



AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting held at CAMS Head Office
5th November, 2011

- Present: Marilyn Emmins (Chair), Laurence Svenson (CAMS Board Member), Sue Zettl, Zane Murray, Andrew Wylie, Fred Severin, Brett Price, Morris Williams (Technical Commissioner) Jos Roder (CAMS Executive Officer/Minute Secretary)
- Visitors: Edwin Vandenberg (ORRInc Chairman)
- Apologies: Andrew Wylie, Lawrie Schmitt (CAMS Manager – Motorsport Operations), David Morgan (CEO – CAMS)
- Meeting start: 1000 AEDST

1. OPENING

The Chair, Mrs Marilyn Emmins opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

The only pecuniary and/or potential conflicts of interest were declared by Mr Svenson surrounding the 2012 Australian Off Road Championship Calendar.

Mrs Emmins accepted the resignations of Daniel Rogers and Sue Zettl from the Commission. Mr Rogers resignation was effective as of before the AORCom face to face meeting. Mrs Zettl will remain on as Commissioner until the end of the year.

Mrs Emmins wished to thank Both Mr Rogers and Mrs Zettl for their valuable contribution to the sport of Off Road over many years. Both will remain involved in Off Road racing in other areas.

Mrs Emmins noted there was no W.A representative at the meeting due to the timing of Mr Rogers resignation from the Commission.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Approval of the previous minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held via teleconference on 6th September 2011 were previously approved by the Commission via email.

CARRIED

2.2 Confirmation of decisions made between meetings

The Commission noted the following decisions made between meetings;

3. REPORTS

3.1 Board Member's Report

Mr Svenson announced he has been re elected for a further term as a CAMS Board Director.

Mrs Emmins on behalf of the Commission wished to congratulate Mr Svenson on the re election and commitment to AORCom and Off Road.

3.2 State Delegate Reports

3.2.1 WA Report

No report was tabled.

3.2.2 SA/NT Report

The 2011 Off Road season in South Australia has been made up of 4 rounds of the South Australian State Championship and 6 rounds of the SAORRA Multi Club Series. Two Club events were scheduled but both were cancelled, one due to wet conditions and the other due to the track not being available.

In addition to the above, 2 rounds of the AORC were run in South Australia with Hayden and Kylie Bentley stepping in after the round scheduled for Griffith was cancelled. The event run by Hayden and Kylie was a very professionally run event held at Baroota.

Unfortunately this meant that 2 State Championship events and an AORC event were run in July. It would be good to have a calendar in 2012 with a better spread of events.

Even with so many events scheduled from June to mid September, with the exception of Mannum, the events were well patronised.

The final event for 2012 was the Ladies and Juniors Enduro with 10 entries. The promising thing from this event is that 8 of 10 entries were juniors so hopefully some will continue in the sport.

In the Northern Territory the Finke Desert Race was a success with a healthy entry list.

The Alice Springs Off Road Club ran many successful events including the 12 hour event which attracted quite a number of high profile interstate competitors.

Their final event for the year will be the NT titles to be run on 5/6th November 2011.

3.2.3 Victorian Report

Victorian Off Road Championship has been completed and run over 5 rounds with an average of 33.2 competitors. This average is helped by the popularity of the Sea Lake Mallee Rally.

The Mallee Shield has been run over 5 rounds run to date with the final round at Bagshot on the 19/11/2011. The average here has been 20.25 competitors for the 4 rounds. The results have been forwarded to the points coordinator for the rounds completed.

All programmed races were run without any interference by weather or fire risk which is a nice change.

Last VORAP meeting is due to be held on 11/11/2011

3.2.4 Tasmanian Report

No report tabled

3.2.5 NSW Report

The NSW State Champions series for 2011 has again been strong overall, with events ranging numbers from 25 for the first event of 2011 to 68 entries at Milbrodale and 56 at Warialda. The final round of the state championship at Colo is to be run in two weeks time.

Next year's calendar has now been set and will see a reintroduction of Griffith to the state championship in 2011.

As the minutes from the State panel's last meeting have not been approved as yet and Mrs Zettl unable to report on these at this time and had no further items to report.

