



AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY 4/2018 SUMMARY OF AORCOM TELECONFERENCE HELD 7 AUGUST 2018

*This summary is an edited highlights package of the Minutes.
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Lawrie Schmitt	Manager Motor Sport Operations
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Trent Price	CAMS Sporting Commissions and Championships Manager / CEO Appointee to Commission
Jake Bryant	Motor Sport Development Executive Rally & Off Road / Commission Executive Officer (EO)
Tom Snooks	Minutes Secretary

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.2 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Communication

The Commission is considering establishing a closed Group to provide direct communications with State Off Road Panels. The Commission Executive Officer is to investigate the feasibility of such an initiative and report back to the Commission.

Channels of communication have been heavily debated with a strong emphasis on providing stakeholders with the most current information flowing from AORCom in order to ensure the off road community is well aware of critical and important information.

CAMS Media Event Coverage

A further new initiative that commenced at the beginning of 2018 looks at providing better coverage for club, multi-club and state level events in each State. Articles are published on the <http://www.aorc.com.au/> website. Click on the tab 'News' followed by 'State' to view published articles. It is encouraged organiser's email offroad@cams.com.au to potentially have an article published pre or post event.

CAMS Off Road Hall of Fame Nominations Form

A new CAMS Off Road Hall of Fame Nominations Form is now complete. The Form will be published on the CAMS site for public access. Once the Form is live a link will be shared to all State Off Road Panel's. It's highly encouraged that State Off Road Panels forward nominations once nominations are open.



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6.1 AORC REPORT

CAMS General Manager – Motor Sport confirmed discussions are currently being held with AORC Organisers regarding dates for 2019. During discussion it was agreed that all dates be announced as early as practical to assist dates selected by the States for their events so as to avoid clashes.

6.3 AORC SPORTING AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

This Commission item is to be a permanent agenda item. The current year's AORC regulations are subject to continuous review where (potential) updates are to be recorded at each meeting in order for the regulations to be finalised and approved by November 2018.

A review is in order on AORC Sporting Regulation 5.2 'Seeding'. The regulation wording and intent will be reviewed and consideration will be given to an alternative approach to seeding in 2019.

7 STRATEGIC PLAN – OFF ROAD EVENT CHECKERS MANUAL (MINUTE 0447)

The Off Road Event Checkers Manual is nearing finalisation and will be available 1/1/19.

The Manual has been prepared as a guide and contains the rules and regulations which must be applied to the role of the Checkers for all Off Road events under the authority of a CAMS Organising Permit. However, it is not intended to dictate the nature of events, such being the prerogative of the individual organisers.

The Manual is by no means all-inclusive as the task is not a simple one, and no two events have the same situations. However, by adhering to these rules and regulations, Checkers should be able to function more effectively and provide consistency across all events.

The Manual will include a Pre-Event and Post-Event Checker's Report tailored to off road motor sport. The Manual will significantly assist organisers as it provides a comprehensive overview of documents that are to be checked prior to an event's commencement.

It will be a mandatory requirement for event organisers of CAMS Permitted Off Road events to submit a Pre-event and Post-event Checker's Report to the CAMS Permits department. The mandatory requirement will be phased in as follows:

- 2019 ALL National Off Road Events
- 2020 ALL State Off Road Events
- 2021 ALL Multi-club and Club Events

Details on how to become an accredited CAMS off road Course Checker will be released in the coming months.

The AORCom holds the authority to elect a Course Checker for National level events given the official holds the correct accreditation.

State Panels hold the authority to elect a Course Checker for State level events and below given the official holds the correct accreditation.

IN 0467: ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTED DEVICES – COMP NAVIGATION / ORGANISERS MONITORING

Competitor Navigation – Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

At the F2F meeting it was agreed to amend Off Road Standing Regulation 4.9 'Navigation' to allow the use of GPS systems. Due to technological advancements surrounding current GPS devices, the Commission agreed that the technology which is readily available to competitors would assist with navigation without placing a hindrance on competition.

Competitor Navigation – Radios

EO submitted a Discussion Paper for the Commission to review current Off Road Standing Regulation 4.10 'Radios'. The Paper included a UHF Communication Procedure document used by WA Off Road Racing.

Following discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of using two-way radio communication for overtaking it was resolved that each Commissioner take the consideration to their State Off Road Advisory Panels, asking if the compulsory fitting and use of radios, through helmets, in time for 2020 will be an adverse step, and report back at the next Commission meeting in October.



