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Speedway Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Speedway Commission meeting held at the Melbourne Airport Motel, on Saturday 7th May 2011.

PRESENT: Ivan Golding – Chair
Gary Davey

APOLOGY: Matt Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Ross Martin MA

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			The meeting started at 9am. All Commissioners were welcomed by Ross Martin on behalf of MA.				
SW612	Previous minutes		Minutes from the Commissions meetings of 22 May 2010 5 August 2010 Were read and approved.				

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SW613	Business arising		SW626. "Laying down" of Speedway machines-Training/Coaching. SW659. Junior Speedway promotion.	The Commission is of the opinion that all junior speedway riders, during their 5 hour training should be instructed in, and able to carry out a bike "laydown" as a safety item. The Commission will: Check with the SCB's on the methods used in coaching/training for junior speedway to find if this included a "laydown". Will discuss this item with Laurence Miller to ensure all training is compatible. Will work to establish that all new senior riders have the ability to "laydown" a machine prior to competing at Speedway events (see rule 19.11.5.2) The Commission wants to promote Junior Speedway to the wider motorcycling population, and believes that a display at the 2011 Australian Junior MX Championships (Oct 1 to Oct 9) in SA would benefit speedway.	The Commission is concerned for the safety of all riders, and requests that all speedway rider training/testing include the ability of riders to "laydown" their machine in the case of an emergency. What is happening with the Speedway Coaching Manual? The Commission have already had permission from the organising club for a site, and can organise motorcycles for the display.	MA/ SCB's/ Coaching Committee MA/ Comm	
SW614	Increase in sidecar engine capacity	P. Hemsworth	Mr. Hemsworth put forward a proposal to increase the engine capacity of sidecar motors to 1200cc for 2 & 3 cylinder 4 strokes.	The Commission does not approve of this alteration.		Nil	
SW615	Rule 19.4.1.7	MSA	The recommendation is that this rule be deleted.	Deletion not approved by Commission.		Nil	
SW616	Rule 19.4.2.1 Junior Sidecars	MSA	This rule currently reads: "Engine capacity must not exceed 250cc".	It is recommended that the rule be altered to read: "Engine capacity must not exceed 250cc. Motors must be 4 stroke only ".	This move will remove the disparity of some riders using 2 stroke motors.	MA/ SCB's	

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SW617	Rule 19.4.2.2 Junior Sidecars	MSA	This rule currently reads: "Machines must be fitted with unmodified production engines and may be fitted with an operating gearbox".	It is recommended that this rule be altered to read: "Machines must be fitted with an unmodified 4 stroke production engine and may be fitted with a operation gearbox. OEM carburettor/s and engine electrics must also be used" .	This alteration will clear up the confusion experienced by some machine owners in respect to carburettors and engine electrics, and will assist in reducing the overall costs of the machines.	MA/ SCB's	
SW618	Rule 19.5.1.3	MSA	This appears to be a misprint in the rule book	This currently shows: "19.5.1.3 A competitor"	Remove from rule book.	MA/ SCB's	
SW619	Rule 19.8.3 Table	MSA	Remove this table from the rule book	This table does not give the required information, and the Commission agrees to its removal.	Information is shown in other areas of the rule book.	MA/ SCB's	
SW620	Rule 19.7.0.1	MQ	A request to change the minimum age of junior sidecar riders to 9 years.	The Commission does not agree with this request.		Nil	
SW621	Rule 19.12.4.1 (d)		A request was received to lower the minimum number of junior sidecar competitors required to conduct the Australian Junior Speedway Sidecar Championship.	The current minimum number is 12 sidecars. The Commission believes this is a reasonable number for an Australian Speedway Championship, and will not reduce the numbers.		Nil	
SW622	Rule 19.9		This currently reads: 350cc Solo Speedway	The Commission recommends that this be altered to read: 250/350cc Solo Speedway.	As the FIM Junior speedway class is now for 250cc machines, MA must encourage these machine to race in Australia. This will be a combined class for 2012 & 2013, and will become a 250cc class for 2014.	MA/ SCB's	
SW623	Rule 19.9.0.3		This currently reads: Riders using these machines must be 14 years to under 16 years.	The Commission recommends that this be altered to: Riders using these machines must be 13 years to under 16 years.	This will align with FIM regulations, and with the MA 250cc age rules (19.8.3)	MA/ SCB's	

