



Minutes

Specialized Sport Commission

2021 First Meeting
February 4th, 2021
Zoom Video Conference

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting 5:00pm PST/ 8pm EST

- a. Comments by the AMA Flat Track Manager – Ken Saillant
 - Ken: Welcome, thanks for participating, introducing Mike Burkeen.
 - Mike Burkeen: Commission process will be running through his office. Coordinating all of the commission efforts to get things posted and operating guidelines on how we get proposals out there. The goal as a commission is to review our area for rules. Remove and add as they need to be. Obligated by the rules before a vote they need to be posted for 30 days for public comment, then the commission can discuss and vote where appropriate for submission to the Board.
- b. Comments by the Commission Chair – Delvene Reber
 - Delvene: Welcome, we have a few agenda items, nothing needing a vote except our first item which is electing a committee chair for the next 2-year term
- c. Take attendance
 - Present
 - Delvene Reber, Ken Saillant, Curtis Smith, Les Wolfe, Bob Coy, Mike Burkeen, Erin Sills, Mike Bronk
 - Absent with notice
 - Jim O’Connell
 - Absent without notice
 - Alex Mock, Robbie Redmond

2. Proposal Items

None

3. Agenda Items

- a. Election for Committee Chair
 - See notes in agenda item section
- b. SS-11943722 Hillclimb and Land Speed Sections
 - See notes in agenda item section
- c. General discussion: Meeting notification & Voting feedback
 - See notes in agenda item section

4. Closing of Meeting 6:08pm PST/ 9:08pm EST



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Specialized Sport Commission Agenda Item

Election for Committee Chair: 2021-2022

Item

Election for 2021-2022 Committee Chair.

Reason

New Commission period needs the election of Commission Chair.

Submission

Delvene Reber

Discussion

- Ken: Do we have a quorum? (Delvene: Commission guidelines say we need 25% and we meet that with 5 =55%). Open the floor for nominations. Delvene is nominated, seconded by Erin Sills. Unanimous agreement. Delvene remains as commission chair for the next period.
- Delvene: To review and make sure we are productive, we are in charge of HillClimb, Land Speed and Drag Racing, Road Racing has been moved to an independent committee and process.

Decision: Delvene Reber elected to continue as Committee Chair.



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SS-11943722 Hillclimb and Land Speed Sections of Rule Book

Item

Sporting Commission recommended sending the agenda item SP-11633838 Removing Hillclimb and Land Speed Racing from Track Racing and giving them their own section in the AMA Racing Rules

Reason

Sent to Specialized sporting commission for further discussion. It is suggested that because of the vast difference that both Hillclimb and Land Speed Racing have from other racing disciplines, that it would be appropriate to have their own self-contained sections.

Submission

Delvene Reber

Discussion

Delvene: Overview of the item for discussion that came from the Sporting Commission last year. Currently the rulebook has Motocross, Off-Road and Track Racing as disciplines, along with the discipline codes etc

Jim (via email) "*SS-11943722 I have fought for decades for a separate Section for the Hillclimbing Discipline, and it has progressed in a Positive Direction over the years, and I am grateful for that... Thank You AMA and all involved..*

So I agree with a separate self-contained sections for Hillclimbing and Land Speed Racing"

Les: agree have been their own section any and keeps the rules. Moving to own sections may reducing the time to look at other sections and less variance in the interpretation of the rules.

Delvene: We have not removed the duplicate rules with the track racing rules for Land Speed at this point to avoid this confusion for our first year in the Racing book from being a supplemental reg.

Ken: Clarification- would be to set up a specialized sport section in the rule book

Delvene: Which rules carry over? For example, the helmet rule in Land speed is different than the general track racing rules. With the multiple specialized sport items, would a break-out support those differences? This was originally brought up by the Sporting Commission that oversees all rules in the book, and addresses changes that may be needed.

Mike Bronk: The general rules are ganging that are affecting Hill Climb rules (example

the 12 years old rule change)/ The general rules change and they should not apply to hillclimb but end up applying.

Ken: This is something that the Sporting Commission needs to tighten up and is now more aware.

