



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING, 3 MARCH 2018, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

1. IN ATTENDANCE

- Marius Matthee – (Chairman) – Vice President Environment (South Africa)
- Brian Townsend – Member Environment Commission (Zimbabwe)
- Jaco Deysel – Member Environment Commission (South Africa)
- Damiano Zamana – Observer (FIM Programmes Director)
- Jorge Viegas – Observer (FIM Board Member)

2. APOLOGIES

- Naoufal El Oddi – Member Environment Commission (Morocco)

3. WELCOME

Chairman welcomed all members to the Environmental Commission Meeting. Meeting commenced at 10h00.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting was **proposed by Marius Matthee** and **seconded** by Jaco Deysel as **APPROVED**.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2017 FIM AFRICA & FMN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

Chairman mentioned that a comprehensive annual report was submitted to Council at the end 2017. Copies of the report was also distributed at the meeting. The report highlighted the fact that a few African FMNs remain committed to raise environmental awareness, but communication from others are lacking. It also dealt with the administrative work of the FIM AFRICA Environmental Commission, new and emerging opportunities, challenges and concerns.

5.2 2018 FIM COMMISSIONS MEETING (CID) - FEEDBACK AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

At the FIM Commissions' Meetings, which was held from 9-11 February 2018 in Geneva, the different Continental Unions presented their work, that was done during the course of 2017. Chairman presented a PowerPoint report on FIM AFRICA's environmental progress and challenges. Compliments were received from the Director of the FIM Sustainability Commission.

The FIM will be refining the Environmental objectives and will concentrate more on sustainability and how communities would be able to benefit from large events. This unfortunately will remain a challenge in Africa and will not easily be implemented across the board, as FIM AFRICA have too little events and the circumstances within Africa are different to countries hosting bigger events and with a better infrastructure.

The FIM will be going the E-Bike Route which will be implemented in 2019 to create opportunities for new technologies. This class will probably run on the same programme as the MotoGP events.

The FIM's Sustainability Commission wishes to establish a website, which will concentrate on Environmental Educational Awareness and the latest Sustainability programmes. FIM AFRICA can provide several items which the Commission developed over last decade.

The FIM supports the United Nations Environmental Programme and on the 5th of June, World Environment Day, they will concentrate on plastic pollutants, which is the central theme for 2018.

As part of our ongoing efforts, the FIM AFRICA Environmental Commission will in support of World Environment Day, prepare Educational media to be distributed about Plastic Pollutants, seen from a motor sports context, to the various African FMNs.

The FIM Sustainability Commission launched a new environmental video clip, which was displayed at the meeting.

5.3 2018 FIM ENVIRONMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

A few amendment proposals were submitted to the FIM for consideration, but due to late submission they have not been included and as such no changes have been made to the 2018 FIM Environmental Code.

5.4 2018 FIM AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL CODE AND 2019 AMENDMENTS

No changes to the 2018 FIM Africa Environmental Code. All amendment proposals to be submitted to Marius Matthee by 30 November 2018.

5.5 ONLINE ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD REPORTS

The FIM AFRICA environmental checklists have been converted for online completion. This include, Enduro, Motocross, Cross Country and Touristic Gatherings. This can be completed with immediate effect, as a trial run, but hardcopy checklists can also be submitted as per normal instructions. Benefits of online checklists and record keeping were further discussed.

Environmental Stewards to submit a detailed written report, with images, when officiating at events to ensure that they are actively involved in the event. For mandatory implementation by 2019. They will still be required to also submit the usual checklist.

5.6 ONLINE EXAMS FOR FIM AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS

FIM AFRICA currently has an online exam for environmental license renewals, but this is only available for delegates who have attended at least one FIM AFRICA or FIM environmental seminar. The FIM is willing to present one Environmental seminar a year per CONU and will send down a trainer for this purpose at their own cost, but the hosting CONU would need to find a minimum number of delegates to attend. FMNs will have to identify and send trainees, at their expense. Chairman however encourages FMNs to consider these training seminars, since it will also ensure that these delegates can eventually train individuals from their own Federations.

5.7 NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS & 2018 MX OF AFRICAN NATIONS

A revised Work Plan was distributed with Key Areas and planned Actions. The Commission will concentrate on Regulatory and Education objectives and this includes environmental awareness actions, training of stewards, event compliance, communication/marketing and sustainability matters.

5.8 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT

Agreed on continuous update and revision of all educational materials during 2018, also those currently featured on the FIM AFRICA website. Environmental awareness and education will remain a fundamental role of this Commission. The role of the FIM Academy also shows that education will play an important part in the FIM's strategy. Chairman also encouraged all role-players to submit or inform the Commission of their specific educational needs. Chairman also would like to collaborate with the FIM and the CID Commission, especially with training and future webinars. FIM AFRICA has the subject material already developed.

5.9 FIM AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – COMPOSITION AND 2019 NOMINATIONS

The Term of Office for all FIM AFRICA Council and Commission members expires at the end of 2018. Federations will be informed on nominations procedures for the various vacant positions. Chairman mentioned that he would like to see more nominations for the FIM AFRICA Environmental Commission, but that FMNs must also be careful when they nominate individuals. The Environmental Commission, needs members that understand the concepts of Environment and Sustainability, as well as where it slots in with motorcycling. FIM AFRICA Environmental Commission remains one of the most active of all the FIM CONUs and Chairman would like to see this continue in the future.

5.10 FIM RIDE GREEN BOOK

A copy of the FIM RIDING GREEN book was officially presented to the President of FIM AFRICA, on behalf of the Director of the FIM's Sustainability Commission, Ms Kattia Juarez. This very informative book covers the last 25 years of the FIM's environmental policy and highlights the establishment and achievements of the CID (ex-CIE) Commission during this period.

FIM AFRICA's role and contributions are also covered in the book. Limited print of books available, but it will also later be available in pdf format.

5.11 ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

Commission needs to encourage organizers to have an environmental prize after each event. The prize needs to raise awareness of the environment. Sponsorship /Partnership with companies will be ideal to give prominence to these prizes. Communications to be sent out to all Federations with regards to the annual FIM AFRICA Award.

6. GENERAL

6.1 The options and benefits of a Train-the-Trainer programme was briefly discussed. In order for African FMNs to ensure that the FIM Environmental policy is successfully implemented, it is of utmost importance that there must be skilled environmental trainers in every country, which can train other individuals. FIM Africa must create an opportunity to facilitate such training. Chairman submitted a detailed plan to Council before in this regard.

6.2 Chairman mentioned that a Questionnaire will be drafted and send to all FIM AFRICA FMNs to determine the success and/or shortcomings of the current FIM AFRICA environmental training material. It is important for future programme development and initiatives.

6.3 Chairman emphasis that FMNs must ONLY appoint FIM or FIM AFRICA accredited Environmental Stewards at FIM AFRICA events. Will not give approval for SRs and event license, if FMNs ignore these basic requirements for appointed officials.

7. CLOSING

Chairman thanked all members and also the observers for their attendance. Meeting Closed at 12h25 of the 3rd of March 2018.