

MOTORCYCLING NEW ZEALAND
MOTOCROSS / SUPERCROSS WORKSHOP
Saturday 21st May 2011

Facilitators : **Commissioner** - Bryan Davidson
MX Commission - Richard Managh & Chris Broadhead
SX Commission - Neil Ritchie & Richard Managh

Chairperson: Bob Cooke

Noted by: Bonnie McHardy

Present:

Graeme Deans
Nicole Bol
Barbara Phillips
Dennis Phillips
Brendon Loughnane
Ray Broad
Charles Colpman
Terry Sparks
Rochelle Henwood
Wade Wilson
Craig Cameron
Lyn Youren
Del Morgan
Glen Cooper
Craig Hyde
Steve Winteringham
Chris Lawrance
Greg Rule
Ian Thompson
Mike Fletcher
Tim Blackman
Dan Batchelor
Richard Feierabend
Calvin Gabites
Donald Michie
Paula Holdt
Ray Shearman
Robyn Atkins
Margaret Grover
Robert Grover
Evelyn Robottom
Donald Robottom
Russell Fairhall
Noel May
Adele May

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Gold Coast MCC
Taupo MCC
Rotorua MCC
Rotorua MCC
Rotorua MCC
Huntly MCC
Kapi Mana MCC
Christchurch O/R MCC
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Manawatu Orion MCC
Patetonga MCC
Pacific MCC
Commissioner
Cambridge MCC
Southland MCC
Southland MCC
Auckland MCC
Manawatu Orion MCC
Thames Valley MCC
Nrth Harbour Mini MX
Nrth Harbour Mini MX
Sth Canterbury MCC
Sth Waikato MCC
Sth Canterbury MCC
Sth Otago MCC
Taranaki MCC
BEARS MCC
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Steve Hefferen
Dave Craig
Gerald Dyer
Scott Wilkins
Stuart McCulloch
Ken Knarston
John Tootell
Ricky Deadman
Jeremy Mott
Nick Robb
Craig Wilkie
Alison Pirimona
Duane Pirimona
Chris Broadhead
Richard Managh
Bryan Davidson

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Life Member
Manawatu Orion MCC
Ntrh Otago MCC
Gore & Districts MCC
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Marlborough MCC
Bushriders MCC
Rotorua MCC
Rotorua MCC
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Manawatu Orion MCC
Central Otago MCC
Southland MCC
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NOTED OUTCOMES – Saturday 21st May 2011 8.30am – 10.30am

List of points circulated for discussion as attached.

Chair of the meeting, Bob Cooke, welcomed members and introduced to the MX/SX Commission.

- Bryan Davidson gave a brief overview of past year. Reporting that the ‘summer window’ for the championships has worked well.
- In discussion with host clubs for the 2011 NZ Senior MX Championship, it was decided the championship would run with a 30gate start for next year 2012 series.

Mini MX

- Ray Broad from Huntly MCC outlined the inconvenience of under 8yr olds not being eligible to purchase 1event licences.
- Bryan Davidson advised that this was a condition of our insurers and that all MNZ insurance policies/cover is currently being reviewed and until this review is complete, he is unable to offer any answers.
- Bryan Davidson called for members to put their names forward to create a sub-committee.
Sub Committee for Mini MX volunteers;
Ray Broad – Huntly MCC
Dave Craig – Board Member
Mike Fletcher - North Harbour Mini MX
- 2011 Mini MX Championship has been allocated to Westland MCC

Miniature TT Classes

- Bryan Davidson talked about the classes for the Miniature TT Championship, that they needed to be inline with the motocross classes, currently too many classes.

Moved **Scott Wilkins** *Seconded* **Ray Broad**

Outcome: MX Commission to propose rule change for Miniature TT Classes.

Junior Motocross

- John Tootell commended the South Waikato MCC for their great organisation for the 2011 NZ Junior MX Champs – saying it was the best event organizing he had ever seen. A comprehensive briefing addressed any areas where there could have been issues and the weekend ran very smoothly.
- Noel May said how previous NZ Junior Champs had had their issues with parents.
- Craig Douglas endorsed John’s comments and reported that 2010 NZ Junior MX Champs that Marlborough MCC hosted ran very smoothly as well – due partly to the comprehensive riders briefing they held. The issue of problems parents can present was addressed before the racing begun.