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SW624	Rule 19.11.6.2	Comm	This currently reads: A junior licence holder who has turned 15 years of age and who in the opinion of an MA accredited coach is capable of handling a 500cc solo Speedway machine may give a demonstration during a break in the Senior program. Only one rider in this category is allowed on the track at 1 time.	The Commission recommends the following additions. 19.11.6.2 (a) A junior licence holder who has turned 15 years of age and who in the opinion of an MA accredited coach is capable of handling a 500cc solo Speedway machine may give a demonstration during a break in the Senior program. Only one rider in this category is allowed on the track at one time. 19.11.6.2 (b) A junior licence holder who has turned 12 years and 9 months will be allowed to be coached/practice on a 250cc/350cc solo Speedway machine. Only one rider in this category is allowed on the track at any time.	This addition will allow junior speedway riders to be coached on the 250/350cc speedway machines prior to taking part in competition. Coaching will include the ability to "lay down" the machine.	MA/ SCB's																							
SW625	Rule 19.7.0.1	Comm	This table currently shows: <table border="1" data-bbox="616 890 1059 1125"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age Group</th> <th>Classes & Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7 years to under 9 years</td> <td>125cc Single 4 stroke solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 years to under 16 years</td> <td>125cc Single 4 stroke solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 years to under 16 years</td> <td>250cc 4 stroke sidecar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 years to under 16 years</td> <td>250cc 4 stroke sidecar passenger</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age Group	Classes & Capacity	7 years to under 9 years	125cc Single 4 stroke solo	9 years to under 16 years	125cc Single 4 stroke solo	11 years to under 16 years	250cc 4 stroke sidecar	9 years to under 16 years	250cc 4 stroke sidecar passenger	Alter this table to read: <table border="1" data-bbox="1086 890 1440 1195"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age Group</th> <th>Classes & Capacity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7 years to U9 years</td> <td>125cc Single 4 stroke solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 years to U16 years</td> <td>125cc Single 4 stroke solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 years to U16 years</td> <td>250/350cc Speedway solo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 years to U16 years</td> <td>250cc 4 stroke sidecar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 years to U16 years</td> <td>250cc 4 stroke sidecar passenger</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age Group	Classes & Capacity	7 years to U9 years	125cc Single 4 stroke solo	9 years to U16 years	125cc Single 4 stroke solo	13 years to U16 years	250/350cc Speedway solo	11 years to U16 years	250cc 4 stroke sidecar	9 years to U16 years	250cc 4 stroke sidecar passenger	This will show all junior speedway classes clearly.	MA/ SCB's	
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SW626	Classic Sidecar rules	Various	Delete existing rules 19.10.4.1, 19.10.5, 19.10.6 and 19.10.6.1 and replace with suggested changes listed.	<p>19.10.4.1Machines and all parts used in their construction are to be commercially available in their selected era ONLY.</p> <p>19.10.4.2All machines must comply with GCR 19.2.1.5 (Kill Switch)</p> <p>19.10.4.3Maximum standard engine capacity of 1020cc and no reconditioning tolerance is allowed.</p> <p>19.10.4.4 Only machines of the type raced on Australian Speedways in the selected era, will be eligible.</p> <p>19.10.4.5 1/. Classic Class - British European & American This class will cover machines using original factory motorcycle frames and standard forks. ie: One made by a recognised motorcycle manufacturer. Motors will be four stroke 2 valves per cylinder, air cooled and a maximum of two cylinders, manufactured and raced prior to Dec 31st 1974. Rules and regulations covering this class as per SCB 1975 Rule Book appendix J. Rider of machines in this class must be at least 35 years of age at the date of competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Page 5</u></p>	<p>These changes have been written and put forward by a number of classic sidecar competitors from a number of States. The Commission believes that this is what the riders/machine owners want in the rule book, and strongly recommend these changes.</p>	MA/SCB's	

