



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 16th October 2008**

PRESENT: Christine TICKNER Chairperson
Dave MORGAN
Ian PACKER
Jan BLIZZARD
Paul CASLICK

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Gatt General Manager
David Hore Chairman – MNSW MX Committee

Meeting Opened: 6.25 pm

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting. She particularly welcomed Mr David Hore, Chairman of the NSW Motocross Sports Committee to the meeting and explained that Mr Hore had made a considerable effort to accept the invitation of the Directors.

B10.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 18th September 2008

MOTION #1 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held on the 18th September 2008 is received.

Carried

- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held on the 18th September 2008 is confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising

Motion 6 – Director Dave Morgan enquired whether any further information had been presented to the Department of Sport and recreation regarding junior quad racing. The GM explained that the submission is yet to be finalised but he had spoken with Sport and Recreation who were collating some information to assist in the submission.

B9.4.2 – The Directors wished to confirm that the discussion paper regarding the Arbitration and Disciplinary Tribunal had been distributed as per the instruction. It was noted that the paper had been distributed and a small number of responses had been received.

B10.2 the September 2008 Financial Report

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

Carried

There were no questions regarding this report.

MOTION #4 that the MNSW Limited September 2008 Financial Report is approved.

Carried

B10.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation

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

MOTION #5 that the Cheque Register for September 2008 of \$160176.58 be approved.

Carried

B10.3 General Business

B10.3.1 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

B10.3.1 (a) Renewal of Business Name – the GM confirmed that the business name of NSW Motor Sports Group did not belong to Mr Rob Madden and as a result has been retained by MNSW for possible future uses.

B10.3.1 (b) AMB Transponders – The Directors were presented with a proposal from AMB Timing to supply MNSW with additional timing kits subject to terms and conditions being met by both parties. The Directors considered the agreement and upon the recommendation of the GM approved the purchase. A submission will now be forwarded to MNSW Properties Limited to request funding for the purchase.

B10.3.1 (c) Dirt Track Committee Chairperson – The Directors were informed that the Dirt Track Committee Chairperson had decided not to accept the invitation of the Directors as per his initial request to meet with the Board. No explanation was offered.

B10.3.1 (d) Officials Accreditation System Review – The Officials accreditation review was discussed. The responses from the committees were noted and a number of small alterations were discussed and agreed. Note was given to the Moto-Trials Committee response which outlined that the officials accreditation system does not effectively work for that discipline. The Directors instructed the Moto-Trials committee to develop a system utilising the fundamentals of the system (points based and role specific) that may be effective for that discipline. Until that model is received, the existing model will be utilised for all disciplines including trials.

MOTION #6 that the Officials Accreditation System Review is accepted and is approved for release to the clubs on the 1st December 2008. The revised document should be posted on the website and reference made to the update in the next newsletter. Committees are to be thanked for their responses and a copy forwarded to them for their information.

Carried

B10.3.1 (e) Code of Conduct – The GM requested that each club be provided with a weather proof sign to be displayed at each venue outlining the accepted Code of Conduct that is to be displayed in a prominent area at each venue. Temporary venues will require the Code of Conduct to be erected at each meeting.

MOTION #7 that the GM is to provide a draft version of the wording to be included in a sign outlining the Code of Conduct. He is also required to get an estimation of costs to supply each club with this sign which will be required to be erected in a prominent area at the venue once approved by the Directors.

Carried

B10.3.2 Discussion with David Hore regarding MNSW committees – A long discussion was had regarding the MX Sports Committee and particularly the lack of relevance it is having in enhancing the prospects of the sport. The Directors were informed of a number of issues that the committee had with the decisions the Board were making and the lack of information being passed back to the committee. The Directors also heard of a number of issues that related to the committee and it being unclear of its role and responsibilities. The Directors and Mr Hore discussed Co-opted members of which the committee had two, communication channels through the chairperson and the Development and Committees Co-ordinator as well as a number of other issues. The Directors thanked Mr Hore for being honest with his comments and his assessment and all present agreed that the committee should be more effective in its roles and that the Board, office and the committee will endeavour to work together to become more relevant.

B10.3.3 MNSW Motocross Sports Committee Minutes – The Motocross Sports Committee Minutes were read and noted. The minutes were discussed with the Motocross Committee Chairperson. It was agreed that no action was required and that the minutes were for the Directors information and knowledge.

