



Minutes
Off Road Panel of the
Confederation of Australian Motor Sport
For the meeting to be conducted on 26th November 2008
At the CAMS Boardroom, 7/21 Wanneroo Road, Joondanna
Meeting opened at 7.40pm

1. Present

Daniel Rodgers (Chairman), Dirk Van Geest (NCC), Jeremy Beck (WDR), Brett Young (NCC), John French, Ian French (WDR), Gary Howell, Greg Honisett (WAORRA), Dave Percival

2. Apologies

Adam Flanagan, John Priest, Andy French

3. Guests

Garreth Bryant: Cams Sport and Club Development Officer

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Western Australian Off Road Panel resolved to accept that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Motioned B.Young

2nd D. Van Geest

5. Business Arising

B. Young enquired whether there was a response from CORCA. CORCA were unwilling to change their dates and were only willing to hold the event on those dates. D. Rogers suggested get two parties together and sort something out. Nothing came out of it. It was explained that if the event was scheduled for a different date of the year there wouldn't be a clash and the outcome would've been more beneficial for all.

G. Honisett questioned whether there was a quorum at last meeting and questioned how many people were needed. D. Rogers explained 2/3 of the panel is needed for the meeting so a quorum was present last meeting.

Mogumba date has since been changed to clash with no events

6. General Business

Medical requirements for off road events (D. Rogers)

D.Rogers - all State level events and above events require the service of a mobile intensive service paramedic. There are only 3 in the state. To incur this type of paramedic will cost \$3500 a day. This requirement is currently being reviewed by the board.

I.French - all CAMS members should be required to hold a Senior First Aid certificate as more often than not there the first on the scene of an accident.

Panel for 2009 (D. Rogers)

D.Rogers asked that everyone email their name and contact details to either himself or G.Bryant. A contact sheet will be developed to be placed into the 2009 panel contact information book and will also allow everyone to be reached with regards to meeting reminders and agendas.

Entry fees 2009 and event costs (D. Rogers)

The current entry fees are capped at \$250 including all Cams fees and GST. It was agreed by all that this should not be changed for the 2009 season and the fees should stay the same.

Meeting scheduling for 2009 (D. Rogers)

Like last year all agenda items need to be sent a week before (To either D. Rogers or G. Bryant) meeting scheduled otherwise if there aren't enough agenda items to be discussed at meeting it will be cancelled. Meetings will be scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month as occurred this year. There will be a meeting in January. The date has yet to be set but will be soon and all relevant details will be sent to all Off Road Panel members.

Methods to reduce average speed at events (D. Rogers)

I. French commented that it isn't the average speeds that are dangerous it's when cars reach top speed that damage and danger increases.

I.French will look over Hyden track map to see where changes and modifications can be made to decrease speed in some areas of the track and present his findings along with a written paragraph to the Off Road Panel at the next meeting. In preparation to present to the board for possible future changes.

Safety in older cars. (D. Rogers)

D. Rogers- There has been a lengthy process into a report into a death of a competitor at a rally few years ago. The incident occurred when a car went through another racers window in between a gap in the railing.

The SA panel put forward the recommendation that all cars require additional upper side rail minimum 480mm from the floor and last bar.

D. Rogers- this will follow on to most cars and those with tube railings also not just buggies. The question was raised up if that extra bar put in one will need to be

brought up vertically to make stable to allow for triangulation. Would the new structure be stable

I. French questioned whether the dust lights played a bigger part in the accident as they are barely visible in dusty conditions until up close.

Issues raised whether these changes are needed and will be relevant because it was a freak accident.

J. Beck explained that although freak accident new safety measures cannot be ignored. Improvement should be considered based on the accident and ways in which it can be prevented in the past.

Questions asked why the panel needs to make a decision and drive these changes.

I. French - "why isn't the technical department of CAMS driving these issues".

G. Howell- the 480mm won't apply to all cars especially ones with bigger windows

Suggestions by panel to allow to kink the bar to allow for comfortability and more strength. It is believed that adding that extra bar will just create more problems with safety.

The off road panel put forward the motion that the paragraph below will be submitted by the Off Road Panel as their statement on the matter

The WA panel believes that adding bars to cars can increase other risks to competitors such as entry /ingress to the car. Proximity to shoulders and helmets. If a bar is added relevant wording needs to be used to consider these factors. Appropriate triangulation of the bar. Should be also required

Panel resolved to this decision

SA other suggestion put forward WA that all older cars beyond the 2000 regulations be limited to 2000cc engines due to the material and shape they will be in

Greg Howell- Cant single out old cars without research and back up of information to support this. A lot of older cars are in better condition than newer cars.

G Honisett put forward the suggestion that rather giving older cars restrictions on their engines that a different checklist be used by scrutineers when scrutinizing older cars. This way if there are faults or problems with the older cars they can still be picked up and dealt with in the appropriate manner.

All suggestions on this matter to be put into writing and presented to D.Rogers and the panel next meeting

Night racing safety issues (G. Honisett)

G. Honisett raised the question why isn't there any night racing anymore and why not. D. Rogers the Off Road panel hasn't banned or expelled it, it just hasn't been done in a while.

G. Honisett asked the panel was it because of the safety issues

D. Van Geest explained that a night event requires a lot more planning (More markers, cones etc)

Meeting Closed
9.54 PM

Next meeting. To Be Advised