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Junior Development Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Junior Development Commission meeting held at the Airport Motel, Melbourne on April 4 & 5, 2009

PRESENT: Cameron Scheuber (Chairman)
Braxton Laine
Colin Foulds

APOLOGY: Nil (note Ray Olheiser will retire from his position as he has moved to USA due to lack of work in Aust.).
Commission seeks direction from MA Board of directors on a replacement Commissioner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Nil

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JO516	Previous Minutes			The minutes from Sept 2008 were accepted			

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JO517		Colin Foulds	Introduction of Minikhana Australia wide Junior Commission believes that a DVD needs to be produced that shows the state controlling bodies and clubs how Minikhana works. The cost of the DVD would be \$ 1000.00 – 1500.00 (estimate only).	The Junior commission supports the idea as we see it as invaluable training for riders. NSW has 7 clubs that have 1000 members, so these rider numbers has substance for others to consider. The introduction of Minikhana would allow clubs to increase their membership base and the number of riding disciplines/opportunities they can offer. Minkhana can also be used as a training tool for new members and/or for riders that have little or no experience riding a motorbike as it is primarily a discipline where skill rather than speed is the determining factor.		MA Board	
JO518	Amendment to 26.6.2.13 Competitors must complete the course to win the event.	Andrew Besz		Addition of the following rule 26.6.2.13 (b) If there are insufficient competitors in a grade for more than one heat then the heat will be deemed to be the final. There will be no re-runs if all riders fault. Only riders successfully completing the course can place in the event.	The rule is not clear to whether heat and finals should be re-run if all competitors fault. Commission Agrees with proposal	MA Board SCBs	

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JO519	Amendment to 26.5 Classes and categories – Minikhana	Andrew Besz		<p>Amendment of following rules (existing rule)</p> <p>26.5.0.6 All senior riders can only ride in either the senior combined grade big wheel 85cc/100cc or senior A grade big wheel 85cc/100cc categories (amended rule to read)</p> <p>26.5.0.6 All senior riders can only ride in either the senior combined grade 85cc/100cc 2-stroke or 150cc 4-stroke, or Senior A grade 85cc/100cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke categories.</p> <p>(existing rule) 26.5.1.3</p> <p>(g) Senior combined big wheel 85/100cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke</p> <p>(h) Senior A big wheel 85/100cc 2-stroke or 150cc 4-stroke</p> <p>(amended rule to read)</p> <p>26.5.1.3 (g) Senior combined 85/100cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke</p> <p>(h) Senior A 85/100cc or 150cc 4 stroke</p>	Senior riders should not be restricted to big wheel machines only and small wheel machines should be permitted to complete within the senior classes. This would not restrict seniors to Big wheels only. Commission agrees with Proposal	MA Board SCBs	
JO520	Amendment to 26.7.28 Accelerate and braking Course Penalties	Andrew Besz		<p>Addition of the following rule (existing rule to remain)</p> <p>26.7.28.1</p> <p>(f) Failure to follow course procedures – (+ 1 minute) (insert this rule)</p> <p>26.7.28.2 The event has only been completed once the penciller has indicated to the rider that the bike can leave the box.</p>	The rule is not clear to when the event has been completed and when footing with the right foot is permitted without penalty. Commission agrees with proposal	MA Board SCBs	

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JO521	Regards Quads and two wheelers being allowed to ride together.	Emma Whately		The Commission finds that there is no evidence written in the Manual of Motorsport to this occurring and the commission does not agree with the above suggestion because of the safety issues they may result		No Action	
JO522		MNSW	In regards to a demonstration class. Any rider who is a holder of a competition licence is not eligible to ride in a demonstration class. Commission does not agree with this proposal	Junior Commission does not agree. As already there is enormous disparity in machinery available in the 50cc demonstration class. In this economic climate MA and SCB's should allow and encourage members to participate in as many activities as possible particularly at a junior level. Junior development commission will look at this further in the future if MNSW can provide statistics to support their concern.		No Action	
JO523		Mike Fabry	Regards to asking for a change of ruling to the 2009 Manual re- handle bar length.	Both the Junior and MX commissions do not agree with this rule change.	The current rule has been in place for a long time and no problems have resulted nor has any prior requests been received. Therefore this does not seem to be a significant problem that requires a rule change.	No Action	

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JO524	Agenda item Action listNC1954	Christine Tickner	In relation to the Junior MX Championships seeking to formalise the interstate Cup Challenge.	<p>Commission agree with proposal and put forward the following new rule</p> <p>New rule to be added</p> <p>17.13.4 Interstate Challenge</p> <p>17.13.4.1 Format</p> <p>Each state is to choose a team of eight (8) junior competitors from a minimum of four (4) different classes to compete for the Interstate Cup Challenge. Each competitor must be entered for the Australian Junior Motocross Championship, prior to the closing date. Team members must be named and the Race Secretary be informed by the end of practice.</p> <p>17.13.4.2 Scoring</p> <p>Each competitor will be scored as per GCR 12.14.0.1 within their own class. At the end of the Australian Junior Motocross Championship the highest point scoring six (6) team members from each state, will have their final placing re-scored using 12.14.01 (table) to give an overall score. The State with the highest overall team score will be deemed the winner of the Interstate Cup Challenge.</p> <p>17.13.4.3 Awards</p> <p>A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning State, with each member of the team receiving a participation memento.</p>			

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JO525		Kelly Evans	On current advice Commission agrees with Kelly Evans and offer the following clarification after research Re junior National licence numbers with reference to GCR 2.1 and 17.3.2b) ii)	The previous protocol at the Australian Junior MX Championships has been that the Race Secretary at each event contacted each SCB. Riders that were issued specific numbers by a specific SCB kept that number at Australian Junior MX Championships. For example #4 in QLD in 65cc 9-11 kept #4 for the AJMXC 9-11. After this numbers not in use were issued by the race secretary.		Commissions Manager for final clarification	

