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## MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008

**PRESENT:** Christine TICKNER Chairperson  
Dave MORGAN  
Jan BLIZZARD  
Ian PACKER

**APOLOGIES:** Paul CASLICK

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel Gatt General Manager  
Kerrie Mulyk Office Manager

**Meeting Opened:** 5.40pm

The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

### **B11.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**MOTION #1 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on 16 October 2008 be received.**

**Carried**

- (a) Corrections  
Nil

**MOTION #2 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 16 October 2008 are confirmed.**

**Carried**

- (b) Matters arising

B10.3.1(e) Director Dave Morgan asked if the GM had investigated the wording for the proposed Code of Conduct signage. The GM informed the meeting that Motorcycling Australia is currently working on wording for the 2009 Manual of Motorcycle Sports and it would be best to wait until that was completed and use that wording.

B10.3.16 The Directors asked if James Spence Promotions had been contacted regarding his application to host the NSW State Road Race Championships. The GM confirmed that Mr Spence had and that he has responded accepting the conditions stipulated. The GM continued that he intended to write to Mr Spence again in order to ascertain his plans for the event considering the recent confusion regarding the availability of venues for meetings to be conducted.

B10.3.9 Director Dave Morgan asked about the introduction of the Skype system for all committees. The GM responded by informing the meeting that the Development and Committees Co-ordinator was working on securing a suitable deal and means of implementing the system now that it has been approved by the Directors.

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**B11.2      The October 2008 Financial Report**

**MOTION #3    The MNSW Limited October 2008 Financial Report be received**

**Carried**

The Directors reviewed the financial report. The GM explained that there were a number of factors involved in the financials for October. October provided three wage periods as opposed to two in a usual month and the payment of a large MNSW Properties invoice for transponder hire which was claimed in September but paid in October all impacted on the result for the month.

There were no further questions.

**MOTION #4    The MNSW Limited October 2008 Financial Report be approved.**

**Carried**

**B11.2.1      Accounts Reconciliation**

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

**MOTION #5    that the Cheque Register for October 2008 of \$201128.67 be approved.**

**Carried**

**B11.3      General Business**

**B11.3.1      Annual Budget** – The GM advised that an annual budget would usually be presented to the Directors at this meeting each year. He continued by suggesting the proposed budget be held off until after the January Strategic Planning weekend to develop a clearer picture of where any plans may impact the budget in 2009. The Directors agreed with the GMs rationale.

**B11.3.2      Sunday Telegraph Article re NSW State Dirt Track Championships** – The Directors were presented with a clipping taken from the Sunday Telegraph on the 2008 Junior Dirt Track Championships held at Somersby NSW. The Directors were pleased to have the meeting receive such prominent exposure on the back of Wayne Gardner's attendance which drew the attention of the media. The Directors did question the reasons why riders were performing a parade lap without helmets and instructed the GM to discuss the matter with the club and ensure it does not happen in the future.

**B11.3.3      Night of Champions review and update** – The Office Manager provided the Directors with an update on the progress of the Night of Champions. She informed those present that over 500 people have been issued tickets and that it was on track to be success although there was still significant work to be completed prior.

**B11.3.4      Promotion Material** – The GM discussed the need for MNSW to purchase some promotional material that would be able to be used at State Championship meetings to assist clubs and Promoters in ensuring the venues used for these meetings reflected the status of a State Championship aesthetically. He produced a number of quotations for the Directors consideration.

**MOTION #6    that MNSW is to purchase 10 "MNSW" teardrop flags and an inflatable archway to be loaned to clubs hosting a State Title.**

**Carried**

**B11.3.5      It's Your Business Seminar** – Directors Jan Blizzard and Ian Packer gave a verbal report on their attendance at the "Its Your Business" Seminar conducted by NSW Sport and Recreation. It was agreed by the Directors that attended that the seminar was extremely worthwhile and informative.

