requests that MA send the Referees pack of forms, etc. direct to the referee, and not to the promoter.	This is to ensure that the referee has all information prior to a race meeting.	MA/SCB's	
SW566	Referee Fees	Comm	Fees for referees officiating at MA National Championship events	The Commission recommends that the fees paid to MA appointed referees be increased to \$200 per day plus a fuel subsidy of 50c per km.	The fees currently paid to MA referees are \$100 per day plus a fuel subsidy. These fees have been in place for over 10 years and now do not cover the costs of an official.	MA/SCB's	
SW567	Rule 19.2.3.27 (a) and fig. 19.2.3.26	Comm	There is a discrepancy between rule 19.2.3.27 (a) which states 170mm ground clearance, and fig. 19.2.3.26 which shows 150mm ground clearance. 19.2.3.27 (b) states that the rear mud flap should finish 20mm from ground. Fig. 19.2.3.26 does not show this.	The sizes on figure 19.2.3.26 must be changed to show 170mm for valancing, and 20mm for mud flap.	Not changed in the 2009 rule book. The Commission asks that this be altered immediately.	MA/SCB'S	
SW568	Junior Coaching requirements.	Comm	The Commission is concerned that many junior speedway riders have not been coached on the capacity machine being used, or their coaching is not up to date. Coaching numbers are not being included in the log books.	The SCB's are not ensuring that specific coaching has been carried out prior to the renewing of junior speedway competitor competitors.	This is a safety issue and could impact on the MA insurance if a rider is injured who has not received sufficient coaching.	MA/SCB's	
SW569	2010 Australian Speedway Solo Title	Comm	The promoters group has met with MA and the following dates and venues are recommended.	Gillman. Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2010 Mildura. Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2010 Newcastle. Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2010	Final approval of dates required ASAP.	MA	

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