

## **Agenda**

### **West Australian Off Road Advisory Panel of The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport**

Agenda for meeting to be held at the CAMS Boardroom  
On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006  
Meeting opens at 7.45pm

#### **PRESENT**

Daniel Rogers (Chairman), Brett Young (NCC), Dirk Van Geest (NCC), Jeremy Beck (WDR) (minutes), Adam Flanagan (WDR), Greg Honisett (WAORRA), Trish Cosh (WAORRA)

#### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### **VISITORS**

Russell Cullen (Representing Gascoyne Club)

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

*06-0608-43-005*

*The Off Road Advisory Panel resolved to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings May 2006 and June 2006 as a true and accurate record.*

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Requirement for course checking team included in Standing / Sporting Regulations draft document. Document will be presented in General Business

Stewards – Chairman will request appointment of Series Steward to WAORC

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Chairman**

**Daniel Rogers**

##### **Harvey**

The Chairman attended Harvey event as a spectator, and the Brookton and Mogumber events as a competitor.

##### **AORCom**

**Daniel Rogers**

##### **AORCom organisers meeting**

Mr. Rogers attended the AORCom / AORC organiser's meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August in Melbourne and the following items were of interest:

## **Organiser Meeting**

Representatives of the organisers who have applied for a round of the 2007 Australian Off Road Championship (AORC) discussed a number of items arising out of the recent Off Road Forums.

Outcomes for next years AORC include:

- 1) Standard scoring formats to be provided
- 2) Specific registration for the AORC
- 3) More formalised pit and paddock areas to be provided
- 4) Dedicated presentation area at conclusion of the event
- 5) Improved cooperation between the various organisers and AORCom
- 6) Implementation of championship logos and posters including all events

## **Australian Off Road Championship Calendar**

With an abundance of applications, including three which are not part of the 2006 AORC, the Commission was faced with a difficult situation – which events to leave out of the calendar.

The quality of applications was high, and all events could feasibly have been adopted as a round of the Championship. Whilst not wishing to disappoint any potential organiser, a six round series was the most that could realistically be adopted.

Subject to approval by the Board of CAMS, the following rounds will comprise the 2007 Australian Off Road Championship calendar:

**Rnd 1:** 6-9 April (ARB/Statewide Group Hyden 400, WA)

**Rnd 2:** 9-11 June (Tattersalls Finke Desert Race, NT)

**Rnd 3:** 14-15 July (Teagle Excavations Pines Off Road Enduro, SA)

**Rnd 4:** 18-19 Aug (Milbrodale Mountain Classic, NSW)

**Rnd 5:** 22-23 Sep (Sunraysia 500, VIC)\*\*

**Rnd 6:** 27-28 Oct (Beaurepaires Goondiwindi 400, QLD)\*\*

*\*\* Note: These two venues are subject to confirmation. A possibility exists that the two events will swap dates.*

## **Class**

## **Structure**

The proposal for a restructure of the off road classes has proved to be a matter of great interest, concern and emotion to many off road competitors.

It is important to note that at all times the Commission has been prepared to amend the proposal that was floated and the Commission received a great deal of feedback following its request in advance of this meeting. All of those who provided a response are thanked for taking the time to do so.

The responses were many and varied, some supportive, some not, and some in between. However, there were some clear themes coming through in the responses, such as a clear desire to not introduce single seats into the lower capacity classes.

Having taken on the feedback provided, a conservative approach has been taken. This does not address all of the concerns which have been identified with regards to the promotion of the sport, but this will be handled in a different manner.

The following structure has been decided upon and will be introduced for all levels of the sport from 1 January 2007:

Type	Capacity	No. of Seats	Competition No.
Buggy over 1650cc up to 6000cc (including forced induction)		1 or 2	2 digits only
Buggy under 3500cc (naturally aspirated only)		1 or 2	starts with 1
Buggy over 1330cc up to 1650cc		2	starts with 2
Buggy up to 1330cc		2	starts with 3
2WD up to 6000cc		1 or 2	starts with 4
2WD up to 6000cc		2	starts with 5
Buggy up to 1650cc (state level only)		2	starts with 6
4WD up to 6000cc		2	starts with 7
4WD up to 6000cc		2	starts with 8

*Note: Other than the under 3500cc buggy class, all class capacities are inclusive of the applicable turbo/supercharger and rotary equivalence factors (1.7 & 1.8 respectively).*

There are two significant changes. The first is the combination of the 'old' classes 1 and 9. The second is the introduction of a second tier buggy class with naturally aspirated engines up to 3500cc, with one or two seats permitted. This has been done to provide a level of competition for cars with 'mid' capacity engines which currently would otherwise have little chance of recognition.