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**B11.3.6 MA Dirt Track Forum** – The President gave a verbal report regarding the recently held Dirt Track Forum which was convened in Port Macquarie. The response from the President and the GM seemed to be mixed with some small improvements being made but other more significant matters not being discussed or addressed.

**B11.3.7 Correspondence from Maitland Districts Motorcycle Club** – The Directors were presented with a request from Maitland Districts Motorcycle club for sponsorship for trophies for their club awards. The Directors discussed the matter and determined that providing such sponsorship would create a precedent for other clubs that was not sustainable in the long term by the company and thus would be unfair if other clubs did not receive the same sponsorship. As a result the request was declined.

**B11.3.8 Bylaw updates** – The Directors received some proposed changes to the company bylaws from the Development and Committees Coordinator that would update the Bylaws to acknowledge his position within the committee structure. Although the Directors were in approval of the updates, it was considered that the wording needed extra work and would therefore not be approved at that time. The GM is instructed to work with the Development and Committees Coordinator to amend the proposals.

**B11.3.9 Moto Trials Bylaw updates** – The Directors received some proposed changes to the Moto Trials bylaws from the Moto Trials Committee. Although the Directors were in approval of the updates, it was considered that the wording needed extra work and would therefore not be approved at that time. The GM is instructed to work with the Development and Committees Coordinator and the Moto Trials Committee to amend the proposals.

**B11.3.10 Review of Fee Structure for 2009** – The Directors discussed at length the fees structure for 2009. It was agreed by all that the current permit fees should remain unchanged for 2009 with the exception the permit for interclub meetings will be altered so that 2 – 5 club meetings will incur a \$220.00 permit fee (reduced from \$275.00 for 4-5 clubs) and that meetings that are conducted over a period (day /night) greater than 12 hours will be considered 2 day meetings incurring a 50% fee on the original permit fee. Appointed Stewards fees will increase as noted at the previous meeting to \$120.00 per day and \$100.00 for every subsequent day and that licencing fees for Stadium MX and Supercross temporary tracks will increase to \$1000.00 (increase from \$825.00).

Discussion was also had regarding the payment of outstanding accounts. The GM provided information regarding a Private Promoter who is unable to pay their accounts owing to a massive loss in the promotion of an event, although he had already collected the rider entry fees and the transponder hire fees from the rider. The invoices for the hire of the transponders and the rider levies still remain unpaid and are unlikely to be paid. The Directors consider this unfair to clubs as it deprives the organisation income which ultimately is member funded. It was determined that in 2009 all Private Promoters will be required to pay all rider levies and transponder hire after entries close but before a permit is issued. Late entries will be adjusted after the meeting. Those Private Promoters that pay a meeting bond will no longer be required to do so.

<b>MOTION #7 that the alterations proposed to the fee structure for 2009 is to be accepted</b>
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Carried

<b>MOTION #8 that in 2009 all Private Promoters will be required to pay rider levies and transponder hire once entries have closed and prior to being issued a permit. All late entry fees will be adjusted after the meeting.</b>
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Carried

**B11.3.11 Review MNSW Awards** – Further to the discussion had at the previous Board meeting, the GM had made the suggested alterations and additions to the MNSW awards. The GM presented the amended copy to the Directors for their consideration.

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**MOTION #9 that the amendments to the Awards (Section 19) policy is adopted and implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The changes will not be instigated retrospectively.**

Carried

**B11.3.12 Recognition of Service** – The Directors discussed presenting Mr Ron Kivovitch with a gift to acknowledge his contribution and service to Motorcycling NSW Limited. It was agreed that a presentation would be made at the MNSW Night of Champions.