Delvene: Agree with Ken, that this is a procedural issue rather universal; application, Each section does have an override in the main general rule. Concern is missing something and who is wanting to do the work to ensure all the rules are applied universally.

Ken: Delvene this is a directional recommendation- Admin issues Mike Burkeen?

Mike Burkeen: Structure and formatting is something that we can do without a significant change and we can split out as needed. The does men we should discuss it and get a recommendation from the Sporting Commission. Mike proposes that one option is to reformat it and get approval.

Ken/Mike Burkeen: Flatrack commission's goal is to remove the general rules from their sections. Specialized sports would require to have their sections checked from the general rule.

Lucas: Point of clarification- this is for Hill climb or other core rules, and then add the modifications?

Erin: There are core rules, then discipline specific rules?

Delvene/Ken: Yes, there are general rules such as age. Issue stems from flatrack wanted to change the rules so it was changed in the track racing section. The issue is that it should have been issued to the specialized sports because they are going to write a bunch of stuff to make sure that it meets the requirements for the specialized sports disciplines. The Commission needs to get notified that the change is happening. We expect that if the sporting commission changes something that we (Specialized sports) needs to take a hard look to ensure that it is not significantly changing the application of the rule in our disciplines.

Delvene: How do we ensure the Sporting commission is meeting and having the items available in a timely manner for review?

Mike Burkeen: commissions are meeting more frequently to ensure that all of the items are inline for the fall congress- with at least 3 opportunities throughout the year. Sporting and Technical commissions are a challenge.

Decision: Delvene: Overall the consensus is that we will proceed with the understanding that the commission processes is in the process of being refined and that we hope to ensure that these types of issues are not being continued with timely and open communications about the rules that effect the disciplines. That we will continue to discuss breaking out the specialized sports should it be perpetuated within the AMA and in the best interest of ensuring the rules are maintained for each discipline.

Mike Bronk: Agreed.

All- Agreed.



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Meeting Notification & Voting Feedback

Item

We should have advanced notice of the time and date of scheduled Commission meetings. One week or more.

We have been voting online and never get any feedback on how the vote turned out. We should have that right after the deadline of voting.

Submission

Mike Bronk

Discussion

Delvene: Concerns are raised about ensuring there is enough notification for meetings.

Mike Bronk: We need to ensure that we have at least a week's notice.

Jim (Via Email): *"And Mike Bronk's Submission on Meeting Notification and Voting Feedback.... I agree with Mike 100% "*

Delvene: We could establish a rough timeline with the exact date to be determined closer to the actual. The goal is to meet several times throughout the year, we could establish those time based on the important deadlines and back up from those to ensure we are leaving enough time to meet, and also have the 30-day posting. Proposal is to meet quarterly.

Erin: Question for the team- are there any proposals? Anything submitted?

Mike Burkeen: Right now proposals get submitted through Formsite on the AMA's website. Mike Burkeen does not currently have direct access. The appropriate areas get distributed automatically to the various personnel in charge of that area. Hoping to add the chairperson to the distribution. Mike is in the process of getting access and making the updates, and also distributing items as they come in (or once a month) to keep it timely.

Delvene: In regard to the Voting process.... We vote on the proposals, then the Board votes on those proposals. How do we close the loop with the board feedback?

Mike Bronk: And also getting notification of how the vote went for the commission before it's submitted to the board.

Delvene: We need to establish process. The vote results were added to the minutes for distribution. We (I) can ensure that the commission is notified of the final submission paperwork going to the board. We would ask as Mike Burkeen works with

the Board to find out how we might get feedback more timely, so that we may have the means to address any updates and not miss the window of opportunity for any slight changes that need to be made to the rules. When the vote happens live we all know the results. In the virtual means we can make sure that we are providing that information back to the commission. We voted for the first-time last year via Survey Monkey so that loop needs to be sent back to the commission.

Decision: ensure that the procedures and communications between all parties remains timely and open to ensure that commission members are informed about the process. Establish a calendar for the start of the year with advance notice for meetings based around the commission deadlines and submission times (to be completed by Delvene as Chair).