The majority of people will not need to change their competition numbers as a similar structure will remain in place.

It was agreed that descriptive class names should be adopted, as it is felt that this will help spectators who are new to the sport. AORCom will be requesting feedback in relation to this from off roaders and you are encouraged to provide suggestions for consideration via e-mail to [offroad@cams.com.au](mailto:offroad@cams.com.au).

It is important to note that a number of classes continue to attract a relatively small number of entries. AORCom will continue to monitor this situation in the coming years.

Other items discussed of interest are in no particular order:

- \*The restriction on Class 4 engine location for rear engined cars is to be removed
  - Class 4 Baja will have the same freedoms as all other Class 4 cars

- Battery isolation switch rule to be simplified and clarified
- Course marking to be further regulated to allow for greater consistency. Minimum dimensions for course markers will be implemented
- Collapsible steering column requirements to be amended to allow for the use of more than 2 universal joints
- Ruling to be changed to require rear dust lamp to illuminate when isolator is turned on – not when ignition is turned on
- Penalties for infringements on prologue to be applied to the first section of the event
- Seeding to be changed from no competitor being permitted to be seeded in the top ten to not being permitted to be seeded in the top 10 percent

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **GASCOYNE RACE**

**Russell Cullen**

Mr. Cullen commented that the Gascoyne Club would like to run their event on the same weekend in 2007. He also said that they would like a permanent representation on the panel in 2007. The Chairman said that CAMS has to give the OK to panel representatives. The Chairman also reminded the clubs that nominations for State Council are now open, and that all clubs should be present at the next State Council meeting.

### **POINT SCORE - MOGUMBER**

The chairman will advise the panel of the protocols and method for awarding Championship points to shortened events.

In accordance with NCR 115, where an event is stopped and the lead vehicle has completed less than 75% of the total distance, points will be allocated on the basis of 50% of the normal scale applicable.

What this means for us:

Outright points: 7/10 laps completed – 70% therefore 50% points awarded.

Class points: Section 1 – 2/5 laps completed – 40% therefore no points awarded

Section 2: 5/5 laps completed – 100% - therefore 100% of points for Section 2 will be allocated.

Current point scores were circulated.

### **SCRUTINY AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

**Adam Flanagan**

Mr. Flanagan raised the topic of lowered scrutiny standards at Off road events. It was suggested that it could return to scrutiny one week before events. Trish Coss suggested that the scrutiny and documentation standards are directly related to competitors being late to the start of events and the pressure that then comes on to organisers.

The Panel then discussed that if competitors that are late to documentation they should be penalised to encourage them to be on time in the future. It was agreed that minimum standards need to be incorporated into the standing regs for WA events.

## **STANDING / SPORTING REGULATIONS FOR WEST AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD EVENTS.**

The chairman has completed a draft document for contribution and comment. Panel members were given a copy of this for their perusal and comment. Comments will be received in writing to [worksautomotive@bigpond.com](mailto:worksautomotive@bigpond.com) up until the close for agenda items for our next meeting which at this stage will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

## **PROLOGUE SEEDING DATABASE**

As part of the proposed standing regs a database similar to that which is used in the NORC was distributed for WAORC events. The seeding is to reduce the chance of faster cars starting down the field on the grounds of safety.

## **CALENDAR**

The following applications have been made to conduct WAORC rounds in 2007.

Organising Club	Venue	Date
Nissan Car Club	Yealering	2/3/4 March 2007
Western Desert Racers	Hyden*	6/7/8/9 April 2007
WAORRA	TBA	2/3/4/ June 2007
WAORRA	Mogumber	10/11/12 August 2007
Western Desert Racers	Hyden	28/29/30 September 2007

*\*This event will be Round 1 of The 2007 Australian Off Road Championship*

The Calendar was discussed in detail. Greg Honisett suggested that there may be an issue with the Brookton site on the June long weekend. Trish Coss and Greg Honisett were going to follow up their club to finalise the venue.

It was discussed that Western Desert Racers and the Nissan Car Club would like to run short course events. Jeremy Beck suggested that WDR would like to run a three course series in order to attract a series sponsor. Dirk Van Geest suggested that the Nissan Car Club would like to run one event at Beverley. Mr Van Geest and Jeremy Beck agreed to calendar the dates and confirm the venue's at a later date.

Short Courses: 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7th July, 25<sup>th</sup> November

It was moved that the calendar be accepted  
Moved Jeremy Beck 2nd Brett Young

Voted 5, 1, 0

**CLOSE**

**NEXT MEETING DATE 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006**