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## Road Race Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Road Race Commission meeting held at the Airport Motel & Convention Centre, Melbourne on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

**PRESENT:** Phil Tainton – Chair  
Mark Bracks  
David Catchpole

**APOLOGY:** Derek Rumble

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ross Martin. MA.

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|          |                  |           | Commissioners were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman   |   |                          |                 |             |
| RR885    | Previous minutes | Comm      | Minutes from August 2010 were checked.<br>No business arising  |   |                          |                 |             |
| RR886    | Rule 15.1.3.3    | P.Abbey   | This rule currently reads:<br>"A chain guard made of a suitable material must be fitted in such a way to prevent trapping between the lower chain drive run and the final drive sprocket at the rear wheel".<br>Mr. Abbey suggests that this rule should be moved to Chapter 12, and would then apply to all disciplines. He gives the example of the Darryl Beattie injury because of his foot being tangled in the rear chain. | The Road Race Commission has no objections to this rule being applied to all disciplines, but believes that all Commissions must be given the opportunity to put their view on this change. |                          | All Commissions |             |

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| RR887    | Rule 3.8   | C.Barton   | Mr. Barton recommends that a new rule be added as 3.8.4 which would read:<br>"Junior riders in all disciplines can, at 3 months prior to their birthday, commence practice on a machine of the increased capacity that they will be competing on when reaching the required age, providing it is at a permitted practice/coaching event only".                | The Road Race Commission supports this addition to the MA rule book.   | This will allow junior riders to gain experience and familiarity of the machine before entering competition on a more powerful machine. | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR888    | New rule   | Comm       | The Commission recommends that a new sub rule be added to the 2012 rule book.   | <b>Add rule 15.8.0.7 (s) to read:<br/>Rear Suspension unit (Shock Absorber) Main Spring and internal components may be changed or modified but external appearance must remain standard.</b> | This applies to the Superstock 600 class and was overlooked in the 2011 rules.  | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR889    | Suggested new rule for Superbike and Supersport classes. | M.Anderson | Mr. Anderson suggested a new rule (possibly 15.6.0.9 x & 15.7.0.12 v) to read:<br>Wheels<br>Diameter may be changed to 17inch if required<br>Width of Wheels<br>Front wheel maximum 3.5"<br>Rear wheel maximum 6.00"<br>Colour optional<br>Optional race kit or aftermarket wheels are permissible.<br>16.5" wheels are NOT allowed even if standard fitment. | The Commission does not agree with this proposal due to the extra cost to competitors, and will not recommend it.  |   | No<br>action |             |
| RR890    | Suggested alteration to rule 15.9.0.7 d                  | L.Andrews  | This rule currently reads:<br>"MA approved fuel metering devices that plug into the original electrical connectors with no modification to the wiring harness. Std OEM ECU must be retained and operative".<br>Mr. Andrews suggests removing this rule from the book due to the ability of some competitors to re programme the standard ECU.                 | The Commission does not agree with this suggestion. There is now a list of MA approved ECU units, and this list must be used during all competition.   |   | No<br>action |             |

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| RR891    | Suggested changes to rules 15.8.0.7 (o) & 15.9.0.8 (l) | M.Anderson | Rule 15.8.0.7 (o) currently reads: "Handlebars, but replacements must be mounted in the original position on the fork assembly and have the same profile and shape as the original assembly".<br>Rule 15.9.0.8 (l) currently reads: "Handlebars, but replacements must be mounted at the original mounting points, and".   | The Commission recommends that both 15.8.0 7 (o) & 15.9.0.8 (l) be amended to read:<br><b>"Handlebars and handle bar mounted levers, but replacements must be mounted at the original mounting points".</b>   | This will standardise the wording for both Superstock classes, and will include levers as well.  | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR892    | Moving a rule  | L.Andrews  | Rule 15.8.0.7 (i) currently reads:<br>The following may be replaced or modified (i) Passenger footrests.   | It is recommended that this rule be moved to a <b>new rule 15.8.0.6 (j) which will read:</b><br><b>The following must be removed (j) Passenger footrests</b>  | Event scrutineers are concerned that the non removal of passenger footrests is dangerous and can cause an entrapment danger.   | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR893    | Removal of rule 15.14.5.2                              | J.Clancy   | Rule 15.14.5.2 refers to Formula 2 Sidecars and currently reads:<br>"The riders legs must not be enclosed".<br>The Commission was presented with much information that shows that overseas sidecars no longer comply with this rule, and that FIM rules no longer have this rule   | The Commission recommends that rule 15.14.5.2 be removed from the 2012 rule book.   | This will assist in bringing the MA rules into line with other FMN's and the FIM, which may lead to the importation of overseas sidecar machines for racing in Australia.  | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR894    | Alteration to junior ages for Road Race                | R.Dowsett  | Rule 15.16.0.1 currently reads:<br>In addition to the general rules regulating all competition, the following apply to Junior competition:<br>(a) 7 to under 10 up to 50cc Automatic<br>(b) 9 to under 13 up to 50cc manual<br>(c) 9 to under 13 up to 70cc manual<br>(d) 13 to under 16 up to 80cc 2 stroke or 160cc 4 stroke manual<br>(e) 14 and above 125cc Grand Prix 2 stroke and 250cc GP mono 4 stroke | The Commission strongly recommends that rule 15.16.0.1 is amended to read:<br>In addition to the general rules regulating all competition, the following apply to Junior competition:<br>(a) 7 to under 10 up to 50cc Automatic<br>(b) 9 to under 12 up to 50cc manual<br>(c) 9 to under 12 up to 70cc manual<br>(d) 12 to under 16 80cc manual and 160cc 4 stroke<br>(e) 14 and above 125cc Grand Prix 2 stroke and 250cc GP mono 4 stroke | This will reduce the age of 80cc riders by one year, which will give these riders 2 years in the class instead of one at present.<br>This should build up the numbers of junior riders taking part in Road Race. | MA/<br>SCB's |             |

