

164th AMRC MEETING SUMMARY 1/2020 TELECONFERENCES JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND APRIL

COMMISSION COMPOSITION

Commissioners:

Chairperson: (Vince Ciccarello (SA) 2018 - 2020							
Deputy Chairperson: Andrew Jones (NSW) 2018 - 2020							
REGULATORY WORKING GROUP				STRATEGIC WORKING GROUP			
Ian Mayberry	IM	Qld	2018-2020	Paul Dumbrell	PD	Vic	2018-2020
Paul Overell	PO	Qld	2020-2022	Craig Fletcher	CF	Vic	2019-2021
Lyndon Punshon	LP	SA	2018-2020	Bronte Rundle	BR	SA	2018-2020
Col Smith	CS	Vic	2019-2021				

Motorsport Australia Board Member Portfolio Member:

Graeme Emerton	GE
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Motorsport Australia Administration

Lawrie Schmitt	LS	Manager, Motor Sport Operations
Scott McGrath	SMc	Division Manager - Technical
Trent Price	TP	Sporting Commissions & Championships Manager / CEO Delegate Appointee
Toby Ward	TW	Motor Sport Administration & Events Officer
Tom Snooks	MS	Minutes Secretary

RACING ASSOCIATIONS – COMMISSIONERS PORTFOLIOS

Australian Sports Sedan Association	Mike Dennis
Improved Production Racing Association	Lyn Punshon
Production Cars	Lyn Punshon
Saloon Car Racing	Ian Mayberry
Sports Car Racing Association of Australia	Ian Mayberry
Superkarts	Vince Ciccarello

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. 29 January Meeting

MIN 2911: CATEGORY 3 REGULATIONS - PRODUCTION TOURING AND SPORTS CARS

A Discussion Paper was presented for Commissioners to consider the further definition of Production Cars to help promote consistency of eligibility in Production Car Racing across Australia.

The Paper summarised that in October 2019, the AMRC Strategic Group resolved to adopt a national set of regulations which sits outside of Category 3 Regulations, regulations that include both Touring and Sports Cars - the draft regulations to be worked through during the first quarter of 2020, with a final determination on the issue being made at the AMRC Meeting in June.

Following lengthy discussion it was resolved to form a Working Group to work on the principle of what the Production Car Category, and regulations, will look like.

2. 27 February Meeting

This meeting was convened to discuss the future of the Gold Star Award, and the conclusion was that the Commission agreed with the recommendation to the Board that Gold Star status be awarded to the S5000 Category for a period of three years commencing in 2020, and that the AMRC is to monitor the Category's performance at the end of each year.

3. 8 April Meeting

MIN 2918: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY VEHICLES (eg: Electric/Hybrid Vehicles)

The Commission was informed of the establishment of a Motorsport Australia Electric Vehicle Working Group (EVWG).

The EVWG has as one of its objectives to undertake the necessary risk assessment and consideration of electric vehicles in motorsport, relative to the Australia motorsport landscape and the following details outlined:

- The EVWG has been created as an expert group to work through further development of the requirements for the use of EV in Motorsport Australia events. The EVWG has been created under a Terms of Reference document to ensure that a range of tasks can be undertaken effectively with clear lines of reporting etc. are established;

Discussion took place on the possibility of electric vehicles being entered in events and the need for organisers to be aware of this happening and referring the fact to the EVWG in order that the entry can be examined for legitimacy to compete and organisers advised on how to prepare.

MIN 2925: GROUP 3D - ROTARY ENGINES

A Decision Paper was presented to the Commission recommending that the clarification listed in the Paper be accepted to ensure that the intention of Group 3D rotary engine regulations are clear to all. The Paper outlined:

- The 3D sports sedan rules have permitted the use of aftermarket cylinder blocks since 2018. In 2019, the rules were changed, adding the words "or rotor housing" to the regulations, permitting the same freedoms in materials and manufacture for rotary engines that were permitted for piston engines;
- At the end of 2019, we were approached to make a clarification of the words used, so that the Rotary engine as a whole had the same freedoms that are permitted with piston engines. This change request was so that the rules would explicitly mention not only the Rotor housings, but also the intermediate and end rotor housings;
- An example of this change would be from:
 - "The replacement cylinder block or the rotor housing can utilise the original equipment....."
 - to
 - "The replacement cylinder block or the ~~intermediate/end~~ rotor housing can utilise the original equipment.....";
- The effect of this change is that that the entire rotary engine could be from an aftermarket supplier, rather than just the rotor housings themselves.

The Commissioners ratified the clarification as submitted to be implemented in 2021.

MIN 2927: LICENSING MATRIX

At its December 2019 meeting a Decision Paper was put before the Commission for a discussion and decision for the minimum age requirement be reduced from 16 to 15 years (with the exception of Bathurst events) for Radical Sportscars and Radical Australia Cup. A decision was deferred while the Motorsport Australia Administration established firm criteria based on junior driver competency, set out in a matrix, taking into account different types of vehicles and capability of driving them would assist in making decisions on driver competency.

The Administration is preparing a proposal for the Commission to discuss at its June 2020 meeting.

The Commission continues to work on the following matters:

- Min 2914: Improved Production Racing Association Of Australia – Future Direction
- Min 2915: Superkarts National Event
- Min 2916: Classic Cars And Drivers Marketing Plan for New Competitors
- Min 2917: Superkart Licence Requirements
- Min 2922 Category 3 Regulations - Production Touring and Sport Cars

MEETINGS IN 2020

20 Jun	Saturday	F2F*	Strategic / Prioritise overhanging matters
26 Aug	Wednesday	Teleconference	Regulatory emphasis / Forms
28 Oct	Wednesday	Teleconference	Regulatory emphasis / Forms

* Holding of Face to Face Meeting to be reviewed due to COVID-19.