

Minutes

Medical and Safety Commission

American Motorcyclist Association

January 21, 2021

Dr. Paul Reiman called the meeting to order via zoom at 2 pm PST.

Attendees- Dr. Paul R. Reiman, Dr. Hub Brennan, James Buskirk, DPT, Michael Quinn, CRNA, Chris Ulrich, Dr. Dean Deboerkert, Dr. Julia Vaizer, Michael Utz, Paramedic

AMA Representative- Michael Burkeen, Deputy Director of Racing

AMA Guest- Eric Kuhda- Off Road Manager

Old Business

Concussion Policy- implemented into the 2020 rule book, no negative feedback from racing community.

External Helmet Attachments- implemented into the 2021 rulebook after Board approval. The AMA has received a great deal of feedback, mostly negative. Eric Kuhda presented the off road riders view in relation to lights for night racing. This has previously been discussed extensively at the meeting in December of 2019 at the AMA Congress. The committee discussed the items from the membership.

No motions were made to modify the rule.

Chest Protectors- the rule is included into the 2021 rule book as recommended for all racers in the youth classes. A motion was made seconded, and passed unanimously to modify the rule for 2022 to be mandatory for all youth classes and recommended for all adults.

Emergency Medical Plan- The alternative emergency medical plan was submitted and approved by the board for 2021. After further discussion in the commission, it was felt further work on the plan would be beneficial for 2022. Dr. Reiman appointed a subcommittee of Michael Quinn, Michael Utz, and Dr. Vaizer to review the alternative emergency medical plan and recommend changes for our next meeting.

New Business

James Buskirk and Chris Ulrich presented that the kill switch for motorcycles is located in many different locations depending upon the manufacturer. This leads to delays and confusion in emergency situations for track side medical personnel. This is particularly a problem in road racing and flat track racing.

After discussion, the issue will be referred to the Technical Commission for consideration of requiring conformity with the discipline. All members will investigate within their disciplines whether there is conformity.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm PST.

Next Meeting April 2021