



Minutes
Off Road Panel of the
Confederation of Australian Motor Sport
For the meeting to be conducted on 29th April 2009
At the CAMS Boardroom, 7/21 Wanneroo Road, Joondanna
Commencing at 7.35pm

Present Daniel Rogers Chairman & AORCom, Hugh Piercy AORCom & *Minutes* Dirk van Geest *NCC*, Brett Young *NCC*, Adam Flanagan *WDR*, Ian French *WDR*, Jeremy Beck *WDR Alternate*, Gary Howe *WAORRA* , John Preece *WAORRA*

Apologies

Visitors Dieter Von Mollendorf *Chairman SOP*

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved I French As a true and accurate record of the meeting.
2nd B Young
Carried

Business Arising

State Council Executive Tele conference 21st Jan 2009 Minutes

The minutes requested were received and forwarded to panel.

The majority of the panel think the minutes are not an accurate record of the part of the conference they were involved in. It was felt the questions asked by the panel were not answered fully and the procedure for appointments to the AORCOM commission were not followed correctly.

The WAOR Panel would like written assurance that the correct procedure exists and will be followed in the future. A response is requested at the next WA Sport & Development Council meeting.

Logos on buggies

The chairman suggested the manufacturers logo's the regulations specify for buggies were not being complied with. Should the regulation be removed?
Discussion followed. The WAOR Panel agreed that Logos reg should be dropped.

A suggestion was put forward that competition numbers could possibly be in white on black as well as black on white.
Discussion followed. Present regulations to stand.

No further progress at present on the annual inspection of vehicles.

General Business

Yealering Report.

The Clerk of Course, DVM, reported an excellent entry with 36 starters for 1st round of the state champ. Several current competitors were not on start list for various reasons which looked good for entries for the rest of the season.

There was room for improvement, with relocation of timing and a few other things required for next year. There was 1 incident with the driver taken to hospital for a

check up. The possible injury was found to be from a past medical problem and not the accident.

There was a shortage of officials, mainly in timing, the pits and spectator control.

Ian French suggested the clubs need to work together with officials and it was noted that WAORRA club members assisted at the event

Discussion followed. The officials club Team Hotel are still available at a cost.

Discussion followed on attracting officials with a possible reward being suggested.

Hyden 450 Report

Ian French suggested that WA was setting the benchmark for national off roading with coverage of the Hyden event on SBS on Sunday at 1.00pm and coverage of the Yealering event being shown a few days previously. Coverage will also be on Fox on Wed 6th May.

The Hyden 450 had 89 starters a 30% increase on people at the event from last year which caused extra logistical problems.

The reactions to the incident on the Saturday were a cause for concern. He reported on various drivers observations of accident site.

The stewards investigated the incident.

The report on event had all areas rated at 3's or 4's with the emergency response rated at 4 out of 5

The chief steward said the event set the standard for national off road events.

The report is being analysed to see ways to improve event.

All the WA clubs have helped to set the events standards.

Media response needs to be accurate for the good of the motor sport.

Possible changes for next year include making the loops bigger to allow for the greater number of cars and making the event 400 kms to get extra time.

Spectators are increasing which created problems around camp site.

The sponsors are happy with ARB considering the event one of the best they had ever attended.

Discussion followed

There were 57 local entries with several regular competitors not present.

Thanks to every one that helped on the event.

Chairman of the SOP

CAMS have funding from the Dept of Sport & Rec. for officials training. Four officials were sent to Clipsal 500.

The idea is to improve officials skills with inter state experience and was successful.

He went to a NSW state event as official as part of this scheme which had 35 recovery vehicles at the event.

Chris Hurst has been running SOS for events this year in WA and he would like the panel to move a motion to seek funding for Chris to go to this event. Chris has made a commitment to all clubs to do SOS for all events with a full team.

This would help with officials overall at all events.

Moved Ian French

2nd Dirk van Geest

Carried Unanimous

The chairman advised that the prologue seeding list was updated and the State OR Points score had been updated and the Bencubbin Sup Regs approved.

Bencubbin Sup Regs are on the internet. There will be 30km laps including part railway road and paddock. WAORRA are all set for good event. An access map will be available. The Shire and locals will be doing food and drinks.

Ian French reminded the panel that Black Olive will require payment for TV coverage next year. Approx \$7500 will be required which may possibly be found from sponsors, increase in entry fees. The Kondinin shire put in cash each year for Hyden. Other shires may be a possible source of some funds. The clubs need to start considering this to keep the media coverage rolling which helps the sport.

J Beck Asked what was happening with the Gascoyne Off Road teleconference. The chairman said they had a club meeting tonight. The facilities were in place for when they were required.

Gary Howe reported that he had 1 quote for transponder timing. Hardware and software for event timing cost would be approx \$9000 with out transponders which will cost approx \$500 per vehicle
Discussion followed
Further work will be done to get more information.

Meeting Closed 9.24 pm