

MINUTES OF THE FIM AFRICA OFF ROAD BIKE AND ENDURO COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD MARCH 2018 AT EMPERORS PALACE

PRESENT:

TONY ROWLEY	CHAIRMAN
ANDREAS BRENDEL	(NMSF)
ANNE TROUGHTON	(KMSF)
GILLY DYKES	(MSA)
KEVIN WRIGHT	(ZMSA)
DANNY HEENAN	(Observer) - MSA/Swaziland

IN ATTENDANCE: LARBI SBAI (VP – Also representing FRMM)

APOLOGIES: KISITU MAYANJA (Uganda Motorsport Federation)

1) Report 2017 Review.

Namibia; Held 8 (Eight) Off Road events with approx. 60/80 riders including Juniors & Quads. The Namibian Federation has a VP for Four Wheel and a VP for Two Wheel and each VP runs their own bank account.

The Braveman event is now called the **X Race** and will once again be a FIM Africa supported event. This event is scheduled for 31 August & 1 September 2018. This event features a training session on Friday morning. This is followed by a Prologue, in the afternoon going into the evening. This all takes place in front of the Lodge under floodlights. Saturday is the Enduro with Gold, Silver & Bronze routes. These routes are rated on the degree of difficulty and are primarily based on time, with Gold taking a longer time to complete.

Kenya; Kenya Motorsport Foundation which is the recognised FMN for Motorcycles in Kenya with their own bank account, organised 5 Offroad events as well as 5 Rally Raids with approx. 35 riders, and one Extreme Enduro in 2017.

They plan to have 5 (five) Enduro events for 2018. The Central African Cross (CAC) country events are no longer working as riders are reluctant to travel. It has been agreed to have **1 event each year**, alternating between the two countries. Anne has requested for more **Officials Training.**

MSA; Had 6 (six) National Off Road events in 2017 with big entry fields and 7 (seven) National Enduro's.

In 2018 MSA have 6 (six) National Cross Country Bike events and 7 (seven) National Enduro's. There is also a Junior series called "T Bone Series" who have 6 (six) Inter-Provincial events and the GXCC Cross Country events, which is always very well supported.

The Amageza Rally organiser was unfortunately killed in helicopter accident and it is uncertain if the new organiser will run the event under MSA or FIM Africa support/recognition. MSA had 5 (five) riders competing in the 2018 Dakar event.

Zambia: Kevin said that they had 5 Enduro events in 2017 and have 6 Enduro's planned for 2018 as well as 1 Extreme Enduro and the **Livingstone Bike Festival in Easter 2018** being their show case event.

They have internal issues as well as issues with Sponsors monies not going to the intended source. They also need **Officials training** and will be seeking ways to secure an **Ambulance**.

Swaziland: Is a Motorcycle Association and is affiliated to MSA. They have 5 (five) Club enduro's planned for 2018 as well as a MSA National on 1 July 2018.

Zimbabwe: Their flagship event is the **VIC FALLS Enduro** held at the end of April. This is a successful event. Generally enduro's are quite low key with 2 (two) Enduro's being held with numbers of 25/30 riders. There are a great many weekend warriors in Zim. There is no wish to hold any National series.

Morocco: Run 10 events each year, they are MX & Enduro on the same day and are successful events. They also run the **Merzouga Rally** as Dakar qualifying event. Larbi will be requesting that this event has FIM Africa status for 2019.

They have a very strong Environment awareness in their community.

Larbi also gave the group a summary of what the other North African countries were doing. Principally, Mauritania (whom are represented at FIM) Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt & Ivory Coast do not have any FIM activities that he knows about.

2) **Revision of Championship Events.**

We agreed that the **X RACE** had successful formula/regulations, which we should adopt, with a view to re-establishing the **Continental Championships in 2019**. Andreas said it would be possible to have reasonable prize money for 1st 2nd & 3rd.

There is also a possibility that FIM may introduce an **African Enduro Rider(s)** to participate in the world Championship event. Both Marco Comana and the visiting FIM delegate, Mr, confirmed this. Jorge Viegas, and they would seek to cover the entry fee and possible bike hire.

3) **Regulations.**

The following changes were agreed for the revival of the **Continental Championship**.

- **No longer a Team Event.** Individual event only.
- Format will be a 2 day event.
- 1st Day being Morning training & Afternoon/evening prologue under lights in a "Enduro X" style track.
- 2nd Day racing.
- Bronze route to be marked. Race time approx. 3hrs

- Silver route to be marked. Race time approx. 5hrs
- **Gold route GPS ONLY.** Race time approx. 7hrs
- **No more** capacity related classes. Only Bronze, Silver & Gold.
- **No more** age related classes. All riders to be 16 years minimum.
- Number of Officials, will be the barest minimum required.
 - CoC, Chief Scorer, Tech Steward, CMO/CMC, Jury President & Local Jury member (also assuming environmental duties) being the FIM Africa licensed officials required.

It was also agreed that for **2018 all riders must have a sticker on their helmets** that identifies them and their blood group. This information must also be held by **both the COC & CMO/CMC** in order to ensure safe 1st intervention/phase care, in the event of an accident.

4) Any Other Business.

There is a very strong interest from the committee, to adopt the **Namibian timing system**, which is extremely easy to use, quick to produce results and relatively inexpensive. Andreas said he would contact their supplier to see if he could provide this commission with prices and availability.

Andreas will forward the **SR's for his X Race, to this committee**, so that we may draft a set of SR's for the Continental Championship.

Once we have updated our regulations we will then be able to hold seminars to get FIM AFRICA licensed officials trained.

There being no further business to discuss, the delegates were thanked for their time and contributions especially Larbi having to come from Morocco.

Tony Rowley
Cross Country Commission Chairman