3.2.6 Qld Report

The year started out with rain causing a major problem to our first event which was cancelled. Rain again caught us in October with our round of AORC at Goondiwindi , having to be called off due to force majeure despite the best efforts of the organisers. The rest of the years racing went ahead with some good numbers of competitors coming out for some other events with the cancellation of the AORC round. The QLD Championship was again reduced to one round at Texas in South East Queensland run by the South East Queensland Off Road Association. (SEQORRA) and was well supported with nearly 50 entries. The rest of the years racing was taken up with short course racing that had some excellent competition.

Next year's calendar looks far more promising for the Queensland Championship with 5 rounds calendared with two clubs stepping up to run rounds of the championship for the first time, with strong short course series' in both the south and north of the state.

Queensland's Off Road Advisory Panel meet each month and is well supported with all members returning next year, with one new member that attended all meetings this year as a guest.

3.3 CAMS Technical Commissioner's report

Mr Williams recommended that the Noise regulations are set as per the current system in place and wording will be tweaked if deemed necessary to ensure the regulation is very clear for 2012.

3.4 ORRInc Report

Mr Vandenberg gave a brief outline on what ORRInc has been trying to achieve through 2011 and gave an overview on the reasons the Commercial Agreements were an important step in securing a successful AORC Championship for the future. Further input from Mr Vandenberg regarding ORRInc and the AORC in 2012 is found as Article 4.4 of the Minutes.

Mrs Emmins asked Mr Vandenberg to work with the ORRInc board to develop a 3 year strategic plan for ORRInc and provide a copy of this plan for AORCom's reference also.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 AOK Aussie Off Road Karts Update

The "AOK Aussie Off Road Karts" homologation form was presented in its completed form and the document was approved by the Commission.

Another Manufacturer/supplier has approached CAMS about a similar type of vehicle and have enquired regarding the process involved in gaining CAMS recognition for their vehicles.

4.2 Standardised Transponder Timing System in Australia

At its previous meeting AORCom discussed the issue raised by Mr Brett Price regarding the potential interest in a standardised transponder timing system throughout Australia and the issues surrounding this. An Off Road competitor had provided the Commission an information piece of Transponder systems.

Further discussion took place on the Mylaps system took place by the Commission and issues surrounding a backup system and removing bugs from any new system.

The Commission will continue to consult with State Off Road Panels in determining a decision on if this system should be implemented in Australia.

4.3 ATV Vehicle Class

Zane Murray spoke to competitors about what they were looking for as far as class regulations and safety regulations as part of his research in providing a proposal on both safety and sporting framework to the Commission.

Mr Murray presented the specific regulations he had drawn up for the new class. The Chair, Mrs Emmins thanked Mr Murray for his efforts in providing the document Mr Williams also noted that the Rally discipline was also working on implementing regulations to allow these type of vehicles so should be considered as part of the process.

The Commission approved the regulations for the new class other than side intrusion requirements which were going to be further researched in conjunction with CAMS technical department. The Commission will be updated when the side intrusion issue has been determined and final approval given so the regulations may be announced officially. It is intended that the Sportsman Class number range of 600-699 be used.

4.4 2012 AORC ORRInc Agreement / 2012 Calendar

All AORC Organisers who previously lodged an EOI with CAMS were requested to return a signed ORRInc agreement for their event by 8th August. As it stood at the end of that time only

the BSCC had signed the agreement, however, Goondiwindi Motorsport Association also subsequently signed the agreement.

Mr Vandenberg advised the Commission how ORRInc had been managing the situation and clarified some misinformation that had been circulating around the Championship status. Significant time had been spent correcting misinformation and negative rumours, slowing down progress on the important matters surrounding the commercial aspects of the Championship.

Mr Vandenberg explained the issues the Organisers had in relation to the Agreements were related to Merchandise, TV and the AORC promotional fee that would be collected by Organisers on behalf of ORRInc.

Mr Vandenberg also informed AORCom that based on the four unsigned AORC round Organisers not willing to sign the agreement, that, with a view to arriving at a calendar as soon as possible that the requirement for agreements should be postponed until 2013. AORCom agreed with ORRInc's recommendation that the collection of the AORC promotional fee and allowing of access to TV personnel should form part of the 2012 AORC Organisational Requirements.

AORCom approved that the 2012 AORC Organisational Requirements be amended to reflect this. The Organisers were to be sent an email advising them of the changes to the Organisation Requirements and that they should notify CAMS if they wished to confirm their Expression of Interest, based on the changes implemented.

