



AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting held via Teleconference,
May 25th, 2010

Present: Ben Erceg (Chairman), Marilyn Emmins (Deputy Chairman), Daniel Rogers, Sue Zettl, Zane Murray, Andrew Wylie, Fred Severin, Laurence Svenson (CAMS Board Member), Lawrie Schmidt (CAMS Manager – Motorsport Operations), Toby Ward (Motor Sport Coordinator) Jos Roder (Executive Officer/Minute Secretary).

Visitors: None

Apologies: None

Meeting start: 1930 AEST

1. OPENING

1.2 Additional Agenda Items

Nothing additional was included

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Approval of the previous minutes

It was moved by the Mr Wylie/Mrs Emmins that:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday and Sunday February 14th & 15th 2010 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

2.2 Confirmation of decisions made between meetings

The Commission noted the following decisions made between meetings;

- B10/41 2010 Australian Off Road Championship Amendment 1
- B10/029 2010 Australian Off Road Sporting Regulations
- AORC Round 3, Griffith 400 Approval of dispensations
 - One Section Event
 - Dispensation from 10.3 of the Off Road Standing Regs

3. REPORTS

3.1 Board Member's Report

No Report was provided

3.2 State Delegate Reports

3.2.1 WA Report

Mr Rogers presented the following report:

Two state rounds have been completed, with Hyden being the second successful round. The next state round is approaching. The State Off Road Panel will welcome a new Chairman.

3.2.2 SA/NT Report

Mr Severin presented the following report:

Three events have been run this year and have been well supported by competitors, however the Baroota round received low entries even with interstate entries, which was disappointing.

The State Panel Chairman had been unwell and as such the April meeting had been cancelled. Meetings have been well attended recently which was encouraging.

3.2.3 Victorian Report

Mrs Emmins presented the following report:

Round 2 Entries of the VORC series have been filtering in slowly. Mrs Emmins also wished to formally announce she will stand down as Chairman of the Victorian State Off Road Panel as of the 25th June 2010 after fourteen years in this role.

3.2.4 Tasmanian Report

Mr Wylie presented the following report:

Two state rounds had been completed. One event was unfortunately cancelled due to low entries.

3.2.5 NSW Report

Mrs Zetl presented the following report:

2 rounds of the NSW championship have been completed with the fourth state round to be held at Round 3 of the AORC in Griffith.

3.2.6 Qld Report

Mr Murray presented the following report:

The QLD state series has been down on entries for all its events this year so far. It was noted there was some course deviation issues at Hyden. There is nothing specific to report from the QLD Off Road panel.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Side Intrusion Requirements

The Commission discussed at length the simplification of GR9 and the ongoing topic of ensuring that older buggies are captured in the regulations in complying and the proposed changes to the side intrusion regulations.

The Commission were of the view that the amendments made within Appendix A as found within the February Minutes were agreed to.

The Commission **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the amendments as they stood in Appendix A in the February Minutes. Campbell Andrea, Manager Motor Sport Technical and Safety would be tasked to review these amendments. A bulletin would be developed to promulgate these amendments.

4.2 Noise Testing

The Commission discussed the ongoing concerns raised by some competitors on the topic of noise testing and the current testing procedure. Levels of responsibility for the noise issue were mentioned from an OH & S perspective and also an event organiser's viewpoint. The Commission will continue to engage in some form of noise testing and the processes considered included static noise testing and Overall Event Noise.

The Chairman requested that all Commissioners forward comment by the following day on the best way to manage the issue going forward.

4.3 Safety in Older Vehicles

The Commission discussed the update of the current Bi-Annual Scrutiny form and clarified that this is designed to be used away from Off Road events, allowing the opportunity to inspect areas of the vehicle that cannot be inspected by scrutineers at the events.

Mr Severin is to forward the current form to all commissioners for comment and Feedback to be returned to the Commission within a week. The proposed form will then go to State Off Road panels for further comment.

The Commission wishes to note that this process does not require the vehicle to be stripped down to its cage in order to complete the inspection.

4.4 Caution/Danger Signs

Following a recommendation received at the last meeting relating to the use of caution/danger signs, the Commission discussed the feedback received from all State Off Road panels. The feedback received covered mainly the extra costs incurred and concerns were raised over the implementation of changes to an area that currently operates with no apparent issues.

The Commission were not moved to make a change to the Off Road Standing Regulations and would like to thank the competitor for taking the time to raise this recommendation.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Buggies with Bodies in Extreme 2WD.

The Commission further discussed the topic of Buggies with Bodies within Extreme 2WD class and the information provided at the last meeting by Mr Rogers.

The preamble letter provided by Mr Rogers is to be amended and sent out to competitors along with the proposed changes to the regulations. The Commission will await feedback from all interested parties and have set the 31st June as the due date for comment.

5.2 Off Road First Aid Kits – GR21

The Commission was made aware of a forthcoming recommendation from the CAMS Motor Sport Coordinator for Medical and Safety with feedback from the National Medical Advisory Committee (NMAC) relating to the current requirements for Off Road First Aid kit's and the need to update.

After various enquiries received by the National Office relating to the current requirements within GR21 it has been reported that the aluminium foil dressing is not available making it increasingly difficult to fulfil the requirements. The Commission requested that the First Aid kit found within GR21 should align with packs that are readily available. Mr Geoff Becker would be contacted to recommend a first aid kit that is available off the shelf that will meet the current requirements.

A recommendation will be forthcoming from Mr Wylie and Mr Becker on amending GR21.

5.3 AORC Observer/Event Checker

The Commission discussed a recommendation received from Mrs Emmins regarding the possibility of combining the role of Event Checker and Observer at AORC events. Mrs Emmins

noted that when conducting the role of Event Checker at a recent event, she noted that many elements of the role were similiar to that of the Observer.

The Commission discussed both roles and considered that the Observers role was for the consistency of the series and the Event Checkers role was more concerned with Safety, pre event and during.

The Commission were not moved to make a change to combine these roles at this time with further discussion with series steward at Round 2 of the AORC, the Finke Desert Race.

6. CLOSE

6.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be determined at a later date.

The meeting closed at 2200AEST