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MIN 0468: CHANGES TO PRO BUGGY CLASS TO ALLOW 4WD BUGGIES

At the October 2017 meeting of the Commission, at Minute 0371, a proposal was put forward requesting 4WD buggies be permitted to compete in the class Pro Buggy. Following a public survey issued to all competitors, It was resolved to agree to the introduction of 4WD buggies albeit in Extreme 4WD.

Following discussion it was resolved to amend the Off Road Specific Requirements at Article 10, Extreme 4WD at Article 10.1 Eligibility/Definition, by adding clause (c) to allow 4WD Buggies, and when drafted this is to be issued to the Commissioners for comment, prior to the next teleconference.

MIN 0469: SPORTSLITE ELIGIBILITY - TURBO DIESEL ENGINES / MOTORBIKE ENGINES

Turbo Diesel Engines

This issue was discussed at the September 2017 AORCom meeting and it was agreed the Sportslite Class remain as has been established and that the relevant regulations be amended to specify that the Class is only for petrol engine vehicles, and that the Commission would consider diesel engines sometime into the future if a specific proposal is submitted.

The Commission re-affirmed its decision of not permitting diesel engines in Sportslite. However, CAMS and AORCom have agreed to review individual applications on a case-by-case basis when received. An applicant may be advised to submit further data to allow a turbo diesel engine to be re-considered for inclusion into the class.

Motorbike Engines

Prior to the F2F Commission meeting, the EO received significant interest from Sportslite competitors requesting the Commission consider permitting motorbike engines for competition. Decision Paper '11.3 – 2019 Sportslite Regulations' was submitted with the intent to recognise motorcycle engine buggies as eligible. Following discussion, it was moved 'Sportslite is to include all naturally aspirated engines up to 2.5 litre'.

MIN 0482: DIESEL ENGINE SUPERCHARGED MULTIPLICATION FACTOR

A Decision Paper outlining current conflicting diesel multiplication factors in the Manual and to determine the correct multiplication factor for Off Road General Requirements Clause 28. Currently Clause 28 reads a factor of 1.36, whilst another part of the Manual states it is 1.5.

It was moved "The effective engine capacity of a supercharged diesel engine will be calculated as the product of the swept volume multiplied by a factor of 1.5".

MIN 0487: YAMAHA 1000R TURBO MODEL

A Decision Paper was tabled for AORCom to consider a request from Yamaha Australia (YMA) for the Yamaha YXZ 1000R GYTR and Yamaha YXZ 1000SS GYTR to be added to the Eligible Vehicle List: 'Off Road Specific Requirements - Appendix 1 – SXS Vehicles List'.

In discussion it was resolved to accept both variants of the vehicle for the CAMS off road class 'SXS Turbo'. Commissioners noted that the GYTR turbo kit must be purchased from Yamaha Australia or an approved Yamaha dealership. Retro-fitting alternative turbocharged 'bolt on' kits will not be permitted. The model must leave the dealership as a Yamaha YXZ1000 GYTR whereby Yamaha factory warranty will apply.

The Commission discussed the challenges in identifying a 2019 plated Yamaha with a genuine bolt-on GYTR turbo kit equip with manufacturer warranty as opposed to an alternative ineligible aftermarket turbo kit. In order to combat this issue the Commission agreed that a form of proof of purchase will need to be presented if eligibility is questioned. An invoice from the Dealership will suffice and will need to be presented by the competitor.

MIN 0488: GOLD STANDARD OFFICIALS

A Discussion Paper was put forward informing AORCom that the Australian Officials Commission (AOC) has advised that, effective immediately, all Off Road Gold Licence upgrades and renewals are to be endorsed by AORCom.

MIN 0491: TARGETED SCRUTINY

Although Off Road has implemented the requirement for a Triennial Vehicle Inspection, after discussion on the benefits of Targeted Scrutiny, the Commission determined to plan for its introduction in 2020.

THE COMMISSION CONTINUES TO WORK ON:



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- Strategic Plan Review - Medical Standards
- 0472 Side by Side Suspension Kit Regulation Wording
- 0475 Review - CAMS Engine Capacity
- 0480 Junior Development Proposal
- 0484 Review - Vehicle Classes for 2019
- 0485 Standard Briefing Notes for Observed Licence Testing and Single Event Licences

NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, with Teleconferences commencing at 1900 Melbourne time.

9 October

4 December

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