

Road Race Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Minutes of the Road Race Commission teleconference meeting held on the 1st August 2012

Presented to the MA Board of Directors on Wednesday 15th August 2012.

PRESENT: Phil Tainton (Chairman), David Catchpole, Mark Bracks, David White

APOLOGY: Derek Rumble (dialogue and comments via teleconference at 6pm Tuesday, 22 May 2012)

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
RR958	Welcome / apologies	PT	Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open	-	-	-
RR959	Confirmation of minutes	PT	Reviewed minutes and proposals to board from last face-to-face meeting on the 22 nd and 23 rd May 2012	-	-	-
RR960	Business Arising: item: RR896	PT	Supertwins class in ASBK from P martin	Phil Tainton to follow up	Time is right to consider this as a support class	Board supports RR commission
RR961	Business Arising: Item: RR 900	PT	Air filters Change from Must use to may use	No action as issue has been resolved in 2012 GCR	-	-
RR962 Reading of Rule Change requests	Business Arising: Item: RR909	PT	Tyre marking	Defer until end of season	Explore option of marking pens. Present tyre marking is working but monitor any possible problems.	Board supports the RR commission
RR963	Superstock eligibility	PT	Open 600cc Superstock to 'B' grade riders	Refer to General Business	Proposed rule changes for 600cc Supersport and Superstock class to be discussed in general business	Board supports RR commission

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RR964	Minimum races for new licence holders	Don Street	All first time licence holders compete in a minimum 12 races on machines no greater than 490cc before entering open meetings	RRC recommends minimum 4 meetings: 2x club/inter club + 2 club/interclub/state up to 600cc capacity on completion of a MA accredited coaching class(es). Coach will review times and results to approve eligibility to participate in Open meetings. Minimum age 16	600cc because no relative machine of 490cc capacity and with approved coaching	Board advised to refer back to commission for further consideration
RR965	Rule change 4.2.8	Don Street	The Promoter to whom such an application is submitted may accept or reject it. If the application is rejected the following must be completed...	RRC does not support this change	The present rule adequately covers this situation but the RRC recommends that if the applicant, if refused should have a right of appeal	Board supports the RR Commission, this is to be added as item to Septembers Board agenda
RR966	Fuel additives	PM Lubricants?	Use of Fuel Conditioner to protect fuel injection components	RRC Rejects this recommendation	RRC does not support fuel additives and has had no reports from competitors having mechanical problems relating to not using an additive	Board supports RR commission. No action required.
RR967	Rule change 3.8.4	Dave Fuller	Extended from three to six months	RRC does not support this recommendation	Ongoing concerns of younger riders on larger capacity machines	Board supports RR commission. No action required.
RR968	Rule change 15.8.0.8	Steve Toms	MA approved fuel metering devices to stop std ECU's being "flashed"	Referred to General Business	-	-
RR969	15.6.0.6 and 15.9.0.5		Engine, gearbox and radiator drain hoses venting to be changed	Not supported	Current rule adequately covers drain lines into airbox. If fluids do get into the engine from the air-box there is something definitely wrong with the machine	Board supports RR commission. No action required.
RR970	Rule changes to ASBK classes	John Redding	Resubmission of proposed rules changes of Superbike Prostock and 600cc classes	Not supported	-	Board supports RR commission. No action required.
RR971	Grading suggestion	Ralph Splett	Change rules of grading	Recommended further discussion In General business	RRC has had Ongoing thoughts for many years regarding a national grading system	Board supports RR commission

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RR972	15.10.0.3 i)	Eric Saunders	OEM Chain guard must be removed to be placed under 15.10.0.5 The following may be removed, a) OEM chain guard	Recommended and also to be entered into Production rules 15.11 therefore remove rule 15.10.0.3 i) add rule 15.10.0.6 the following maybe removed add rule 15.10.0.6 a) OEM Top chain guard also remove rule 15.9.0.3 i) OEM top chain guard and in rule 15.9.0.6 b) add the words "OEM top rear" chain guards	Uniformity, simplicity and Reflect the option as listed in Superbike, Superstock, 600cc classes	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR973	12.6.4.1	Simon Dickson	Allow any font for race numbers	Not supported	Fonts for road racing are satisfactory and we don't have any problems with timing and stewards	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR974	12.6.4.1	Paul Dawson	Arial Rounded MT Font is hard to read and #1 and #7 are confusing	RRC supports that this may be so	Recommends wording rule change. After Arial Rounded MT bold, insert the words " the serif on number one (1) may be shortened or removed but not extended. "	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR975	12.6.4.1	Sarah	Font is free	See RR930	-	-
RR976	Moto3 machines 15.12.0.2	Lachlan kavney	Moto3 eligibility for competition	Referred to general business	RRC Commission has been defying the local rules for the inclusion of Moto3 machines as soon as possible	Board supports RR commission
RR977	12.5.1.3	Ralph Freeman	Introduction of a bond	RRC supports this recommendation	Amendment to rule 12.5.1.3 and to be reworded as follows " If an engine is measured for the purposes of a protest, the protesting party must submit a \$500 bond. This bond will be refunded in full if the measured engine is found to be illegal. If the measured engine is found to be legal any reasonable costs in reassembly up to a maximum of \$500 will be deducted and the remaining bond returned to the protesting party ".	Board supports RR commission, this amendment to be forwarded to all commissions. Approved

