



Sporting Commission Meeting Notes

August 18, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm (Central) by Chris DaRonco, Commission Chair

Roll Call was taken, present were: Kevin Bailey, Mike Bronk, Rob Coy, Chris DaRonco, Ryan Nelson, Lucas Reber, Wayne Sody, Gerhard Ward and Ken Saillant & Mike Burkeen from AMA. Absent were: Jerry Fouts, Mike Fryar and David Joiner

Ken welcomed everyone to the call, with Mike Burkeen and Chris echoing his comments thanking all for participating in this commission.

The following items were discussed:

1. Mike Burkeen brought to our attention a Medical Commission request regarding IV Hydration at events. About ½ the commission was familiar with this new trend and the rest were not familiar. The commission decided that this practice should be illegal and that if a rider gets an IV for hydration (whether from an EMT or a vendor at the event), they will not be able to compete for 24 hours after the IV. Mike will write up our proposal to include this language.
2. We discussed the proposal (SC-0822-01) from Lucas to update the Helmet Standards to be inline with current standards. We discussed the current language under the European model and all learned that the “P” means full face and that the “NP” and “J” refer to Open Face helmets. Aside from Trials, the commission felt we should remove those references in this rule for safety reasons as we don’t want a rider without a full face helmet competing. Lucas has made the changes in the verbiage, and we are ready to present to the membership.
3. Proposal SC-0822-03 Back & Chest Protection – the commission agreed to change the verbiage of the original proposal to make it mandatory for any rider in a youth class to have back & chest protection. We are ready to present this to the membership.

4. Proposal SC-0822-04 Clerk of Course: The commission discussed definition of what the Clerk of Course is responsible for at an event. We all agreed that at our events, the Clerk of Course is the Chief Administration of the Event, working hand in hand with the Referee to make sure the admin side of the event is done properly. As Gerhard said so well: The Ref is responsible for the dirt, the Clerk of Course is responsible for the paper. Chris will put together a definition and email it to the commission along with the minutes for their approval.
5. Gerhard brought up better communication from the AMA to promoters/clubs whose sanctions have been denied. He asked if there were guidelines that are available for promoters and clubs so they know what the baseline is for a denial. Ken said he'd talk to Mike Burkeen and Mike Pelletier and see if there was something they had.
6. Gerhard brought up he's noticed more often the lack of safety regarding track prep equipment being right next to the track. This is a safety hazard as there is nothing stopping a motorcycle from hitting that equipment. We discussed that it should be the referee's responsibility to make sure they are safely away from the track possibly separated by a fence or padding. Ken was going to check with Allie to see if they still have New Promotor Packages and see if that could be included in them.
7. Ambulatory Incident Tracking was also brought up. The discussion was about possibly adding a few lines or boxes to the current referee report to show where on the track the incident happened as a way for the promotor and AMA to determine if there's an issue that needs to be addressed. Gerhard will send Ken an email with some observations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm