

# 2019 Advisory Group Meeting #3

## Meeting Minutes

6/28/2019

### Opening

2019 Advisory Group Meeting #3, held at the Lima Half-Mile event, was called to order at 6:00pm on 6/28/2019 by Joey Mancari.

### Present

AG Members. Sammy Halbert, Jeffrey Carver Jr., Robert Pearson, Dave Waters, Brian Bigelow, Mike Hacker

AFT Staff. Michael Lock, Joey Mancari, David McGrath, Gene Crouch

### Agenda Items

1. **Welcome and Intro – Joey Mancari**
2. **2020 Class Structure**
  - a. **AFT Super Twins**
    1. **Team/Entrant based:** *Entrant is the primary point of contact within the team, handling administrative functions.*
    2. **National Numbers:** *Numbers will remain with the rider, stylized fonts/colors will allow riders to build brands.*
    3. **16 Teams / 16 Stars:** *Consistent racing product. Fans will see the same riders competing each and every weekend.*
    4. **Focused communication strategy:** *Focused on building stars, services to be provided to riders/teams.*
    5. **Made for live broadcast:** *Event format will be structured to allow for live TV and international broadcasts.*
    6. **Enhanced rider safety (Leathers, Helmet):** *Approved list for companies producing rider safety gear.*
    7. **Super Twins Paddock & Team Paddock setup:** *Designated marquee paddock for Super Twins.*
    8. **Other Discussion Points:**
      - *Backup bikes may reduce red flag time and help keep the show on schedule.*
      - *Ways to prevent stars missing the race when a bike stalls on the line (mechanics area, starters on motorcycles).*
      - *Teams will purchase season-long entries and can hire any Twins-licensed rider to compete for them.*
  - b. **AFT Production Twins**
    1. **Technical Regulations:** *No major rule changes planned.*
    2. **2020 Events:** *Production Twins schedule to expand to Short Tracks.*
  - c. **AFT Singles**
    1. **Technical Regulations:** *No major rule changes planned.*
    2. **Rider Eligibility:** *Collaboration with amateur races, AFT talent scouts.*
3. **Start Grid and Start Light**
  - a. **New Start Grid layout:** *Examining modifications to starting grid to reduce congestion on race starts.*
  - b. **New Restart Grid layout:** *Restart grid layout may be modified in the interest of safety.*
  - c. **New Start Light and start light location:** *New structure being built that will swing over the track on race starts.*
4. **Testing**
  - a. **2019 official tests:** *Black Hills test replaced with Williams Grove. Canterbury Park may be added.*
  - b. **2020 testing plan:** *Official test events to be announced as part of the 2020 schedule.*
5. **Track Management**
  - a. **Track Prep and Maintenance:** *Proper equipment and protocols recorded for each surface.*
  - b. **Track Services & Safety protocols:** *Formal processes are being defined for track services and safety personnel.*
6. **Timed Main Events:** *Race lengths will be timed in 2020, i.e. XX minutes plus 2 laps, with less time on shorter tracks.*
7. **2019 Postponed Events**
  - a. **Sacramento:** *Rescheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>.*
  - b. **Springfield:** *Doubleheader for the Twins on Labor Day. Plan for Singles to be announced soon.*

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Joey Mancari. Minutes submitted by Gene Crouch.