

## ATTENDEES

- Kim Chivers (CQ Trials Club), Brent Chivers (CQ Trials Club), Jeff Richards (subcommittee member), Mac Hosking (Subcommittee member), Graham Weiss (Subcommittee member), Richard Kent (Logan River & Subcommittee member), Patrick Whitfield (Logan River MTC), Mark Power (Western Districts), Rob Wager (Western Districts), Rob Gough (MTCQ), Justin Gough (MTCQ), Andrew Stacey (visitor), Ray Buchanan (QMP Manager), Ralph Freeman (MQ Board member & Trials rep), Jim Feehely (MQ President), Kim Rowcliffe (MQ Operations Manager) and Michael Brown (MQ Events).

## QLD MOTO PARK

- \$25 per head for QMP for Trails TBC – Good amenities and facilities, higher fee's than traditional Trials venues as a result of the financial outlay. Current venues may charge less but toilets, showers etc do need to be ordered in.
- QMP can offer services and exposure to Trials as there is no restrictions to advertising and signage.
- Ray to provide a step by step process for contacting and working with councils to MT subcommittees / Clubs.
- QMP was viewed by Trials as being an opportunity, car park area is seen as an ideal area for exposure and possible training area. Possibility of 5 sections to be set up in the area with the idea to keep the sections long term.
- A Trials delegation to meet with Ray and discuss opportunities, Trials sections and the Aust Championships on the 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am.
- Moto Fest to include Trials – club or demo to be advised.

## VOLUNTEERS

- A real push to reset the requirements for Trials in regards to officials and their workload.
- Clubs to explain any job / responsibility to potential volunteers to avoid 'scaring them off'.
- Request help instead of telling them they have a job.
- Relates elsewhere in the minutes.

## INCREASED INTAKE OF CLUB OFFICIALS

- Club Steward Rule was discussed and accepted as a step forward. MOMS – 2.5.7
- MOMS – 2.5.8.1 - Race Secretary may compete in an event once they have completed their duties as described in Chapter 2, and only with the authority of the Steward and Clerk of Course.
- Subcommittee to put to the MQ Board regarding changes to the policies & procedures at Trails events. Justin Gough to draft these changes regarding official's responsibilities and procedures at trails events.
- Approx. 20 volunteers (workers) needed for a typical club day (officials, observers etc)
- Less paperwork was mentioned as an ideal outcome for trials events.
- A separate Rule book for trials was seen as appropriate but would be difficult to implement.

## REDUCE COSTS

- It was recognised that Trials utilise a cheaper licence and event levies

## PROMOTION

- Trials to be better utilised with other events, such as Moto Fest and CD 11
- MQ's Featured Events is set up for Trials. Trails has the ability to be geographically brought to the public much easier than other disciplines.
- Brochures in draft format, query to whether printing is the most efficient method.
- Trials clubs to utilise MQ's resources more and increase communication with MQ and other clubs.

## STREAMLINING PROCESS FOR TRIALS

- Referred to above, SQTA positive is that a rider pays their money and rides. MQ events require what was seen as unnecessary paperwork
- Official's responsibilities and rider requirements as mentioned earlier.
- Self-scrutineering to be made available, bikes to be impounded for 30mins after event in the case of protest.

## UNAFFILIATED CLUBS

- SQTA has positives such as the overall ease of entering and riding
- State and National championships are currently only offered through MQ and MA.
- As a result of the change to 6.2.0.4 Trials clubs can now run practice days with scoring as long as the scores are not official kept by the club and go towards any award or recognition. Peter Doyle confirmed via email on the day that Trials practice can be scored. (MOMS

## NEW MA/MQ SYSTEMS

- Ridernet will be welcomed
- It was commented that riders are not completing the entry forms correctly adding stress

## FUTURE

- Not directly discussed but the overall discussion showed that Trials has a future as long as clubs work together and with better communication.

## NEW TRIALS CLUB FOR SUNSHINE FOR SUNSHINE COAST

- Not discussed

## EVENTS

- Date clash was noted for the 24<sup>th</sup> May. MTCQ to postpone meeting. LRMTTC to use the 24<sup>th</sup> May for LRMTTC.
- Events and their dates are not approved until MQ has received the correct correspondence.
- Practice days running alongside competition events is not seen as an issue, less so for CQTC. Clubs still encouraged to communicate regarding their events.
- Machine Examination – noted that trail ride has self-scrutineering and possibility other NSW Moto-Trials. ***Additional comment outside of the forum, AORC (Enduro) has self-scrutineering.***
- No scrutineering, impound option where any bike or all bikes are impounded
- Practice days are able to be scored
- Repurpose trophies, this was seen as an acceptable way of recognising past riders but adding prestige to events.
- Trials clubs are asked to accommodate their riders and members
- The comment of if officials are able to gain credit towards their riding licence if they officiate a number events
- CQTC to run 2 rounds of the QTMS at CQ - all agreed. CQTC to apply for the permits
- National Come & Try offer extended for Trials club.

## LICENCES

- Not discussed, they were acknowledged as being cheaper than other disciplines.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- QMP Carpark area has been indicated as a possible training venue.

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPS IN QLD – 2016

- QMP is a possible venue for the Aust. Titles. Ray and Trails people to inspect the venue on the 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am.
- MQ were asked to lobby MA regarding Aust. Trails Champs to be award to QLD. Comment of all Trials club promoting the event collectively.
- Submission to be put in for Aust. Trials champs, likely to be a combination of QLD clubs.

## UPDATE RIDER GRADING'S

- Possible grading system to be revamped.
- MQ and Subcommittee are to ensure a quicker turn around on grading certificates.
- NSW do not have grading. Trophy hunters possibly may take advantage of this freedom
- Rob Wager and Brent Chivers to draft 1 page proposal for Subcommittee re grading. – Month to draft letter/proposal to be ready for the for face to face meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- The idea of only 2 Trails events, Aust. & QLD Titles to have grading's, everything else to enhance enjoyable and fun riding / atmosphere.

## MAIL OUT CERTIFICATES

- MT subcommittee and MQ office communication to improve.
- Subcommittee to contact the rider over the grading application.
- MT grading list to be updated – June/July 2014. MQ to investigate.

## MORE COMMUNICATION

- Accepted overall.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Clubs who encounter Councils who provide blockades or barriers for Trials club to Contact MQ officer (Rob Ferguson) to assist and possibly negotiate with these councils.
- Trials rules to be reviewed. Jim to raise the concept to Peter Doyle. The concept is that Trials could well be entitled to alternate or specialised rules. It was noted that this is not an overnight fix but certainly worth while getting the ball rolling.
- Communication was noted as being poor in general from clubs in regards to their concerns on what they can and what they cannot do. The general consensus was that the communication would improve between clubs, Subcommittee, and MQ.
- Request for consistent Subcommittee meetings. Subcommittee to look at the strategic plan for Trials. Clubs should formally provide agenda's to Subcommittee to assist the directions of meetings as well as have their ideas, plans and concerns raised.
- Trials forum was very well received, notion that this could be a regular event.