B10.3.4 Discussion regarding Dirt Track committee – Further to the conversation with Mr Hore regarding the Motocross committee, a report was presented to the Directors from the Development and Committees Co-ordinator outlining a number of issues he is having with the Dirt Track Committee. Long conversation continued noting that a number of issues with the committees seem to be common and need addressing as the committees are becoming less effective and relevant. It was resolved that the Dirt Track and MX Committee members will be written to explaining the position of the Board and outlining how the committee structure is to be enforced to ensure relevance of each committee in the future. Each Member will be corresponded to individually and encouraged to return comment in writing to the Directors. The GM is instructed to draft the letter and present it to the Directors for their approval.

MOTION #8 that a booklet is to be developed that will inform all current and future committee members of their roles and responsibilities. A structure is to be developed outlining the way all meetings will be run and minutes taken.

Carried

B10.3.5 Bylaw revision – It was noted that the MNSW Bylaws did not have reference to the newly created position of the Development and Committees Co-ordinator. It was agreed that the By-laws will need to be updated to reflect the current roles within the organisation.

MOTION #9 that the GM is to arrange to update the MNSW Limited Bylaws to reflect the current roles within the organisation and report back to the Directors for approval.

Carried

B10.3.6 Correspondence re Stewards Fees – Correspondence was received requesting clarification on Steward payments and whether the second day payment was half the value of the first. The Directors confirmed that is the payment structure. The payment rate was reviewed and all agreed it required to be increased in line with the current economic climate. The new rate will apply for all MNSW appointed roles and will be effective December 1, 2008.

MOTION #10 that all MNSW appointed roles will be reimbursed at the following rates: \$120.00 per day for a single day event, \$100.00 per day for everyday thereafter. A travelling allowance of \$0.50 per kilometre will remain the same. Meetings permitted as day/night meetings will be considered two day meetings. All Stewards, Fuel testers, and assessors should be informed via a mail out prior to December 1, 2008.

Carried

B10.3.7 MNSW Awards – The GM presented the Directors with the current criteria regarding MNSW awards. It was determined that the award structure should make an acknowledgment of long serving Committee and Board members. It was determined that the award structure be amended to include any person who serves two full terms as president will automatically be eligible for an Award of Merit. Any person who serves three full terms upon an MNSW committee will automatically be eligible to receive an Award of Honour. The GM is to determine who is eligible under these criteria and report back to the Directors.

MOTION #11 that the MNSW policy regarding MNSW Awards is to be altered to acknowledge any person having served two complete terms as an MNSW President is automatically eligible to receive an Award of Merit if they are yet to attain this award or higher. Any person who serves three full terms upon an MNSW committee or upon the MNSW Board of Directors will automatically be eligible to receive an Award of Honour if they are yet to attain this award or higher.

Carried

It was decided that owing to the lateness of the hour that the meeting will be adjourned at 12.40am and resumed at 2pm Thursday the 23rd October 2008.

**RESUMPTION OF MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY 23rd October 2008**

The Chairperson thanked everyone for returning to conclude the Directors meeting which was adjourned a week earlier. She noted that Mr David Hore would not be returning for the conclusion of the meeting.

B10.3.8 Dirt Track Revival Plan – As per the instructions issued at the last Directors meeting, the GM and Director Paul Caslick expanded each point of the Dirt Track Revival Plan. The Directors went through the plan analysing each point and discussing its feasibility, worth and use. The Director, Paul Caslick informed the meeting of the proposed Dirt Track Forum that MA is hosting in Port Macquarie on the 9th November 2008. The GM will attend on behalf of MNSW. It was determined that a number of items within the document would be an advantage to the sport in general and could be implemented at state level, however it would be wise to await the outcome of the proposed forum before any instructions will be issued.

B10.3.9 Proposal re Skype – The Development and Committees Coordinator had proposed that MNSW supply each committee members with a Skype headset and program to facilitate the meetings that are currently being conducted via a phone hook up.

MOTION #12 that each committee member outside of the Sydney Metropolitan Area should be provided with a Skype program and headset for use during committee meetings instead of the current ineffective phone conference that is being used.