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RR978	Engine number be included in entry form	John Langfield	Include a requirement for the engine number of a machine be included in the entry form	RRC does not support this ruling as a GCR rule	More prudent to the Supplementary Regulations of particular event discipline	Board supports RR commission. No action required
RR979	15.24.8.4, 12.24.8.5 a) and b)		Addition to Stopping race after a chequered flag	RRC support inclusion of FIM Superbike race placing rule 1.26.1 Exception 1,2, 3	Update GCR's to reflect FIM guidelines in the event of such a scenario	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR980	15.10.0.1 e)	Qld RR Sub committee	e) Suggest 'be a current model' be removed so older models can run in the 250cc Production class	RRC recommends rule 15.10.0.1 e) change to include the words, "or as stipulated in event specific Supplementary Regulations"	It allows riders with older production machines to take part in in club/ inte- club and state championships	Board supports RR commission. Approved.
RR981	15.8.0.6 (i); 15.9.0.3(i); 15.10.0.2 (i)	Qld RR Sub committee	Move to read instead of 'must be removed' to 'may be removed.'	RRC supports this	Mirrors other classes and satisfies current OH&S	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR982	15.16	Qld RR Sub committee	Remove rules for Yamaha FZ6	RRC supports this recommendation	Class no longer relevant.	Board supports RR commission.
RR983	3.8	MNSW	Re-write Junior Coaching program	RRC does not support this recommendation	MoM's Guidelines are adequate and superior to the suggestions that RRC feels will be negative in rider training.	Commission view is noted.
RR984	National Grading	David White	A national grading system to introduced	RRC support the request to be implemented at the earliest opportunity	RRC have been suggesting for many years to implement this welcome suggestion	RR commission to submit proposal to the Board
RR985	Rule change 15.6.0.7.g)	RRC	Remove rule	-	Already listed in 15.6.0.4 h)	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR986	15.7.0.10 g)	RRC	Remove rule	-	Already listed in 15.7.0.7 g)	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR987	Moto3 Rules		Introduce as soon as possible to be applied for the remainder of 2012	RRC to write rules for Moto 3 for 2012 with the view after consultation with competitors to have only one GP class for inclusion in 2013 GCR's which could closely mirror the FIM rules for this class	Bikes are already being raced in Australia	Board supports RR commission. Rules being reviewed for 2013

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RR988	Rule addition to 15.1.2 Brakes Brake lever protection as per FIM rule		Add rule 15.1.2.3 Front brake lever protection guard Inclusion of FIM rule 2.7.3.5 from FIM GP Regulations 2012	15.1.2.3 Motorcycles may be equipped with commercially available brake lever protection, intended to protect the handlebar brake lever(s) from being accidentally activated in case of collision with another machine. Acceptable protection includes the fairing extending sufficiently to cover the brake lever, as viewed from the front. Such devices must be strong enough to function effectively and designed so that there is no risk for the rider to be injured or trapped by it, and it must not present a danger to other competitors. In case the brake lever protection is attached to any part of the braking system (e.g. brake master cylinder), then the brake system manufacturer must officially confirm in writing to the Technical Director that the device	The Commission feels that whilst this can be a good idea for front brake lever protection, it possess possible risk to other fallen riders that maybe injured by this type of device in the event of a collision	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR989	Rule addition to Superbikes: 15.6.0.8 The following may be added:	RRC	Add rule 15.6.0.8 g) Manually operated electronic gear shifters	The Commission approves the new rule to read "15.6.0.8g manually operated electronic gear shifters"	Quickshifter to be allowed to negate flouting of the rules via electronic means and many bikes are now standard with quick shifters.	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR990	Rule addition to Superstock 1000: 15.9.0.8 The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine:	RRC	Add rule 15.9.0.8 n) wiring loom, plug in fuel injection control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit or MA approved ECU.	The Commission approves the new rule to read "15.9.0.8n wiring loom, plug in fuel injection control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit or MA approved ECU.	After consultation with the competitors in this class and scrutineers, it was agreed that ECU's have become impossible to police	Board supports RR commission. Approved

