

MOTORCYCLING WA – TRIAL SPORTING PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2017, at George Road, Lesmurdie.

PRESENT: Ben Dumitro, Simon Price, Dick Yates, Peter Stafford, John Wilson

APOLOGIES: Robin Ferguson

VISITORS:



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1.	Meeting Open	6.30pm	
2.	Previous Minutes	Accepted Seconded	Simon Price Dick Yates
3.	Business Arising Sporting Panel General Committee Member Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Price tendered his resignation from the panel, but will be available to provide advice. Pathfinders to seek a replacement nominee 	Ben Dumitro Simon Price
	.	•	Note
	2016 State Championship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item is now closed. For information on the issues raised refer to the previous minutes. 	Item Closed.
	Rider Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item is now closed. For information on the issues raised refer to the previous minutes. 	Item Closed.
	Rule Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For previous discussion on this item refer to the previous minutes. Discussed that a possible submission be put to the Trial Commission that for the Nationals the Youth Grade age be raised from 16 – 21yrs to 16 – 25yrs. 	Note Ben Dumitro to prepare a draft submission for review by the Sporting Panel at the next meeting in February. Outstanding Action: . Ben to expedite.
	Allowing Senior Officials to Ride an event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the reduced numbers of Senior Officials such as the Clerk or Course and Steward to administer events, and the fact that these persons may have to give up a ride to do so, P Drew put forward the proposition that one out of the two key senior officials be allowed to ride the event competitively. The 	

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		<p>Panel considered this idea worthy of further consideration. Update: P Drew has emailed a submission to MWA and this has been Forwarded to MA. No response as yet. Update: P Drew was advised by Peter Smith that the submission was under consideration by the MA Trials Commission along with a overall review process. Update 8/8: No further advice received from MA/MWA. Update 16/11: No further advice received from MA/MWA.</p>	<p><i>Awaiting a response from MWA/MA.</i></p>
	<p>Riders to do compulsory observing.</p>	<p>Previous extensive discussion threads deleted refer to November minutes.</p> <p>Simon re submitted a draft spreadsheet as an example of how the system could work.</p> <p>Peter outlined that he saw this as a first step in bringing about a cultural change where club members are encouraged to be a more active part of the sport organization.</p> <p>Simon suggested that all new members should be asked to observe with an experienced observer prior to riding their first event to get a better understanding of the trials rules. He also commented that a basic induction would be useful outlining the basics of the sport and the protocols such as pulling pegs at the end of an event.</p> <p>Panel members agreed the principle and Ben and Peter would update the club membership listing and clarify the conditions to apply.</p>	<p><i>Ben and Peter to prepare and submit to panel meeting for finalization prior to taking to both clubs for their agreement and circulation to their respective membership</i></p>
	<p>Officials Training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration should be given for officials to be trained in a “Trial event” situation. R Ferguson suggested that MWA be approached to hold an officials training course in conjunction with a trial, so that the specific issues relevant to Trial are addressed. “Official applicants” from both clubs be invited to attend. Update: Further discussion was held and the difficulty of training officials at an actual event was raised. Officials would still need to sit the examinations, which would likely be done at another date and location, so this training approach whilst practically beneficial would consume more time and resources. A new initiative suggested by MWA was to hold courses midweek and complete training sessions over two weeks rather than one 	

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		<p>day on a weekend. Advice on whether this training initiative was to proceed or not is to be sought from MWA. Update: P Drew advised the panel that at the recent Race/Club Secretary's Forum, that the matter was raised. Rick Gill had confirmed in the minutes of that meeting that steps would be taken to implement a trial of mid-week official courses. Update 8/8: Still awaiting action from MWA on this.</p> <p>Update 16/11: P Drew advised that he had only seen one invite for Officials courses on a week night for Race Secretary and this was at very short notice.</p> <p>Update 0/4/17 Simon advised that Steve Scragg was willing to conduct some courses at a trials venue on the prior to a trial.</p>	<p>Awaiting further updates on weeknight Officials training course.</p>
	<p>Sate Regs 2017 State Title</p>	<p>Rick Gill had called for State Regulations from all motorcycle sport disciplines. Steve Scragg submitted the 2015 State Regs to MWA, basically to satisfy this early request. This model did not align with the 2016 State Regs and did not take into account MWA's requirement in 2016 for the State Regs to align with the National Championship requirements in the MOMs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Scragg to be contacted to see if he has received any feedback from MWA regarding what he had submitted. Action: Simon Price to contact Steve Scragg. • Action: Simon price to enquire of MWA when the final State Regs should be submitted. <p>Action: The Panel needs to engage in discussions with MWA as early as possible to understand the reason for the push to change the State Regs and to determine if alignment with the National Championship regulations is still a requirement.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simon Price: Contact Steve Scragg to see if he has received any feedback from MWA on the State Regs that he submitted. 2. Simon Price: Contact MWA to determine when State Regs need to be submitted. <p>Panel to approach MWA to determine if a change to align with the National Championship format is still required.</p> <p>Item closed</p>

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4.	New Business		
	State regulations for 2017 State Titles	<p>Dick met with Rick Gill who advised that the board whilst recognizing the unique nature of trials events was still encouraging a rationalization of the large number of classes previously submitted. He outlined the changes that the other disciplines had made.</p> <p>The panel discussed a wide range of issues including twin shock and age related classes etc. Proposing that for 2017 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Solo, Sidecars, Women, Junior and Junior Women as MWA championship classes • Minimum of five starters to form a championship class • That the course setters are encouraged to set the “open Solo” sections at a standard to allow the B grade riders to compete safely • Non MWA championship classes be run for Club awarded medallions • Noted the previous eligibility requirements for acceptance at state rounds of 50% of winter series at the grade entered. 	<p>Actions:</p> <p>1. Ben to draft up changes to the State Regs. Submit to Pathfinders for consideration and then return to sporting panel by 15th May 2017 for finalization and submission to MWA .</p>
	2017 Event Calendars	<p>Pathfinders tabled a draft Club event calendar for 2017. AJS Panel members to put this draft calendar to the AJS Club meeting this coming Monday 21st November to assist with the formulation of the AJS Calendar. AJS co-ordination of the 2017 calendar with Pathfinders to go through Peter Dumitro, the new Pathfinders Club President.</p>	Item Competed and closed
	Sidecars	<p>A brief discussion was held regarding requirements to cater for the forecast increase in sidecar outfits competing in the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental considerations, are all properties suitable? Able to cope with the potentially greater erosion damage. • Limiting or designing sidecar sections to reduce erosion risk 	Dick to invite a sidecar representative to next panel meeting
	2018 Nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dick Yates advised the panel that following consultation with both club senior officials he had advised the trials commissioners that W.A was not able to host the 2018 National competition. 	Item Closed
	Next Meeting	As soon as the State Regs are available for finalization and observer proposal	Action: Dick Yates to book the meeting room

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		completed.	<i>at MWA through Natalie and to confirm date and time with all Panel members.</i>
	Meeting concluded	9:00pm	

