



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2008**

PRESENT: Christine TICKNER Chairperson
Dave MORGAN
Chris PRICE
Ian PACKER

APOLOGIES: Greg MOSS

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Gatt General Manager
Jonathon SMITH Company Auditor

Meeting Opened: 6.25 pm

The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. She also thanked Mr Jonathon Smith of Gilbert Smith Johnson Chartered Accountants and asked him to present to the Directors the Companies 2007 Annual Financial Report.

B3.1 Annual Financial Report

Mr Smith thanked the President and distributed copies of the Financial Report to each Director present.

Mr Smith noted that the company was in a solid financial position. He informed those present that profit for 2007 had increased almost \$40,000 from the year prior. Total income was 2.3 million dollars with 2 million dollars in overheads. He continued that the company had \$338,000 in cash assets and had \$58,000 in interest free loans to clubs.

Mr Smith made special mention of an unusually high superannuation contribution in 2007 of \$107,000 compared to \$31,000 in 2006; however that was partially due to a large one off payment of the retiring CEOs entitlements expensed during 2007.

It was Mr Smith's opinion that the company was in a healthy and solid financial state.

The Directors noted several unusual allocations within the financial reports and requested that Mr Smith investigate these figures prior to the Board accepting and signing the financial report for 2007. Mr Smith agreed to look into these matters and report back to the Board of Directors.

Mr Smith thanked the Board and left the meeting at 6.40pm

B3.2 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 21st February 2008

MOTION #1 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held on 21st February 2008 be received.

Carried

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- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held 21st February 2008 are confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising

Mr Packer made mention of discussions he had recently involving noise metres. He produced documentation indicating that the metre currently being used by Motorcycling Australia is a TECPEL DSL 330 with a DSL336 calibration unit. The Directors reaffirmed that under the current Motorcycling Australia rules as outlined in the 2008 Manual of Motorcycle Sport, the conducting of noise testing is not practical or achievable with the current equipment available on the market. Further the testing and monitoring procedures as outlined in the Manual of Motorcycle Sports would make it almost impossible to perform this task at most, if not all, venues in NSW whilst still complying with the rules.

B3.3 The February 2008 Financial Report

MOTION #3 that the MNSW Limited February 2008 Financial Report be received

Carried

The Directors reviewed the financial report. There were no questions.

MOTION #4 that the MNSW Limited February 2008 Financial Report be approved.

Carried

B3.3.1 Accounts Reconciliation

The Chairperson inspected the Cheques Register for February 2008 and advised that in her opinion the report was satisfactory

MOTION #5 that the Cheque Register for February 2008 of \$170,164.13 be approved.

Carried

B3.4 General Business

B3.4.1 General Managers Report - For the information of the Directors, the GM presented a verbal report on a number of issues that were currently being undertaken in the office

B3.4.1 (a) The Anthony Gobert Issue – The GM noted that it had been one year since the Gobert issue and no further progress has been made. The GM continued that he had contacted the inspector and MA in relation to this issue as instructed at the February meeting. The Directors were informed that a response was not received from the inspector; however the CEO of MA, Mr David White contacted the GM and discussed the issue. The Directors declared that the company needs to move on from this matter, however equally important that a resolution is found. The Directors indicated that if the Board of Motorcycling Victoria were to provide written correspondence acknowledging their actions were incorrect when issuing Mr Gobert a licence against the wishes of MNSW and provide an assurance that a repeat of this will not occur again, the MNSW Directors would consider the matter finalised.

B3.4.1 (b) Update of proposed new SportingPulse Database – The Directors were informed by the GM of the response he had received from MA and Sporting Pulse referring to the concerns raised by MNSW in relation to the proposed contract of agreement for use of the Database. Upon consideration, both MA and SP acknowledge that a majority of the issues raised by MNSW are valid and will require altering prior to the contract being signed.

B3.4.1(c) Comparisons – The GM provided the Directors with a comparison of key indicators of the numbers of permits and licences that are being produced in 2008 compared to 2007. The Directors noted that 268 more licences have been produced to February 2008 than for the same period in 2007. They also noted that 31 more permits were raised within the same period. The GM also presented an extract taken from Australasian Dirt Bike Magazine indicating that official figures released by MA show Queensland had the highest numbers of licence holders in Australia for year ending December 2007. This is the first time that MNSW has failed to have the highest level of licence holders nationally.

B3.4.1 (d) Election Nominees – The GM confirmed that the period for nominations had now closed presented the Directors with a list of nominees for each Board and Committee position. He also indicated that positions on the Ballot papers were drawn by lots by the MNSW office employees (excluding management) and indicated the positions on the list provided. The Directors noted the list and expressed their disappointment in again not receiving any nominees for the Road Racing Committee.

