

Women's Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Minutes of the Women's Commission held on 15th March 2012 in Melbourne.
Presented to the MA Board of Directors on Wednesday 15th August 2012

PRESENT: Jennifer Ballard (Chair), Fiona Collins, Lynn Long,
(part of meeting only) Peta Thomas (Motorcycling Victoria) Leanne Tander (Chair - Women of Australian Motorsport)

APOLOGY: nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Foody, John Tisdale, Bob Kershaw, Ray Jonkers, Lyal Allen, David White, Tina Alderman

item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	MA Board Decision
WO152	Welcome/ apologies	JB	Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting	-	-	-
WO153	Confirmation of minutes	LL	Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2011 were confirmed	Previous minutes yet to be uploaded by MA onto website ASAP	-	-
WO154	Business Arising		Further comment on WO140 AIS Women's Camp	Request for systems to be put in place by MA so that the selection criteria be provided on application. Camp attire to advertise MA & our sport – professional and respectful	That minimum age be adhered to and request input from this Commission on final selection. Selection by MA is only by reading the applications where as Commissioners are aware of the ability & suitability of the applicants. Camp attire to display professionalism of our sport and the encouragement of women. Advertising to reflect the Elite AIS school the year and MA logo.	Board supports the commission

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WO155	AMA mandated Concussion Test	SCB's	Concussion & suspension from riding. Medical suspension inconsistently applied between professional & non professional riders.	Suggest that some consideration and investigation into MA adopting a more consistent approach to this injury. http://impacttest.com/about/background	We need to cover all options for protecting our riders. Inconsistent application of the medical suspension rule when professional riders are applauded for their ability to return to the race when obviously suffering concussion injury (and commended for doing so) Non professionals are suspended! AMA licence applications require proof of completion of "IMPACT Concussion Management Test"– developed to provide base line information to assist qualified practitioners in making sound return to sport decisions following concussion. It is a 20 minute on-line test for applicants from aged 10.	Noted.
WO156	WO139 Strategic progress	JB	International Female Ride Day – 1 st Friday in May	Promotion and support from MVic, MWA, MNSW & MQ & Riders Division. Website advertising to support state base activities. Promote women in motorcycling world wide. Strategic Plan Riders Division 3.4	Actively supporting FIM and AMA promotion world wide. FIM "commitment to collaboration" and the advancement of women within their countries, to introduce special projects and programmes for women to continue to increase the number of participants in the sport as well as non-sporting activities.	Noted.
WO157	Sup Regs & Women's Classes	MQ MSA & MVic	Women's classes not to be partnered with clubman class.	Suggest partnering with Vets class (more experienced) when combining groups is necessary. MA to recommend alterations to suggested Sup Regs	Allows for club level riders to compete amongst themselves. Women riders are varied in their experience and potentially this reduces the risks in both classes.	Noted.
WO158	Sup Regs & Women's Classes	MQ, MSA & MVic	All Sup Regs to offer women's classes in all disciplines including junior events.	MA to alter suggested Sup Regs Sup Regs to include a clause (as normal) that a minimum is set & classes may be combined.	Same principle as offering a two stroke class or Vets class. Enables the opportunity of nominating and proves that this body is promoting the events to female riders. The addition of a women's class clearly promotes equal participation and promotion. Create egalitarian opportunities and does not alter any further obligations.	Noted.

