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Road Race Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Road Race Commission meeting held at the MA Office, South Melbourne on Monday 23rd March 2009.

PRESENT: Phil Tainton – Chairman
David Bancell
John Redding
John Inkster
Derek Rumble

APOLOGY: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Ross Martin MA

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	Lead	Action Date
RR789	Previous minutes	Comm	Minutes from May 2008 and September 2008 were approved. The Commission enquires as to the status of item RR755, 756 and 758. RR756 is ongoing. RR756 refers to 125cc GP training for junior riders. RR758 refers to end case covers which will be discussed during this meeting.	Minutes approved.	Nil	Nil	
RR790	Noise emissions	Comm	The current noise restrictions for Road Race are not firm and need to be formalised. The rule book shows 102 dBA but this can be overridden by State or circuit legislation if the limit is lower.	The Commission asks that MA check the noise emission limits from other FMNR's and the FIM.		MA	
RR791	85cc Junior classes	Comm	There is a discrepancy between rule 15.15.0.1 (d) which shows 85cc as the 2 stroke limit, and rule 15.16.0.1 which shows 80cc as the upper 2 stroke limit.	The Commission recommends that the upper limit for the junior 2 stroke class be 85cc	This will resolve all rule book differences.	MA/SCB's	

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RR792	Age limits for Junior RR	MNSW	MNSW requested the information received by the Commission and used in the decision to allow 14 yo riders to compete in the 125GP class.	The letter for MNSW is received.		Nil	
RR793	Engine case covers	Various	The Commission were asked to clarify this rule.	The Commission believes that the rule is clear and self explanatory. The Commission recommends no change to this rule for 2010.		Nil	
RR794	Jump Starts	Comm	Rule 15.22.6.1 currently reads: "Each machine must remain stationary in its grid position until the start signal is given".	The Commission recommends that rule 15.22.6.1 be altered to read: "Each machine must remain stationary within its nominated grid position until the start signal is given".	This will remove the anomaly found by Richard Lawson at a recent Appeals hearing.	MA/SCB's	
RR795	Jump Starts	Comm	Rule 15.22.6.2 currently reads: "A jump start occurs when there is any movement from the machine when the field is in the starters control prior to the start signal being shown".	The Commission recommends that rule 15.22.6.2 be altered to read: "A jump start occurs when there is any movement from the machine or the machine is not in its nominated grid position when the field is in the starters control prior to the start signal being shown".	This will remove the anomaly found by Richard Lawson at a recent Appeals hearing.	MA/SCB'S	
RR796	Jump Starts	Comm	Suggested new rule 15.22.2.1 (c)	The recommended new rule will read: " All machines must start within their nominated grid position parallel to track direction ".	This will remove an anomaly found by Richard Lawson at a recent Appeals hearing.	MA/SCB's	
RR797	Superbikes	Comm	Rule 15.6.0.1 (e) currently reads: "Be fitted with a 4 stroke engine with a capacity not less than 800cc nor greater than 1000cc, or 2 cylinder/ 4 stroke engine not greater than 1200cc capacity".	The Commission recommends that rule 15.6.0.1 (e) be amended to read: "Be fitted with a 4 stroke engine with a capacity not less than 800cc nor greater than 1000cc, or a 2 cylinder/ 4 stroke engine not greater than 1200cc capacity that may be subject to intake restrictor size parity ".	This will bring the Australian formula into line with the FIM ruling/formula.	MA/SCB's	
RR798	Coolant	Odysseas	A request to allow non glycol coolant in Road Racing.	The Commission recommends no change to the "coolant" rules.		Nil	

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RR799	Licence endorsements	MWA	The MWA Road Race Panel recommends that competition licences be endorsed for Road Racing before riders are allowed to compete at a Road Race. To be endorsed would require attending and passing a Road Race coaching session conducted by accredited coaches approved by the RCB to conduct Road Race coaching under a permit from the RCB.	The Commission does not agree with this suggestion and does not recommend it.		Nil	
RR800	Number plate fonts	Y.Konsky	Mr. Konsky asks that for ASBK Superbike and Supersport, the use of a number and font system similar to SBK machines be allowed.	The Commission does not agree with this suggestion.		Nil	
RR801	Track numbers	Comm	The Commission has received a number of queries in regard to maximum track numbers allowed under the MA Track permits for Australian Road Race tracks.	The Commission requests all details of the formula used to work out the maximum numbers for Australian Road Race tracks, and why this number appears to differ with the FIM recommendations.	The Commission does not understand how this is worked out, and why the numbers differ from FIM track licence approvals.	MA	
RR802	Track damage	B.Ferrari	A query was raised through Mr. Ferrari in regard to penalties for riders who perform "burn outs" on road race tracks, and the damage resulting.	The Commission believes that the C of C, and the MA Steward have the power to deal with any competitor damaging a track in this manner. Further penalties could be telegraphed by including them in the meeting supplementary regulations.		Clubs	
RR803	Scope of coverage of the GCR's.	Comm	The Commission enquires if Chapter 15 of the rule book also covers the HRR section in Chapter 16. There have been some queries if specific rules in Chapter 15 flow on to HRR.	The Commission requests an interpretation if Chapter 16 is an addendum to Chapter 15, or does Chapter 16 stand alone?		MA	
RR804	Recommendations for changes to layout of 2010 GCR's	Comm	Recommend moving 15.2.4 (Production) to 15.10. Renumber current 15.10 and on. Recommend moving 15.1 (clothing) to 15.5.		These moves make the book more logical.	MA/SCB's	
RR805	Rules queries	L.Saunders	Mr. Saunders queried some rules in Chapter 15, and asked if they related to Chapter 16.		Letter received	Nil	
RR806	Numbers/Plates	Comm	The Commission recommend some alterations to the rules relating to number plates.	1. Remove rule 12.6.1.4 (c) as this no longer complies. 2. From rule 12.6.4.2 remove 148 & 85 from the table as these are shown as a minimum.	Bring the rule book more up to date.	MA/SCB's	

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RR807	Rear numbers-Solo Road Race	Comm	Because of the lack of space on the rear "ducktail" the Commission has looked at ways to improve the visibility of rear numbers.	The Commission recommends that for the rear number on late model machine either the current rule are used (12.6.3), or a single number is used facing for and aft as per SBK machines. The current background and figures colours will remain.	There is very little room on the rear seat assembly to place two numbers. This recommendation will solve the rear number problem.	MA/SCB's	

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RR810	Fuel Testing	Comm	The Commission asks the status of Fuel Testing in Australia and can this urgently be refined and rewritten to cope with the latest technology.	Commission will make enquiries in regard to this subject.		Comm	
RR811	Repeat information in the GCR's.	Comm	The Commission enquires if the information that is repeated in the GCR's could be amalgamated into one area with reference to the separate applications.			MA	
RR812	Production base for racing bikes in Australia.	J.Redding	Mr. Redding produced a paper outlining his ideas in regard to specific production based road Race classes for Australia. These include: Superstock 600 Superstock 1000 Supersport Superbike	The Commission recommends surveying riders and teams to judge their reaction to this suggestion.		Comm/ MA	

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