Carried

B10.3.10 Tamworth MCC – An interest free loan proposal was received from Tamworth MCC to fund the purchase of a fence to border showgrounds and to ignite and facilitate Track, Dirt Track and Speedway competition in Northern NSW. The Directors requested further information from Tamworth MCC.

B10.3.11 Permit Comparison – For the Directors benefit, the GM presented a comparison between the numbers of permits that were issued in 2007 in comparison to the same in 2008. It was noted that till September 2008, there was a increase in the number of permits issued overall with a large increase in recreational/non competition permits (83 permit increase) and a minor decrease in Competition permits (7 permits).

B10.3.12 Official Seminar Comparison – For the Directors benefit, the GM presented a comparison between the number of officials and seminars that were conducted in 2007 in comparison to the same in 2008. It was noted that till September 2008, there was an increase of 12 seminars from 07 to 08. The number of attendees at seminars increased by 32%. All individual seminars represented an increase in their attendance. The Directors were pleased with this result to date. The GM opined that the increase was due to clubs being offered the opportunity to arrange their own seminars that best suit the club and the office facilitating that request.

B10.3.13 Lake Macquarie MCC – An interest free loan proposal was received from Lake Macquarie MCC to fund the purchase of plant and machinery. The Directors requested further information from Lake Macquarie MCC.

B10.3.14 Correspondence from Kevin Corcoran – A submission was received from a Promoter requesting the Directors support in the pursuit of holding a street road race in Centennial Park. The Directors discussed the proposal and agreed to offer the promoter a general level of support pending further discussions. Mr Corcoran was invited to attend the next Directors meeting to discuss the proposal further.

B10.3.15 Correspondence from Dirt Bike Promotions – Correspondence was received from a Private Promoter outlining a possible conflict of interest with the sports committee allocating State Championships and members of the Sports Committee belonging to clubs who have also submitted applications to hold State Championships. It was determined by the Directors that the Sports Committees make recommendations to the Directors involving who hosts a State Championship and the Directors make the final decision, therefore no conflict of interest can be noted as no decision is made. It is anticipated that all members who have a vested interest in any outcome put to the committees for recommendations would declare their interest prior to engaging in conversation regarding that matter. The GM is to write to Dirt Bike Promotions with a response.

B10.3.16 Submission from James Spence Promotions – A submission was received from James Spence Promotions to host the 2009 NSW Road Race Championships. With no other submissions, the application was not passed to the Road Race Administrators for a recommendation.

MOTION #13 that James Spence Promotions be given permission to host the 2009 NSW Road Race Championships subject to the following criteria:
1) - that in accordance with the MNSW Bylaws, all Australian Championship classes as listed in the GCRs must be offered as a State Championship.
2) - that Championship classes must take precedence over all other classes offered
3) - that the meeting must be the NSW Road Race Championships and not part of another series or event.
4) - that all rounds must be conducted regardless of entries received.
5) - that the event must be permitted by MNSW and held within this state.

Carried

B10.3.17 Correspondence from Dirt Bike Promotions – Correspondence was received from Dirt Bike Promotions requesting that the NSW Senior Sprint and Enduro Championship be held in conjunction with the NSW rounds of the Australian Off Road Championships. The Directors discussed the proposal and it was determined that owing to the Australian Off Road Championships being an MA permitted event, that permission can not be granted as all State Titles must be permitted by MNSW.

MOTION #14 that the request for Dirt Bike Promotions to host NSW Senior Sprint and Enduro Championship in conjunction with the NSW rounds of the Australian Off Road Championships is denied.

Carried

B10.3.18 Club Infrastructure Program – The Directors were presented with a proposal outlining a Club Infrastructure Program. The Program is designed to encourage clubs to raise funds to improve their venues by claiming a grant made available by MNSW to match expenditure dollar for dollar to a maximum of \$5000.00 per club bi-annually. The Directors discussed the program at length and made several alterations to the proposal. The Proposal is to be amended as per the Directors requirements and resubmitted at the next Directors meeting for approval. Once approved, the Directors will present the proposal to Directors from MNSW Properties Ltd who will be funding the initiative if approved by both Boards.

B10.3.19 Correspondence Mick Sayer – Correspondence was received from Mr Mick Sayer requesting he be accredited by the Directors to enable him to endorse licence holders as sidecar passengers. The Directors considered Mr Sayers application noting his experience and knowledge.