**MOTION #10 that Mr Ron Kivovitch is to be presented a gift at the MNSW Night of Champions in recognition of his service and contribution to Motorcycling NSW Limited.**

Carried

**B11.3.13 Correspondence - Mr Tim Sanford** – The GM presented a series of emails he had received from Mr Tim Sanford in regards to the increase in Stewards fees that was recently announced. Mr Sanford was disappointed that the Directors did not reimburse costs equally for the first and subsequent days of a Stewards posting and that any subsequent days should be reimbursed at the same value as they are equally important. The Directors noted the GMs response to Mr Sanford explaining that the first days reimbursement was greater as it usually involved leaving home earlier, travel time and preparing for the event and as a result was reimbursed at a higher rate than the second or subsequent days. The level of reimbursement does not reflect the importance placed upon the role on the day.

**B11.3.14 Club Infrastructure Grant Scheme** – the alterations requested by the Directors to the Club Infrastructure Grant Scheme were presented to the Directors for their consideration. The Scheme in its altered form was approved and the GM is instructed to send it to MNSW Properties limited for final consideration.

**B11.3.15 Correspondence - Mr James Spence** – Correspondence was received by Mr James Spence requesting that he and Mr Shawn Giles be endorsed as Junior Road Race Assessors. The Directors discussed the proposal at length and agreed to the request from Mr Spence, however Mr Giles, whilst more than likely would also be approved, would need submit his own request as the Directors can not approve a request on his behalf.

**MOTION 11 that Mr James Spence is approved as a junior road race assessor.**

Carried

**B11.3.16 Classic Dirt Sports Committee September Minutes** – The Classic Dirt Sports Committee Minutes were read and noted. It was agreed that no action was required and that the minutes were for the Directors information and knowledge.

**B11.3.17 Classic Dirt Sports Committee November Minutes** – The Classic Dirt Sports Committee Minutes were read and noted. In response to the committees concern regarding the Night of Champions and the decision to invite the Committee member at no charge whilst their partners were required to purchase a ticket, the Directors considered the proposal but ultimately noted that the expense of inviting everyone at no charge would be excessive and that it is the committee member who is making a noted contribution to the sport through the committee and therefore should be invited to the prestigious evening.

**B11.3.18 Moto Trials Committee October Minutes** – The Moto Trials Sports Committee Minutes were read and noted. It was agreed that no action was required and that the minutes were for the Directors information and knowledge.

**B11.3.19 Correspondence Mr Kevin Corcoran** – Correspondence was received from Mr Kevin Corcoran requesting he move his invitation to attend a Board meeting from November to December due to conflicting appointments. It was agreed by the Directors that Mr Corcoran be invited to the December meeting.

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**B11.3.20 Correspondence - Mr Tom White** – Correspondence was received by Mr Tom White requesting that he be considered as a sidecar passenger Assessor. The Directors discussed the proposal at length and agreed to the request from Mr White.

**MOTION #12 that Mr Tom White is approved as a sidecar passenger assessor.**

**Carried**

**B11.3.21 Correspondence Mr Chris Simpson** – Correspondence was received from Mr Chris Simpson concerned about the required level of medical needed for meetings held in Kyogle. He outlined his disappointment in MNSW for enforcing a requirement upon the club to have an ambulance at their race meetings owing to the distance from the local hospital. The Kyogle club has been informed on several occasions that the first comprehensive review in six years of medical standards is being currently undertaken and the policy will be reviewed at the completion of the review. The Office Manger informed the Directors that the medical review is extremely comprehensive and has taken a massive amount of work and effort to acquire and collate the required information to be able to investigate the requirements to best suit our sport. The GM is instructed to respond to Mr Simpson accordingly.

**B11.3.22 Correspondence Mr Stephen Hopper** – Correspondence was received from Mr Stephen Hopper noting his concern about appointment of James Spence Promotions as the host of the 2009 NSW Road Race Championships. Mr Hopper noted that lack of available circuits for Mr Spence to conduct the Championships and his inability to secure a date at Eastern Creek. The GM is instructed to contact Mr Hopper and explain that Mr Spence was awarded the State Titles owing to being the only submission and the alternative was to not hold a State Title at all.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11.25 pm

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