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JO526	Re Junior Coaching	MWA	That the Junior and Motocross Commission review the survey completed via the State Managers as part of the review of the JCP. Also discuss where the review is currently at and how they would like to see the review taking place.	<p>The joint commissions discussed the survey and feel as though the use of surveys is not an ideal way to capture the necessary information as part of the JCP review. The Commission's requested that a different course of action be taken as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A letter be sent from MA to SCB's to be forwarded onto clubs, parents, coaches etc, seeking their opinions on the JCP - This information is to be collated by the relevant commissions/subcommittees at State level for discussion and feedback - Each discipline specific sub-committee is then to send through to the State Manager a one-page document expressing their views based on feedback received - SM's to gather input from these commissions / subcommittees as well as from other relevant committees (eg junior, coaching) (one-page document each) - This information to be forwarded through to the MA Junior Commission along with State Manager opinion - Junior Commission to discuss findings with National Coaching Committee and put forward a joint recommendation <p>Page 7</p>		MA/SCB's	

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JO527		Greg O'Connor	Junior Minikhana Scholarship Grant. In regards to Motorcycling Australia support through a grant for licensing.	The Commission support in principal and believe further investigation and costing into this is warranted.			

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JO528	OEM	MA Council	<p>The Commission believes that the idea of introducing OEM classes may be a good idea in theory to limit the cost of racing, however just policing it would be a logistical nightmare for clubs, promoters and the governing body. The Junior Development Commission suspects that it may in fact have a negative impact for the reasons listed below. Conservatively it would take around 5 years for the current equipment that has modifications to disappear from the racing scene and we need to consider the loss of these parents that buy these motorcycles 2nd and 3rd hand as they want their children to race motorcycles but cannot afford new motorcycles.</p> <p>The question of what would be allowed and then how would it be managed are question that need to be looked at</p> <p>If this proposal from the MA Council is to be considered further then infrastructure would need to be in place firstly, i.e. Appropriate number of properly trained officials throughout Australia that had the necessary ongoing knowledge that was up to date at any time with OEM parts for different model motorcycles that are being used in different disciplines. A lot of new rules would also have to be developed in line with any change. There would also be a huge down turn for accessory wholesalers and motorcycle dealers in accessories and second hand motorcycles that would be unable to be used for racing.</p> <p>A loss of support from these industry people would have a down turn in support and sponsorship throughout the whole junior racing scene which could be catastrophic for all junior disciplines in this economic climate</p>	<p>The age of the competitor for this to take place would have to be either 7,9,or 13 years as this is the ages when most change machine size and displacement in most but not all disciplines</p>			

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JO529	Re – rules and classes	Brad Russell		The Junior commission will look at this very late submission at a later date when the MX commission has had time to look into the proposal and confer with us on it.		No Action	
JO530	General Business (Dirt Track)	Comm	<p>Dirt track commission have highlighted the fact that junior numbers are declining. Other disciplines (mainly mx) clubs and country clubs with enough area need to be encouraged to build tracks and run combined events and club days where one discipline can be run in the morning and a different discipline after that (i.e. dirt track in the morning and moto-x in the afternoon) or one on Saturday afternoon and the other on Sunday.</p> <p>Skill based programs with Minikhana and Gymkhana also need to be developed so that both disciplines can benefit from sharing competitors.</p> <p>An information pack needs to be developed and with the new look MA website coming online there is the opportunity to lift up film footage to this site so that the broader motorcycling community will be able to view their discipline.</p>	In some states there is so many events occurring each weekend it is difficult to get good riders numbers to participate because within 300k's you may have 3-4 club days on at the same time.		Paul Fink for info pack and website MA Board SCBs for comment	
JO531	General Business (Women's)	Comm	<p>The lack of numbers were highlighted and we introduced the idea of Minikhana as NSW has 200 girls involved in the sport that are not competing in any other discipline at the moment.</p> <p>.</p> <p>At club events girl's classes should be introduced if there is significant numbers. This class would be within a class and then the Women's class would be scored individually.</p>			Comm	

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JO532	General Business (Trials)	Comm	Training discussed which will be addressed later in the year via the revue			Comm	
JO533	General Business (Enduro)	Comm	Discussions with the Enduro Commission regarding the proposal for a Junior Australia off Road Championship.	Junior Commission supports this proposal and believes that it will assist awareness of the discipline and numbers in Junior Enduro through-out Australia with the publicity that a junior championship would create.		MA/SCB's	
JO534	Global financial situation	Comm	At this stage we have not seen any impact but this may change. Long term Sponsorship may be harder to obtain and Government funding may be effected to various organisations such as State and Federal bodies.	Discuss further.		Comm	
JO535	The extremes of weather in Australia	Comm	There is there an impact and we see that as time goes on the impact will be greater. Dryer conditions means for dirt related disciplines the need for more water to a great number of tracks	Discuss further.		Comm	

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JO536	Environmental impact		<p>Dust and Noise would have to be the largest impact for Motorcycling in this country. Landcare involvement with many clubs to encourage community involvement with developing plantings that assist with sound absorbs ion. This would assist with the carbon credit introduction and at the same time build buffer zones around tracks that assist with keeping noise and dust down.</p> <p>Oiled tracks in dirt track were also identified as maybe becoming an environmental problem for MA in the years to come.</p> <p>Introduction of Eviromats for motor cycles and the impact of tear offs on the environment were also discussed as was the use of water in drought times in different areas of Australia.</p>	Discuss further		Comm	

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