AORCom will meet again via teleconference after the deadline was reached in relation to this matter to determine how to proceed for 2012 based on the Organiser decisions. The 2012 AORC Calendar is to be determined as soon as the matter is resolved.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 GR24 Lighting

Mr Severin and Mrs Zettl have raised the issue of adding a clarification to the rear facing lamp clause to ensure competitors do not locate spare wheels etc either side of the lamp which leaves it only visible directly behind the lamp.

The Commission RESOLVED to APPROVE the changes suggested and a Bulletin will be issued to reflect the changes as recommended.

5.2 ORRInc & AORCom transparency and formalisation of communication

The Chair, Mrs Emmins discussed with AORCom the need for both AORCom and ORRInc to become further integrated as far as communication and clarity of direction, allowing easier process and a more unified front for resolving sporting and commercial issues.

Both groups were committed to ensuring this is the case and were comfortable in ensuring transparency is maintained in relation to all aspects that concern both AORCom and ORRInc.

Mrs Emmins and the whole Commission felt that the AORC Newsletter that was sent out to a large group of Off Road Stakeholders clarifying exactly the role of the Australian Off Road Commission and Off Road Racing Commercial Developments Incorporated and how they interact, a clear explanation of what ORRInc is trying to achieve and how they are going about this is a positive step.

5.3 2012 AORC Organisational Requirements/2012 AORC Sporting Regulations

The 2012 AORC Organisational Requirements were updated to reflect the changes AORCom approved based on input from ORRInc.

It was requested by Mr Svenson that both the Organisational Requirements and the Sporting Regulations be given to the National Regulation Advisory Committee (NRAC) for review.

Mr Roder at CAMS will compile the comments received from Commissioners and provide the document to NRAC for review.

5.4 Event Organiser feedback from Stewards

Clarification was sought regarding feedback on AORC events that is provided to Event Organisers post event. A mechanism is in place for this and Event Organisers are debriefed by the Stewards and Event Checkers on how the event ran and any issues

5.5 Off Road Spectator Safety Procedures Review

Since its introduction, the Off Road Spectator Safety Procedure document has not undergone a review. Commissioners have reviewed the document and provided feedback which will need to be clarified and rectified if required.

5.6 Seat Belt Cutters

Mr Williams has asked that a requirement be introduced that belt cutters must be within reach of any securely fastened occupant. Mr Williams spoke regarding the Commission as to the best location for this requirement to be placed.

The Commission approved this change in principle however will ask Mr Roder at CAMS to draft wording for the change and refer to any rally requirements on the cutters.

5.7 Social Media

The use of Social Media and the power for it to bring negative attention to the sport and was discussed by the Commission and any ways this can be managed.

The Commission wished to note that NCR 183 Breach of NCR, (xii) exists, and states that 'any act prejudicial to the interests of motor sport in general' as such social media falls under this NCR.

5.8 Safety Cage Padding

In 2012 the Safety Cage padding requirements will change and AORCom has received a recommendation from CAMS Technical department in relation to the General Requirements for Off Road, Article 1, which would change to reflect the changes that will be incorporated into Schedule J.

• Where the occupants' crash helmets may come into contact with the frame, non flammable high density padding must be provided for protection. Padding complying with FIA specifications is recommended.

Where the helmet of an occupant could come into contact with the safety cage, protective padding shall be fitted in that area which complies with FIA standard 8857-2001, type A (see FIA Technical List No 23 "Roll Cage Padding Homologated by the FIA"); or SFI specification 45.1. The FIA standard is mandatory for international competition.

Padding of this type is required in accordance with the following timeline:

• National competitions – from 1 January 2012; and

• All competitions – from 1 January 2013.

The use of the specified padding is highly recommended in the meantime.

AORCom approved the change however wished to ask the CAMS Technical department if there was a dimension as far as distance that the helmet may hit that should be implemented as far as where padding should be installed on Off Road vehicles.

Mr Roder will provide feedback to the Commission on this post meeting.

6. CLOSE

6.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled as a Teleconference with the date to be determined via email at a later stage.

The meeting closed at 1630 AEDST.

*I have sighted these minutes and declare they are
a true and accurate record of the meeting:*

Marilyn Emmins

Chairman