- Graeme Deans proposed that due to the rumors regarding modifications to barrels, random machine checks be done. Scott Wilkins agreed that this would be a simple procedure. Bryan Davidson reassures that random checks have been completed and will happen in the future.
Chair of the meeting, Bob Cooke asks that the meeting move along, advising that the Commission is dealing with this issue.
- Bryan Davidson discussed the 150cc class and that the number of entries in the NZ Champs had declined and asked for a show of hands for those who agreed the 150cc 4 stroke be put in with age relevant 85cc classes. Graeme Deans agreed and advised that Gold Coast MCC would like to see that the 150cc be required to be stock standard to avoid the 'cheque book' racing.

Majority show of hands for this change

Outcome: MX Commission to a rule change for the 150cc class to be incorporated with the relevant 85cc classes.

Supercross

- Neil Ritchie gave a summary presentation as attached.

The MNZ Board ratified the appointment of Richard Managh and Neil Ritchie to coordinate the 2011 SX season.

Mission statement – Raise the standard and profile of Supercross.

Need to extend the training leading into SX season.

Plans are to be based around attracting spectators as this is the money source.

Need more clubs involved in building and running Supercross events, Taupo SX track an example. Other clubs are remodeling their tracks as riders are needing new challenges.

Senior classes are working well but junior classes need to be revised to encourage more juniors to compete.

Plans need to be worked on to set up templates for event protocol, standardise formats and working in better with MX now the Champs are in the summer. Enhance Island events; add entertainment and securing sponsorship well ahead of events was needed.

- Dates and venues for the 2012 NZ SX Series

Round	Club	Date	Venue
1	South Canterbury	4th January 2012	Twilight - Timaru
2	Nelson	7th January 2012	Rat Track – Motueka
3	Taupo	14th January 2012	SX Track – Taupo
4	South Waikato	21st January 2012	Tokoroa

Senior Motocross

- Chris Broadhead spoke about the Under 21yrs class and the cc rating of that class. There is a strong field of 125cc 2 stroke riders coming through now and there is a need to nurture and provide a class with fair competition to keep those riders in motocross as they move from the juniors into senior ranks.

This class will change to an Under 19yrs class.

Outcome: MX Commission to propose rule change to new age for this class.

- At the 2011 NZ Senior MX Champs meeting with host club representatives yesterday, it was agreed that the 30 gate start would be a good way to highlight the elite riders and create better racing for spectators.
- The 115% rule was questioned when there wasn't a full gate start in some races. Could change the % or bring in 'promotional 2 gates' these being the promoters choice.
- There was a difference in interpreting the control of the starter, why the Steward was the only one who was able to use the red flag or impose a time penalty for false starts when the starter is in control until the race begins. It is the Steward who can do this. Discussion ensued regarding standardising the height of the gates to help avoid jumping.
- Majority of clubs are promoting ability based classes for club level racing.

Insurance

- Todd Mountfort outlined the insurance review progress and stated that this is ongoing.

One Event Licences

- Craig Douglas from Marlborough MCC proposed that an information letter be formulated to be given out with the white copy of 1 event licences, to the riders, regarding the value of licencing and the requirement of a current club membership.

Outcome: MX Commission to propose this initiative to MNZ Office.

Island Championship

- Richard Managh informed that the North & South Island Champs are to be reinvented to attract top level riders and reclaim the prestige these events once held.

They will be run under the 'ability based', 'bang bars' top level riding. CC rating will depict their class level.

Proposal that the point scale is expanded so more riders will gain points. Under the current points allocation 20 riders gain points.

It was suggested that the CC ratings could see the 65cc & 85cc small wheel race together / 85cc big wheel & 150cc 4stroke as one class in the

juniors. 125cc 2stroke with 250cc 2 & 4strokes in the seniors / 450cc & overs together as one class.

Richard calls for a club to pilot these ability based levels.

Rotorua MCC agrees to trial this.

Outcome: MX Commission to review points scale & propose rule change as they see necessary.

Veteran Motocross Championship

- Scott Wilkin asked if the Commission could look at dropping the 30-35yrs class as Veteran age has always been considered 35yrs.

Also to change the CC to include the 250cc 4stroke.

Outcome: MX Commission to review Veteran age structure & propose rule change if they see necessary.

Rule Book

- Chair of the meeting Bob Cooke summarised his work reviewing the Rule Book. Bob has created an easy reference index for the current Rule Book and is reviewing for the next years issue, any changes that need to be made, double ups on rules and rules that are no longer relevant.

Workshop concluded 10.30am

***Note:**

Any proposed rule changes need to be approved by the MNZ Board, host Clubs, MIA, MNZ members. Any changes will become effective 1st January 2012.