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SW626		Various		<p>19.10.4.6 2/. Classic Class - Japanese This class will cover machines with factory motorcycle frames and standard forks. ie: One made by a recognised motorcycle manufacturer. Motors will be Japanese 2 stroke and 4 stroke SOHC multi cylinder engines with a maximum of 2 valves per cylinder. Rules and regulations covering this class as per SCB 1975 Rule Book appendix J. These engines must be manufactured and raced prior to Dec 31st 1974. Rider of machines in this class must be at least 35 years of age at the date of competition.</p> <p>19.10.4.7 3/. Post Classic Class This class will cover machines using original factory frames and standard forks. ie: One made by a recognised motor cycle manufacturer. Motors will be 2 stroke and 4 stroke 2 valve DOHC multi cylinder air cooled engines. Rules and regulations covering this class as per MA rule book.</p> <p>19.10.4.8 4/. Evolution Class Low line and custom frames fitted with 2 valve DOHC multi cylinder air cooled engines. Rules and regulations covering this class as per MA rule book.</p>			

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SW627	New rule	Comm	Insert a new rule in the Junior-125 Solo machine rules to state the number of exhaust mounts required.	New rule 19.2.4.6. Exhaust mounts. The exhaust must have at least 3 mounts to the motorcycle.	Many scrutineers go on the rules for senior solos when looking at the 125cc junior machines. This new rule will settle the exhaust mount question.	MA/ SCB's	
SW628	Notes from Peter White regarding Speedway generally.	P.White	Peter White posed a number of questions and queries regarding solo speedway racing in Australia.	The comments of Peter White were noted.		Comm	
SW629	Letter from D.Watt	D.Watt	D.Watt, on behalf of a number of Speedway riders sent an extensive letter to MA in regard to the Australian Solo Speedway Championship. Subheadings were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Venues. 2. Qualification 3. Rounds 4. Tyre rule 5. Event Schedule 6. Series Director 7. Prize Money 8. Hotels 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 2. Noted 3. Noted 4. The 2 tyre rule will be applied for the 2012 Championship 5. Noted 6. The Commission do not agree that a Series Director is needed, or can be afforded currently. 7. Prize money per round will be as one of the rider suggestions. This will appear in the event regulations. 8. Discounts from hotels/motels in the area of the race tracks will be asked for by MA. Some accommodation discounts do apply to MA members currently. 	The Commission also received the results of a survey taken by solo riders earlier this year. The results of the survey will be taken into account when the regulations for the 2012 Championship are being written.	Comm	
SW630	Letter from M.McKenzie	McKenzie		The contents of this letter were noted.		Comm	
SW631	Team Manager	Comm	Correspondence from Craig Boyce in regard to the Australian Speedway Team Managers position for 2011.			Comm	
SW632	Noise testing	Comm	The Commission agrees that regular checks in respect to machine noise must be made to ensure the long term survival of this discipline.	Standardisation throughout Australia is needed in noise testing.		MA	

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SW633	Fuel Testing	Comm	Although the Commission does not believe that fuel is a problem with Speedway, regular fuel testing is needed to be carried out to ensure fairness for all competitors.	MA must institute a fuel testing regime that is followed by all SCB's. Methods of testing, and the equipment used must be standardised.		MA	
SW634	Drug & Alcohol testing	Comm	The Commission is in favour of regular rider testing for drugs and/or alcohol.	Again this testing/ preliminary testing must be standardised throughout Australia.	In SA preliminary test kits are available for drug testing, and alcohol testing equipment is available. Can these be obtained and used by other SCB's?	MA/ SCB's	
SW635	2012 Australian solo Speedway Championship	Comm	Dates and venues for the 2012 solo Championships will be: Senior Solo Championship. Round 1. North Brisbane. January 7 th (Subject to venue inspection) If a qualifier is required January 6 th . Round 2. Kurri-Kurri. January 14 th Round 3. Gillman. January 21 st U16 125cc individual Championship Kurri-Kurri. January 13 th . (Qualifier if required. January 12 th) U16 125cc Teams Championship. Kurri-Kurri. January 15 th . U16 Junior Sidecar Championship Kurri-Kurri. January 15 th . U21 Solo Championship. Kurri-Kurri. January 28 th U16 350cc Championship. Kurri-Kurri. January 28 th .			MA/ SCB's	
SW636	Best Pairs events	Comm	The Commission has been asked whether "Best Pairs" events for both Solo and Sidecar can be re instated.	The Commission will investigate whether there is interest in these meetings, and will further discuss.		Comm	
SW637	2011 FIM 80cc Gold Cup	Comm	The world junior speedway event will take place on 6 – 9 July 2011 at Rybnick, Poland.	The Commission has not received any information in relation to this meeting.	Is MA advertising for riders to attend this event?	MA	

Meeting closed at 2.30pm.

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