MOTION #15 that Mr Mick Sayer be accredited to enable him to endorse licence holders as sidecar passengers.

Carried

B10.3.20 Enduro Sports Committee Bylaw amendments – A proposal from the Enduro Sports Committee to amend a number of Bylaws was received. The rationale contained did not clearly outline the Enduro Committees request and therefore could not be approved by the Directors.

MOTION #16 that proposed Enduro Bylaws should be returned to the committee and a clearer more accurate rationale for each requested change be sought to enable to Directors to fully understand the required change.

Carried

B10.3.21 NSW Dirt Track/Track Championships – The Directors read the submissions received from various clubs to host NSW State Titles in 2009. The Directors concurred with the Dirt Track Sports Committee recommendations.

MOTION #17 that in accordance with the recommendations made by the NSW Dirt Track Sports Committee the following clubs be awarded the 2009 NSW Championships. The Nepean Motorsport Club is to host the 2009 Senior Dirt Track Titles, that Panorama MCC is to conduct the NSW Senior Track Titles at Blayney, that Hunter motorcycle Club is to host the 2009 Junior Dirt Track Championships and that Kurri Kurri JMCC is to host the 2009 Junior Track Championships.

Carried

B10.3.22 Correspondence Mr Michael Combley – Correspondence was received from Mr Michael Combley requesting a 4 month credit of his licence owing to an injury sustained at a permitted race meeting that will take four months to heal. The Directors wished Mr Combley a speedy recovery but declined his request as a percentage of all licences are immediately distributed to Motorcycling Australia to cover insurance costs. Mr Combley may be entitled to an insurance claim either now or in the future and the payment of his portion of the insurance policy has been paid in full upon his application for a licence.

B10.3.23 Proposed policy 8.1.1 (Calendar Days) – After reviewing the responses received from clubs and noting that a majority of those responses received were not opposed to the introduction of this policy, the Directors decided to approve it on a trial basis for one year with slight variations for 2009.

MOTION #18 that policy 8.1.1 (Calendar Days) be approved and distributed to all clubs and Private Promoters.

Carried

B10.3.24 Proposed policy 8.1.2 (Freestyle Permits) – Since no objections were presented to the proposed policy documents 8.1.4, the Directors endorsed the policies. The GM is instructed to prepare the final draft for the Directors to sign and to distribute the prepared, signed copy to all clubs.

MOTION #19 that policy 8.1.2 (Freestyle permits) be approved and distributed to all clubs and Private Promoters.

Carried

B10.3.25 Proposed policy 8.1.3 (Practice Days) – After reviewing the responses received from clubs and noting the responses received were greatly varying in relation to the introduction of this policy, the Directors decided to approve it on a trial basis for one year with a number of variations for 2009.

MOTION #20 that policy 8.1.3 (Practice Days) be approved and distributed to all clubs and Private Promoters.

Carried

B10.3.26 Junior Road Racing – The GM spoke regarding junior road racing and outlined to the Directors his thoughts after speaking with numerous riders, parents, promoters and officials as well as attending junior road race meetings. Prior to developing a report outlining his recommendations for the Directors, the GM briefly outlined his recommendations to note any objections. The Directors agreed with the GMs initial suggestions and instructed him to prepare a final report. It was noted that a final report can not be submitted until information is received from MA regarding the submission that was put to the MA Commission to initially approve this age group of racing.

B10.4 From the President

B10.4.1 New Premises – The President informed the Directors that MNSW Properties had purchased new premises at 9 Parkes Street, Parramatta. The Directors discussed the new premises at length and were extremely positive about the purchase. All agreed that Motorcycling NSW Limited should relocate to the new building and that this would cause the least amount of inconvenience if it were done during the Christmas closure.

MOTION #21 that Motorcycling NSW Limited will take up occupancy at 9 Parkes Street, Parramatta.

Carried

B10.4.2 MA Council meeting Agenda Items – The President is scheduled to attend the MA Council meeting and is required to submit any agenda items for discussion. The Directors discussed a number of issues and it was decided that the President should submit agenda items relating to the rationalisation of licence types, the implementation of a family licence or tiered licence fees and the ratification of official state team events at National Junior Championships. The Directors agreed with these topics and endorsed the Presidents submissions.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7.00pm