B3.4.2 NSW Junior and Senior MX Championship Supplementary Regulations – Discussion was held regarding the NSW Junior and Senior Motocross Championships Supplementary Regulations. It was noted that a number of errors were present in the document. The Directors were extremely concerned about the format, content and presentation of the Supplementary regulations and instructed the GM to rectify all the issues with these Supp Regs prior to them being published and distributed.

B3.4.3 Junior Coaching Program – As instructed at the previous meeting, the GM presented a comprehensive report into the current structure and procedures involved with the Junior Coaching Program. The report highlighted the value of junior coaching as a risk minimisation method, however recognised that the financial aspect and the availability of coaching to the members is of concern to most riders, parents and clubs. The Directors noted a number of recommendations within the report. They include:

- *Further information be presented to members and riders outlining the philosophy of coaching, its benefits, minimum requirements, coaching availability, coaching standards and prerequisites to gain accreditation on becoming a coach.*
 - *Identify differences between coaches who are club oriented coaches and coaches who derive an income from coaching and implement strategies to distinguish between the services that each group offers.*
 - *Limiting the amount each rider can be charged for coaching under an MNSW member coaching permit. Under this permit, the value of this permit is to be reduced significantly and the rider levy payable should be abolished.*
 - *The formation of an appointed coaching committee who will be responsible for the development of the coaching principles, techniques and programs.*
 - *MNSW to provide up to 30 coaching clinics annually at no expense to hosting clubs with participants being charged a maximum of \$20.00 for the five hour coaching program. This program will enable riders to fulfil the requirement of the junior coaching program. These coaching courses will be held by MNSW appointed Level 2 coaches with level 1 assistants, thus enabling the Level 1 coaches to gain further coaching experience from the Level 2 coaching techniques used at the courses.*
 - *Clubs will be offered the opportunity to nominate two people annually who can participate in Level 1 coaching courses at no charge (usually \$130.00 - \$140.00 per person per course)*
 - *Those wishing to attend Level 1 coaching courses who are not nominated by a club will receive a \$65.00 rebate on completion of the course and successful application for a level 1 licence will be available.*
 - *Permit prices for “professional coaching” will remain unchanged and levies will be required to be paid.*
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The Board of Directors discussed the recommendations and agreed to adopt all for a trial period. The GM is instructed to make an abridged version of the report and forward it to all clubs as soon as available. These recommendations should be implemented as quickly as possible.

MOTION #6 that the recommendations outlined in the report into junior coaching are adopted on a trial basis. The GM is to ensure that the recommendations are implemented as early as possible

Carried

B3.4.4 Correspondence from the Dirt Track Sports Committee – The Directors received the minutes of the February 2008 Dirt Track Sports Committee meeting. There contents were noted.

B3.4.5 Correspondence from the Minikhana Sports Committee – The Directors received the minutes of the February 2008 Minikhana Sports Committee meeting. There contents were noted. The GM is instructed to contact the Minikhana Sports Committee and clarify issues 2.7 and 2.10 and advise the committee to present a proposal to the Board for consideration for both matters.

B3.4.6 Proposed Minikhana Rule Changes – The MNSW Minikhana Sports Committee has presented a number of rules that they consider require consideration for amendment or change. The Board of Directors considered these proposals and agreed with the proposals as presented.

MOTION #7 that the proposed amendments to rules 26.6.2.13, 26.5, and 26.7.28 are to be presented to Motorcycling Australia on behalf of MNSW and the MNSW Minikhana Sports Committee

Carried

B3.4.7 Correspondence from Mrs K Zanesco and Mr A Davies – The Board of Directors noted correspondence from Mrs Kylie Zanesco and Mr Anthony Davies regarding Junior Road Racing in NSW. The Directors discussed the matter and resolved that their previous decision to not support or allow road racing for 9-12 year old riders in NSW is unchanged. It is the Directors position that allowing this type of competition would unnecessarily increase the risk of injury or fatality to these riders as they do not possess adequate strength, stamina and concentration levels to ride a road racing machine at that age on the proposed circuits. The GM is advised to contact Mr Davies and Mrs Zanesco and respond to their concerns individually addressing the issues raised in each correspondence.

B3.4.8 Correspondence from Mr L Rankmore – The Directors were presented with correspondence from Mr Lindsay Rankmore regarding a situation which occurred in relation to rider declarations. The Directors discussed the content of the correspondence and advise the GM to contact Mr Rankmore addressing the matters raised within his correspondence.

B3.4.9 Appeals – The Directors discussed the current appeals process and raised several concerns in which the process of appeals are currently being lodged and dealt with. The GM is instructed to seek legal advice on the current process and determine if a cleaner more transparent method of hearing appeals can be adopted within the rules outlined in the Manual of Motorcycle Sports

With no further business the meeting was closed at 12.15am