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RR991	Rule addition to 15.9 Superstock 1000	RRC	15.9.0.9 The following may be added or replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine: a) Manually operated electronic gear shifters	The Commission recommends the addition of electronic gear shifters to this class	Quickshifters to be allowed to negate flouting of the rules via electronic means and many bikes are now standard with quick shifters.	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR992	Combine the two 600 classes of Supersport & Superstock to make one only 600 Supersport class open to all grades	RRC	Leave 15.8 Superstock 600 rules in the Road Race chapter with a note: class may be removed in 2014 , remove Superstock 600cc class in the National Championship table 13.2.8 and modify the existing 15.7 Supersport 600 rules as per: RR951 to RR955	Leave 15.8 Superstock 600 rules in the Road Race chapter with a note: class may be removed in 2014 , remove Superstock 600cc class in the National Championship table 13.2.8 and modify the existing 15.7 Supersport 600 rules as per: RR951 to RR955	The Commission recommends having only one class of 600 Supersport in ASBK as declining grid numbers make for a poor spectacle and have this class open to all grades of riders and make the rules more affordable and ease of scrutineering based on rider feedback from open meetings with competitors. Clubs and States may have a strong competitor base in the Superstock 600 category, Commission suggest that we leave the class in the Road Race chapter for another year and then check with the SCB's before removal, after the new 600 Supersport class has been promoted for 12 months.	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR993	Supersport class open to all grades 13.2.8 Road Racing: Supersport 600cc (C & D Grade)	RRC	Add (A & B Grade) to National Championships 13.2.8 Road Racing: Supersport 600cc: 13.2.8 Road Racing: Supersport 600cc (A, B, C & D Grade)	Make Supersport class open to all grades.	Rational is the same as above RR950	Board supports RR commission. Approved

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RR994	Rule rewording 15.7.0.12 The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine: h) Wiring Loom and Fuel Injection Control Unit/ECU	RRC	Rule 15.7.0.12 h) Change to read "Wiring loom, plug in fuel injection control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit ECU and or MA approved	Simplification of rule to read same as the Superbike rule on ECU's New Rule to read 15.7.0.12 h) "Wiring loom, plug in fuel injection control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit ECU and or MA approved	After consultation with the competitors in this class and scrutineers, it was agreed that ECU's have become impossible to police	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR995	Rule removal 15.7.0.12 The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine: 0) Engine cam wheels, provided they are manufactured in the same material as the original,	RRC	Remove: 15.7.0. 12 0) Engine cam wheels, provided they are manufactured in the same material as the original	RRC recommends removing of this rule to provide more of a stock engine.	To lessen the cost the Supersport class and aim more towards a stock engine.	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR996	Rule removal 15.7.0.12 The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine: q) Camshaft may be replaced, but lift must remain standard,	RRC	Remove q) Camshaft may be replaced, but lift must remain standard	RRC recommends removing of this rule to provide more of a stock engine	To lessen the cost the Supersport class and aim more towards a stock engine.	Board supports RR commission. Approved

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RR997	Rule removal 15.7.0.12 The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine: r) Valve springs, collets and retainers,	RRC	Remove r) Valve springs, collets and retainers,	RRC recommends removing of this rule to provide more of a stock engine	To lessen the cost the Supersport class and aim more towards a stock engine.	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR998	Rule removal 15.7.0.13 The following OEM parts may be modified: a) Engine cam wheels may be slotted to alter valve timing	RRC	Remove a) Engine cam wheels may be slotted to alter valve timing	RRC recommends removing of this rule to provide more of a stock engine	To lessen the cost the Supersport class and aim more towards a stock engine.	Board supports RR commission. Approved
RR999	Proposal of a tyre rule for all tyre distributors	RRC	The Commission recommends an open tyre rule for the ASBK Superbike, Superstock 1000, Supersport and Superlite classes with restrictions on compound quantities and price per set	That the RRC would be in consultation with the promoter and Dunlop in order to find an amicable solution	This would open the door for other tyre manufacturers to be involved and ultimately lessen the cost of racing to the competitor by creating competition in the market place as well as making opportunity's for riders in other series that use other brands of tyres	Board supports RR commission
RR1000	Women's 250cc Production Championship	IEG	Introduce a championship for women to encourage participation and with a separate competition will assist the class to grow	Commission agree	IEG feel that there are enough interested women road racing to make a viable class Note: there are a total of 58 women holding senior national licences with road racing as a preferred discipline.	Board supports RR commission. Approved

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RR1001	Eastern Creek		The commission urges the settlement of racing at Eastern Creek at the earliest opportunity	-	The RRC feels that not racing in NSW is the one biggest problem to declining numbers in the SBK road race events and general feeling amongst the competitors is that not enough is being done to secure a round of our National Championship at this circuit	Board supports RR commission
RR1002	Scrutineering		Commission proposes MA purchase more items (scales for weighing motorcycles of all classes) and employ a technical inspector that has an intimate knowledge of racing	-	Since the turn to Electronic fuel injection, the scrutineering has been left behind and is regarded as a very weak area and is costing us competitors as they become discouraged	Board supports RR commission
RR1003	Add new rule Brake pins	Nick	15.1.2.3 Brake pad retainer pins may be replaced with an aftermarket of similar material to OEM part with no modification to brake calliper	RR Commission supports this recommendation	-	Board supports RR commission. Approved

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