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Moto-Trials Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Moto-Trials Commission meeting held at the Airport Motel, Melbourne on Monday 2nd May 2011.

PRESENT: Colin Scott-Chair
Bob McGlinchy
Robert Eyres

APOLOGY: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Ross Martin. MA

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	Lead	Action Date
TL496			All Commissioners were welcomed on behalf of MA by Ross Martin				
TL497	Previous minutes	Comm	The minutes from the Commissions meetings of: 8 & 9 May 2010 9 Aug 2010 were checked	Both sets of minutes are approved. There is one item arising to be discussed in General Business		Comm	
TL498	Agenda item 1	C. Barton	Asked that an amendment to rule 3.8 be considered in respect to junior riders practicing on bigger capacity machines 3 months prior to birthday.	The Commission does not believe that this would have any impact on Moto-Trials, but have no objections to the suggestion.		Comm	

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TL499	Agenda item 2	TMC Vic	Recommends that rule 23.2.1.1 (d) be removed. Rule 23.2.1.1 (d) currently reads: Veteran-for competitors 40 years of age and over and will use the Venables handicap system. (This handicap system is based on a formula devised by the late Ralph Venables, in that the riders age is subtracted from 70. The number remaining is added to the riders points lost, as a handicap)	Replace with amended rule 23.2.1.1 (d) which will read: Veteran-Aged 40 to 49 years Veteran-Aged 50 to 59 years Veteran-Aged 60 years and over All competitors within each of these classes will compete without handicap.	Under the current rule the Veteran class attracts the largest number of competitors at both National and State events. By dividing the class into age groups it is expected that more riders in the 40 to 49 year group will cease competing in lower grades against developing riders. This is mainly due to the fact that the competition sections set for Veterans are not particularly demanding and therefore the rider levels are similar and the results invariably favour the higher handicapped competitors. This discourages the 40 to 49 year riders from competing in the class as it stands.	MA/ SCB's																	
TL500	Agenda item 3	TMC Vic	Amend rule 13.2.8 (Categories for Senior Australian Championships) Moto-Trials	Remove Veteran from rule 13.2.8 Moto-Trials and replace with: Veteran-Aged 40 to 49 years Veteran-Aged 50 to 59 years Veteran-Aged 60 years and over	The same rational as the previous item.	MA/ SCB's																	
TL501	Agenda item 4	MQ Trials Committee	Amend rule 23.2.1.1 (c). This rule currently reads: Juniors – 7 to U16 years.	Amend rule 23.2.1.1 (c) to read: Juniors – which can be subdivided into Junior 7 – 12, open junior and junior women	This change is recommended to unify the grades Australia wide to reduce confusion at the title events where different rules have traditionally been used.	MA/ SCB's																	
TL502	Agenda item 5	MQ Trials Committee	Amend rule 23.2.1.1 (g). This rule currently reads: Women.	Amend rule 23.2.1.1 (g) to read: Open Women, which can be subdivided into A and B grades.	The same rational as the previous item.	MA/ SCB's																	
TL503	Agenda item 6	Commission	Amend rule 23.2.2.1. This rule currently reads: <table border="1" data-bbox="616 1082 1057 1259"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Junior 7-12 years</td> <td>Up to 200cc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Open</td> <td>13 to 15 years Open capacity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Women</td> <td>7 to 15 years Open capacity-Women only</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Capacity	Junior 7-12 years	Up to 200cc	Junior Open	13 to 15 years Open capacity	Junior Women	7 to 15 years Open capacity-Women only	Amend rule 23.2.2.1 to read: <table border="1" data-bbox="1086 1088 1438 1259"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Junior 7-12years</td> <td>Up to 125cc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior 13 to 15years</td> <td>Up to 125cc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Women 7 to 15 years</td> <td>Up to 125cc</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Capacity	Junior 7-12years	Up to 125cc	Junior 13 to 15years	Up to 125cc	Junior Women 7 to 15 years	Up to 125cc	This will bring MA rules into line with the FIM rules in relation to Junior riders. The Commission recommends that this capacity change not occur until January 2013.	MA/ SCB's	
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TL504	Agenda item 7	MQ Trials Committee	Suggested new rule:	Add rule 23.3.3. Designs and Dimensions Add rule 23.3.3.1 When brake cam arms or levers are of open or hooked type, the brake actuating rod or cable must be secured so as to prevent accidental dislodgement.	Reasons: There is provision under Sidecars (23.6.1.8) for arms/levers to be secured. There is no compatible rule for solo machines. The inclusion of this proposed rule would provide consistency for all types of Trials bikes, and is related to safety.	MA/ SCB's																																							
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TL506	Agenda item 9	R.Galpin	Change rule 23.7.2.5. This rule currently reads: Where a section is marked by stakes they must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Of flexible material (b) Connected by tape placed no more than 500mm above the ground (c) Coloured Red for right and White for left 	Suggested rule change: Rule to read: Where a section is marked by stakes they must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Of flexible material (b) Connected by tape which must be coloured Red for right and White for left in Australian and State Titles, and Open events, but can be White both sides in Club or Interclub events. 	Reason: This will allow the sections to be reversed more easily. The Moto-Trials Commission does not agree with the rule alteration and will not put it to SCB's for recommendation.	Nil																																							