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WO159	Senior Women's Championships in each state for all disciplines	SCB's	Agree with proposal – All disciplines & States to offer State level Championship Titles.	MA to direct each SCB in promoting the Strategic Plan milestones:- That more State & National titles are available for women. Supported by WO158	The progression of women into the professional sphere is tied to the achievements at state level. Increasing State Title events promotes the determination by MA to encourage participation & professionalism and the development of more opportunities, in line with Strategic Plan Key Measure 1.4	Noted.
WO160	WMX - 2012 WO141 Date clash with other Aust rounds.	FC	MA to lock in WMX dates MA to confirm date allocation in advance to allow other disciplines to plan their calendar	MA allowed date classes in 2011 reducing the ability for riders to cross from one discipline to MX	Importance in acknowledging promotion of the event the	Noted.
WO161	FIM length of racing for women	MQ & others	Review length of races in line with world expectations	Monitor in 2012. Potentially related to promoters inexperience & combining of classes.	Review and comment at next meeting.	Noted.
WO162	MA promote direct link with FIM Women's division	FIM CFM	Create feed link to FIM site & enable the flow of information and recognition of Australian Women achieving world goals	MA to implement link to FIM site & promote newsworthy items.	Promote events like "International Women & Motorcycling" Conference, July 26-16 Nevada USA to broader audience, recognition that women have a buying power / are leaders in the industry / already participating on world level.	Noted.
WO163	Communication issues with MQ and the MQ Women's Sup committee	MQ sub Comm	MQ provide guidance & consistent support for the Women's sub committee.	MQ to manage and guide with consistency and leadership in the return to successful take up rate of female riders.	Inconsistent decisions are causing loss of riders & supporters. MQ had the highest participant rate in Aust and should provide leadership by example for the other SCB's.	Noted.
WO164	Incentive to participate across disciplines		Award for best place overall for WMX and A4DE/ AORC	Sponsor has shown interest in the iron women concept of riding both events. (A4DE & WMX – 1 week apart)	Increase in participation likely. Promotion opportunities	Noted.
WO165	Senior One meeting National Licence for Women events	MWA	Rule 3.1.2.4 (e) To include the wording after ii) iii) Women competing in National and State Championships.	Rule approved for 2012	WA in particular expressed desire to allow far north riders to participate in one day Women's State Titles. Other states have supported the rule change in line with the Masters Games concept.	The Board does not support this rule change

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WO166	Create partnership with MV – Female Participation Program	Peta Thomas	SCB's & Commission to partner with MVic where possible to tap into the skills and programs.	SCB's to source funding for their own states. SCB's may be able to use some of Vic's expertise. Significant funding received by MVic to promote women in sport and fund a designate position	Use the concepts engaged by MV across all states. Promote and utilise the "Girls Only Track Days" at Broadford for all states. Obtain funding using the MV model – this is additional funding available from State & Federal governments.	Noted.
WO167	Promotion & Participation of SCB's Partnership with SCB's remains one way	Comm	MA validate the work that the Commission actively supports. Assure SCB's the soundness of encouraging female riders into the sport & lead by example	Commission will work with states committed to growing women's participation in line with Strategic Plan Key Measure 1.4. Provide outline and guidance for Specific women's events, committees, resources, Women's Only bike nights, ride days wherever possible	Significant resistance by some SCB's and in some instances particular state clubs. MA to lead the way in the profitability and opportunities of promoting women in the sport.	Noted.
WO168	Strategic Plan – Key Objective 1.5 Key Progress 1.4	Comm	Increase participation & retention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MX Junior Titles • WMX Senior Titles • Classic MX / Quads/ • Class exclusivity in ALL Sup Regs • One Event National licence • Actively advertise WOMEN IN THE SPORT • Actively network with "Women in Motorsport" group • MA website to connect with funding & grants available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCB's to take seriously the promotion of women in motorcycling by: • supporting a working group at state level IN ALL STATES • Actively promote riders in ALL disciplines and ALL abilities • Use the attraction of women for alternative sponsors • Provide classes in junior ranks • Consider facilities • Marketing – website links, advertising, sponsor use 	Strategic Plan item: 1.4 Across all disciplines there should be 10 championship classes for women. Increase participation (950 to 2,000). Develop women's riding in Australia so that they can be competitive in World Championships. Greater recognition and women's events. Increased retention of female participants from junior to senior competition. Too many missed opportunities-	Noted.

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EO882	Scholarship for Women in Motorcycling Women in Australian Motorsport (CAMS) also Aust delegate to FIA Women in Motorsport Commission	L Tander	MA set up Scholarship designed to assist with career dev in all aspects of being a top female competitor.	MA to consider scholarship program utilizing network opportunities of Board and industry. Intent is not financial support, but to access to tools designed for success. Provides a pathway to professional standing, shows that MA is serious about promoting women & indicates commitment to the key strategies. The WAM's model is key to advancing media attention in a professional & conscientious manner.	The WAM's scholarship offers a female racer the opportunity to undertake a comprehensive program designed to assist with career development in all aspects of being a top competitor in motor sport. The scholarship runs for one year and includes test in a car from a category further up the ladder, setting up networking opportunities, fitness coaching, sports psychology, media training and driver coaching including a professional industry mentor. Michael Schumacher supports the WAM scholarship program....	Noted.

Meeting closed

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