

AORCOM BRIEF AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY 26th SEPT 2023

The Australian Off Road Commission (AORCOM) convened for a Teams video meeting on Tuesday 26 September 2023.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The AORCOM approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2023.

RECORD OF OUT OF SESSION RESOLUTION

Nil.

MATTERS ARISING

MIN 0681 AORC Sporting Matters

The AORCOM are drafting a template for a set of standardised Supplementary Regulations which will be implemented for the Australian Off Road Championship.

A set of 2024/25/26 AORC Sporting Regulations are in draft. It was agreed a fixed three-year period would offer stability in the Championship and would provide Organisers and Competitors with more time to proactively plan for an upcoming season.

MIN 0680 Off Road Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026

The Commission are currently in the midst of developing an Off Road Strategic Plan based on Motorsport Australia's broader Strategic Plan. The following Goals as laid out by the Board of Motorsport Australia will underpin the Off Road Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 – Expand and increase participation and engagement in motorsport.

Goal 2 – Improve participant experience across all touchpoints.

Goal 3 – Secure and improve access to facilities.

Goal 4 – Minimise our environmental footprint and commence work towards net-zero carbon dioxide emissions.

MIN 0677 Junior Involvement

The junior development proposal first raised in MIN 0672 was reshared with Commissioners to ratify and to progress the matter with the Administration. The Commission ratified the contents of the junior development proposal and requested this be submitted to the Director of Motorsport. The Proposal is to be considered by the relevant parties be it the Board and/or lawyers. Lawyers have been called into question due to lowering the age limit down to 10 to drive an off road vehicle.

MIN 0675 EX4WD Sub-Class

A Paper was presented to the Commission to determine whether the EX4WD Buggy Sub-Class should run as a standalone class with its own set of unique racing numbers.

The Commission determined that organisers currently could segregate a class if desired. This would mean points and results would be tallied independently with different awards being issued. Refer Off Road Standing Regulations Art. 5.2.

Ultimately, the Commission agreed to leave the EX4WD Buggy Sub-Class as is. It was determined that there are not enough 4WD Buggies to justify creating a standalone class.

EX4WD Buggy numbers will continue to be monitored and if required at a later date, the sub-class will breakaway and form its own standalone class.

NEXT MEETINGS

Teleconference conducted on Tuesday nights, commencing at 7:00pm Melbourne time.

- 5th December