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TL507	Agenda item 10	S.Price	Alteration to rule 12.7.0.1. Radio Communication. The current rule reads: Radio communications with riders is not allowed, and will be classed as outside assistance, except for Enduro.	Suggested rule change. Alter rule 12.7.0.1 to read: Radio communications with riders is not allowed, and will be classed as outside assistance, except for Enduro and Moto-Trials .	Rider minders are classed as a competitor, and are allowed to communicate with riders while competing. The FIM now allows this communication to be done by wireless rather than by voice. It is recommended that Australia follow this lead.	MA/ SCB's	
TL508	Discussion	Comm	Womens Trials School. It is anticipated that the Spanish female trails rider, Laia Sanz will be in Australia in July 2011, and that she will conduct a school for junior and senior Women trials riders at Pacific Park, NSW on July 16, 17 and 18.		Commission will confirm and publicise when finalised.	Comm	
TL509	Discussion	Comm	2012 World Trials Championship Australian round. It is hoped that a round of this World Championship will be held in Victoria, near Maldon on 26 & 27 July 2012. The Commission is now waiting for the final decision from the FIM.			Comm	
TL510	Discussion	Comm	Commission meeting dates 2011.	The Commission will meet via teleconference in August to make final recommendations on items in these minutes, and will meet again at the 2011 Australian Moto-Trials Championships in SA on the first weekend of October.		Comm	
TL511	General Business	Comm	The Commission proposes that for Club events a single official be appointed in place of the Steward and the Clerk of Course.	This will require an alteration to rule 4.2.5.1. The Commission have discussed this recommendation with a large number of people, and believe that it is workable at Club events.	This will simplify the operation of Club events, and will not impact on the general running of competition events.	MA/ SCB's	
TL512	General Business	Comm	The Commission is concerned that a number of Moto-Trials meetings are being held around Australia that are not being conducted under an MA or SCB permit.	The Commission asks that MA publicise the advantages of running meetings under the MA umbrella, and send this information to all clubs. These advantages would include insurances, protection of officials from Legal action and other items.		MA	

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TL513	General Business	Comm	Junior Coaching/Assessment.	The Commission queries the current assessment procedures in place. Is this to be what is in the 2011 MA rule book, or are the 2010 rules still in use?		MA	
TL514	General Business	Comm	The Commission is saddened by the recent death of Chris Leighfield. Chris was a great competitor and official in Moto-Trials and will be missed by the trials community.			Comm	
TL515	General Business	Comm	2011 TDN. The 2011 TDN will be held in Tolmezzo Italy, on 17 & 18 September. The Australian mens team is: Kyle Middleton Neil Price Boyd Willcocks Tim Coleman Team Manager will be Phillip Whittle. Christie McKinnon will attend to ride in the Womens event.			Comm	
TL516	Discussion item 1	Comm	Venue Availability. The Commissioners agree that although venues close to Capital cities are becoming harder to find and maintain, there are still many venues that are suitable, and are used for Moto-Trials events. The Moto-Trials community are careful to regulate the use of venues and to work with landowners and residents to continue the use of venues.			Comm	
TL517	Discussion item 2	Comm	Noise and Fuel testing? Moto-Trials do not experience a noise problem, and has not encountered and unusual fuel use. Both items will be monitored at Moto-Trials events.			Comm	

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