

NRRS Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Mid Ohio – June 15, 2007

The WKA / Dunlop Tire National Road Racing Series technical committee met at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course on Friday, June 15, 2007. Committee members present: David Norville (Chairman & WKA Trustee), Jim Fry, Paul Hill, Sissy Mendenhall, Gary Schenkel, Sherry Tichenor, Van Gilder – Advisor, John Ferreira – Advisor.

Chairman Norville called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Yamaha Enduro Laydown classes – Chairman Norville opened a discussion with the committee regarding changing the name on the proposed yamaha pipe classes for the 2008 season. A name change to the classes will help denote that the classes are not solely yamaha only classes. The committee agreed to amend it's proposal to the board and request the classes be called 100cc Pipe Medium & Heavy. The committee also discussed the spec pipe for the piston port engines. This is still being researched.

Laydown rear bumper rule – Van Gilder presented his thoughts for the minor edits to the current rear bumper rule in section 309.3.5. The committee agreed to this concept. Van will provide final wording in the next week via email.

Consistency issues – Paul addressed the committee regarding consistency issues. He cited the “tie-breaker” discussion, the need to create post-race guidelines for the tech manual and the need for more controlled tech impound areas. All present agreed that he had valid points. Sissy Mendenhall advised that most of his concerns could be addressed via Supplementary Rules that could be printed and handed out at the events versus its inclusion in the tech manual. Paul will continue his research and submit his written document to the committee for review. It was also agreed that these supplemental rules could be forwarded to the Director of Competition for a report to the Trustees at their July meeting.

Stock/Spec Honda 125 Shifter class – John submitted a proposal to the committee for a Spec/Stock Honda class for the 2008-racing season. Chairman Norville advised that the committee's role is to approve the concept of adding the class, to suggest a weight but allow the 2-cycle tech committee to research the tech rules for the class. Van pointed out that this class has been recommended for inclusion in the Mfr Cup series in 2008. Several present questioned whether the addition of this class would shift current CIK or WKA 125 drivers to it or would it bring in new competitors? It was agreed that both would most likely happen. Currently, the WKC has a successful program and those competitors have expressed a commitment to run the series if the class is offered. Following more discussions, a motion was made by Gary, second by David, to approve for the 2008 season, the addition of the class “Spec Shifter 1 & 2” based on the WKC rules. Five in favor, one abstention (Sissy). John was asked to provide the class rules to Van by the end of the day Monday, June 18th for review and to pass on to the 2cycle tech committee.

Spec Tires – During the last conference call, Dan Stowell asked the committee of their thoughts on the sue of spec tires in the road race series. The committee agreed that spec tires is not something that the road race series currently needs but could be open to the addition of spec tires in select classes in the future. With that in mind, Paul opened a discussion of adding a spec tire for the new “spec shifter” class. He noted that tires are one of the biggest expenses for the shifter classes and that the concept of a spec tire could help with costs of the class. Paul suggested using a durometer reading for a tire spec. After discussion the committee decided to seek more input. The discussion then turned to the use of spec fuel and oil, keeping the “spec” concept for the class. Following more discussion, the committee voted separately for the spec tire and spec fuel/oil additions to the Spec Shifter class proposal. Both passed with votes of 4 to 2.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Note: During the course of the weekend, committee members were approached by the Stock Honda (Spec Shifter) drivers expressing their gratitude on the endorsement of the class for the 2008 season but wanted the committee to know that while they would support spec fuel and oil they did not support spec tires in the class.

Respectfully submitted - Sissy Mendenhall