***Palmyra Dragway Presidents report No: 2 March 2017.***

Sadly we have had to cancel another event due to the wet conditions in the pit area. It will take a week of sunshine and no rain for the pit area to dry out so we can even get mowers back on it.

To follow up on one issue discussed at the March General meeting ANDRA have raised the issue and requested clarification on the current rules regarding protective clothing for bike riders and personal accident insurance. Currently the rule book states that if a bike rider isn’t wearing full leathers they are not eligible to receive benefits from ANDRA personal accident insurance. When I receive clarification I will forward it on to all club members.

Due to the meeting being cancelled, a short notice track inspection was done by myself, Ken Smith (Vice President), Steve Gay, Ross Gay and Ross Bryant. At this meeting the track surface was inspected as well as the integrity of the Armco safety fencing in the braking area. Discussions were had with regard to the integrity of the Armco fencing due to the footings being washed away because of drainage issues and water damming up alongside the track, this has also effected the track surface as the track surface is subsiding from the Armco fence line towards the centre of the track.

All in attendance at this meeting agreed that the integrity of the Armco had been compromised by the water drainage issues in the area. The work required to rectify this situation was discussed and it was also agreed that this would not be a quick, easy or cheap scope of work to complete.

It was with much regret, but with the safety and future of our facility in mind that a decision was made that the track proceed forward running all events and classes at the 1/8 mile distance.

I will be at the track between 10am and 11am this Sunday the 12th of March for those club members that wish to inspect the area in question and have their input into a solution.

Like stated above this was not an easy decision but one that had to be made. We need to as a club now move forward and get our facility back up to a standard were we can safely run ¼ mile again and to a standard were we can run large events that will showcase our sport to the local community, we also need to show a united force that can get the support of the local community to assist us in getting the venue back to its former glory.

You management committee will over the next month develop a plan to go forward and the steps required that will get us to our end position of racing back over the ¼ mile distance.

I look forward to your assistance in moving our track and club forward in a controlled and managed manner back to a major drag racing facility in Qld.

Regards

Glenn Cunningham.