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| RR895    | Helmet standards             | B.Ryan                   | Mr. Ryan raised the concern of many Australian riders purchasing helmets from overseas. These helmets are not fitted with the Australian Standards approval sticker. Mr. Ryan suggested that clubs and MA may be open to litigation by allowing the use of these helmets in Australian competition. | The Commission acknowledges the concerns of Mr. Ryan but believes that any helmet imported for competition use has to have an approval as shown in the current MA rule book, or cannot be used.  |   | No action    |             |
| RR896    | Possible new road race class | P.Martin                 | Mr. Martin recommended the inclusion of two twin cylinder classes to be run at national level road race events. These would be known as "Supertwins" and "Supertwins Production". Mr. Martin also put forward some suggested eligibility rules for these classes.                                   | The Commission will discuss these proposed classes with Mr. Martin, and will report at a later time.   |   | Comm         |             |
| RR897    | Minimoto rules               | South West Minimoto Club | The club have presented suggested rules in respect to Minimoto racing.  | The Commission does not believe that they are conversant with this form of racing, and asks that more skilled people be asked by MA to judge the recommended rules.  |   | MA           |             |
| RR898    | Fuel for Road Race machines  | VP Fuels                 | VP Fuels have enquired about the use of non homologated leaded fuels in the 125cc GP class.   | MA will reply to VP stating that the use of these fuels has only been allowed for safety reasons, and is restricted to 125cc machines taking part in the ASBK events.  |   | MA           |             |
|          | General Business             |                          |   |  |   |              |             |
| RR899    |                              | Comm                     | Rule 15.17<br>Rule 15.17.0.1 (d) currently reads:<br>"Subject to the required and permitted alterations set out below, Junior Solo Road Race 80cc 2 stroke machines must:<br>(d) Be as constructed by the manufacturer in accordance with specifications supplied by MA".                           | The Commission recommends that this rule be altered to read:<br>Subject to the required and permitted alterations set out below, Junior Solo Road Race 80cc 2 stroke <b>powered</b> machines must be:<br><b>(d) Chassis is constructed by a recognised manufacturer.</b> | This alteration will stop most of the arguments currently occurring around the eligibility of 80cc Junior Road Race machines, and may encourage more riders to take part in this learning class for future senior riders. | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR900    | Rules 15.17.0.6 & 15.17.0.7  | C Barton                 | Rule 15.17.0.6 currently reads:<br>"Paper or foam type filters must be fitted"<br>Rule 15.17.0.7 currently reads:<br>"Still air boxes or air filter assemblies may not be fitted".  | The Commission recommends that both <b>rule 15.17.0.6 &amp; 15.17.0.7 be removed from the rule book.</b>   | One brand of 80cc Road Race machine is supplied without an air filter, and to fit one (so as to comply with the rules) breaks the rules which say that alterations or modifications to the bikes are not permitted.       | MA/<br>SCB's |             |

