

2018 American Flat Track season

Meeting Minutes

5/11/2018

Opening

The 2018 American Flat Track season was called to order at 6:00pm on 5/11/2018 at Turf Paradise in Phoenix, Arizona by Chris Carr.

Present

AG Members. Jeffrey Carver, Cory Texter, Bill Werner, Sammy Halbert, Mike Hacker

AFT Staff. Michael Lock, Chris Carr, David McGrath, Gene Crouch

Agenda Items

Minimum Weights. Consensus is that reducing the weight in AFT Singles in the future wouldn't have a material impact. In AFT Twins, the AG feels the minimum weights are appropriate at the current limits.

Production Twins. Good opportunity for AFT Singles riders to gain experience but riders also need mentoring.

Swerving. Concern about riders swerving and making more than one move to block coming out of the corner. AFT plans future rule changes with a clearer definition of penalties and a process for documenting infractions.

Unleaded Fuel. AFT and Sunoco are researching an unleaded fuel with zero oxygenates for use in the future and have identified the widely used Sunoco 260 GTX as the leading candidate. No major concerns raised.

New Business

Black Flag. Concerns about riders ignoring the black flag, rule definition and the sign board identifying the rider being black flagged.

Track Prep. The sweeper at Texas caused the track to have less grip.

Airfence & Plywood. Plywood and Airfence have been installed at the exits of Turn 2 and Turn 4. Plywood sheets have also been deployed behind every section of Airfence in the corners (3,200 feet).

Going Backwards on the Racetrack. Discussion about the current rule, riders stalling on the start line and the potential need for electronic starters on all motorcycles in future.

Staging. The current rule states that rider and motorcycle must be in staging before the checkered flag of the previous race, unless the Race Director declares otherwise over the radio. AFT makes decisions about staging based on what is best for the riders.

Family and Crew Responding to Crashes. Insurance requirements mandate that only AFT officials and first responders are permitted to respond to riders involved in crashes.

Burnouts. Burnouts are permitted in all forms of motorsport during victory celebrations. Performing a burnout does not prevent chemical analysis from identifying chemically altered tires.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm by Chris Carr. The next meeting will be held at the Red Mile on Friday night, June 1 at 6:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gene Crouch