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| RR901    | Suggested new rule              | C. Barton | Mr. Barton suggested that a new rule, 15.17.0.4 be added to the rule book. This new rule would read:<br>"The use of interchangeable/aftermarket cylinders, crankshafts, expansion chambers, carburettors and reed valves is permitted providing there are no other modifications made to these parts and they remain in an as manufactured condition. All aftermarket parts are to be ratified by MA". | The Commission does not agree with the inclusion of this rule, particularly if MA is expected to ratify parts.   |   | No action    |             |
| RR902    | Rule 12.10.4.6                  | Comm      | The Commission discussed noise testing. Rule 12.10.4.6 currently reads:<br>"When presented for examination, the correct stroke must be stamped in a clearly visible position on the crankcase".  | The Commission recommends the removal of this rule as very few machines have this information stamped on the cases.  | This is a long out of date rule.  | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR903    | Tyres for the 125cc GP Machines | Comm      | The Commission has received a number of queries and complaints in respect to the use of a "control tyre" in the 125GP class at the ASBK rounds. Riders are happy with the brand of tyre, but believe that the choice of compounds, and the time that the choice must be made is very limiting.   | The Commission will ask the ASBK promoters to immediately drop the current tyre restrictions in respect to the 125GP machines. They will also request no tyre marking and no limits on the number of tyres allowed to be used for this class.  | This is very much a safety issue for the 125 riders.  | MA/<br>ASBK  |             |
| RR904    | Amend rule 15.8.0.7 (a to g)    | Comm      | Rule 15.8.0.7 currently reads:<br>(a) Fairing<br>(b) Screen<br>(c) Rear body work<br>(d) Seat<br>(e) Mudguards<br>(f) Tank covers, and<br>(g) Frame side covers but replacements must be the same in shape and appearance as the original.   | The Commission recommends that rule 15.8.0.7 (a to g) be replaced with the same wording as 15.9.0.8 (b) which reads:<br>Fairings and stream lining including screen, rear body work and seat section, mudguards, tank covers, air box intake tubes and side covers, providing the replacements are of the same shape and appearance as the original. | This will make the wording for both Superstock classes the same and should reduce confusion.                          | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR905    | New rule                        | Comm      | New rule in section 15.9.0.3 which refers to items that must be removed prior to competition.  | The Commission recommends a new rule 15.9.0.3 (i) to read:<br><b>"OEM top rear chain guard"</b>  | This duplicates rule 15.8.0.6 (i) which refers to the Superstock 600 class.   | MA/<br>SCB's |             |
| RR906    | New rule                        | Comm      | New rule in section 15.7.0.11 which refers to the Supersport class.  | The Commission recommends a new rule 15.7.0.11 (e) to read:<br><b>"Frame protective sliders"</b>   | This will allow the addition of these frame protection devices which hopefully will reduce costs for the competitors. | MA/<br>SCB's |             |

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| RR907    | Tidy up of rule                | Comm      | Rule 15.9.0.7 (e) currently reads: Frame protective sliders, and"  | The Commission recommends the <b>removal of the word "and"</b> from the end of the rule as it means nothing  | This is to tidy up the rule and reduce misinterpretations.  | MA/ SCB's |             |
| RR908    | Scrutineering Team             | Comm      | The Commission has been informed that a TAFE college is interested in setting up a Road Race scrutineering team that would travel to ASBK rounds. This team is self funded.<br>They could handle scrutineering, noise and fuel testing and technical issues. | The Commission asks that MA liaise with the TAFE to enquire if this information is correct, and if so to start some organisation for the proposed team.                                    |   | MA        |             |
| RR909    | Tyre marking stickers          | Comm      | The Commission is concerned that the current tyre marking stickers do not stay on tyres and this may cause an eligibility issue.   | The Commission asks that MA investigate a better type of sticker that could be used.   |   | MA        |             |
| RR910    | ECU units                      | Comm      | Rule 15.6.0.9 (k) currently reads: "The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine.<br>(k) Wiring loom, ECU and fuel injection control units"  | The Commission recommends that rule 15.6.0.9 (k) is amended to read: <b>(k) Wiring loom, Plug in fuel injection control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit MA approved ECU.</b> | This will restrict the ECU to a manufacturers unit which can be more easily approved by MA.                               | MA/ SCB's |             |
| RR911    | Fuel for the 125cc GP machines | Comm      | The Commission is aware that fuel for the 125cc GP 2 stroke machines was overlooked in the 2011 MA rule book. They also note that leaded fuel is now allowed for these machines at the 2011 ASBK rounds.   | The Commission requests that rule 15.5.0.1 have an additional sub section that will read: "125cc & 250cc GP 2 stroke machines may use leaded fuel of up to 100RON"                         | Two stroke machines tend to seize the motor if running on unleaded fuel and not correctly set up. This is a safety issue. | MA/ SCB's |             |
| RR912    | Rule 15.4.6.2 Body Jewellery   | Comm      | The Commission is concerned that this rule appears not to being enforced.  | The Commission asks that this rule be enforced at Road Race meetings, and that the NOC be asked to highlight this issue at officials training courses.                                     |   | MA/ NOC   |             |
| RR913    | Sandown, Victoria              | Comm      | The Commission asks what would be required to again conduct motorcycle race meetings at Sandown.   | If track alterations are required, would MA be prepared to assist in the costs of this work?   |   | MA        |             |

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| RR914    | ECU Units | Comm      | Tighten up of rules relating to ECU units<br>Rule 15.6.0.9 (k) currently reads:<br>"Wiring loom, ECU and fuel control unit". | The Commission recommends that rule 15.6.0.9 (k) be amended to read:<br><b>"Wiring loom, plug in fuel injection control units and the manufacturers nominated race kit ECU, which is MA approved".</b> | This will tighten up the use of the ECU units in Superbike. | MA/<br>SCB's |             |

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