



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 9 PARKES STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 18th July 2013.**

PRESENT Christine TICKNER Chairperson
Ronald KIVOVITCH
Dave MORGAN
Mark FITZSIMONS
Leon SAYERS

IN ATTENDANCE Daniel GATT General Manager

APOLOGIES Nil

MEETING OPENED 3.50pm

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting. She thanked all for attending early anticipating a long meeting ahead with the Directors needing to consider the MA Commission minutes for the 2014 proposed rule changes.

B7.1- Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 19th June 2013

MOTION #1 that the minutes of the Directors meeting held on the 19th June 2013 are received.

Carried

There were no corrections noted

MOTION #2 that the minutes of the Directors meeting held on the 19th June 2013 are confirmed.

Carried

a. Business Arising

There was no business arising

B7.2- Financial Reports

MOTION #3 that the MNSW Limited financial report for June 2013 be received.

Carried

Director Dave Morgan asked if the redundant lines with nil value in the Balance Sheet could be removed. The GM noted he would look into the request and report back.

MOTION #4 that the MNSW Limited financial report for June 2013 be approved.

Carried

B7.2.1 - Accounts Reconciliation

The Chairperson inspected the Cheque Register for June 2013 and advised the report was satisfactory in her opinion.

MOTION #5 that the Cheque Register for June of \$254,276.10 be approved.

Carried

B7.3 General Business

B7.3.1 – NSW Motorcycle Alliance Report – The GM advised that the NSW Motorcycle Alliance Manager was due to attend the meeting and answer questions from the Directors. He continued by apologising to the Directors for the Managers non-attendance however he had been approved annual leave by the GM which clashed with the meeting and did not become apparent until earlier that week. The GM took responsibility for the mix up and assured the Directors that the Alliance Manager would be at the next meeting. The Alliance Manager did provide a written 2013/14 business plan as requested by the Directors previously. The Directors sought further information for the next meeting. To ensure that the Directors received the information they required, the GM noted the requirements. The Directors requested how many members the Alliance currently had, the proposed budget for the division, a financial report on the Alliance to date and a formula for how many motorcycle stores the Manager plans on affiliating. The GM noted that with the proposed demise of the MA Riders Division and the offer of the NSW Motorcycle Alliance to absorb their members that depending on how that situation develops, may impact the information sought by the Directors and the plans of the Alliance. Director Ron Kivovitch noted that owing to him being part of the Riders Division inception and that he would be at MA the following day and that he would discuss the MA Riders Division with MA and would report back to the Directors at the next meeting.

B7.3.2 – Restart NSW Illawarra – The GM noted that the company had submitted an expression of interest for an Illawarra Infrastructure Fund Grant, if successful would assist with the Shoalhaven Motorsport Complex. The grant is similar to the RDAF grant that the company applied for. He provided the Directors with the application for their information.

B7.3.3 – Nowra Motoplex – The Directors were provided a partnership pack for the Shoalhaven River festival suggesting that the Nowra Motoplex provide a stand at the community event. The Directors agreed it was a good idea although it clashed dates with the Motorcycling NSW promoted NSW Minikhana Championships.

B7.3.4 – Oyster Bay MCC Correspondence – Correspondence was received from the Oyster Bay MCC noting the success of the recent Come 'N' Try day held by the club and thanking the Directors for the company's assistance. The Directors were pleased the meeting was a success and encouraged the club to continue its initiative's to improve membership.

B7.3.5 - Insurance for Motoplex – For the information of the Directors, the GM provided a copy of the insurance policy covering the Nowra Motoplex. The Directors agreed that the policy was satisfactory.

B7.3.6 – MNSW Bikes for Junior Road Racing scheme – Mr Garry Thomas provided a report on the use of the MNSW owned junior fun bikes for the junior short course racing scheme. The Directors were happy with the project and thanked Mr Thomas for his enthusiasm and initiative.

B7.3.7 – NSW Dirt Track Sports Committee Minutes – The minutes of the NSW Dirt Track Sports Committee meeting for April were presented to the Directors, with no action required, the Directors noted the correspondence.

B7.3.8 – NSW Minikhana Sports Committee Minutes – The minutes of the NSW Minikhana Sports Committee meeting for April were presented to the Directors, with no action required, the Directors noted the correspondence.

B7.3.9 – NSW Motocross Sports Committee Minutes – The minutes of the NSW Motocross Sports Committee meeting for April were presented to the Directors, with no action required, the Directors noted the correspondence.

B7.3.10 – NSW Speedway Sports Committee Minutes – The minutes of the NSW Speedway Sports Committee meeting for April were presented to the Directors, with no action required, the Directors noted the correspondence.

B7.3.11 – NSW Motocross Sports Committee Minutes – The minutes of the NSW Motocross Sports Committee meeting for May were presented to the Directors, with no action required, the Directors noted the correspondence.

B7.3.12 – Correspondence regarding Rhys Budd and Aaron Tanti – Riders Rhys Budd and Aaron Tanti wrote to the Directors seeking funding to assist in their trip to the Czech Republic to represent Australia as part of the Australian Motocross Team. The Directors were extremely pleased for the two riders' selection in the team however has a policy that funding will not be provided for riders competing as part of a National Team as that falls under the jurisdiction of Motorcycling Australia.

B7.3.13 – Strategic plan – The Directors discussed the need to develop a new Strategic Plan as the old one expires at the end of this year. It was considered that the process should be consultative and include the Sports Committees and any other person wishing to participate. The Directors have instructed the GM to create a questionnaire that will be available for each committee member and any other person to complete online addressing the important issues facing the sport going forward. From that questionnaire, the GM will develop a draft plan which will be considered by the Directors who will determine the measures that each initiative will be considered against. The draft will then be included upon the agenda for a committees forum where it will be discussed altered and adopted when finished.

B7.3.14 – Award of Honour – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mr Michael Fitzgerald to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Honour for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #6 that Mr Michael Fitzgerald is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Honour for his contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.15 – Award of Honour – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mrs Margaret Fitzgerald to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Honour for her outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #7 that Mrs Margaret Fitzgerald is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Honour for her contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.16 – Award of Honour – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mr Paul Hartman to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Honour for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #8 that Mr Paul Hartman is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Honour for his contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.17 – Award of Honour – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Ms Darylene Austin to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Honour for her outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #9 that Mr Darylene Austin is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Honour for her contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.18 – Award of Honour – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mr Robert Johnston to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Honour for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #10 that Mr Robert Johnston is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Honour for his contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.19 – Award of Merit – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mr Barry Morgan to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Merit for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #11 that Mr Barry Morgan is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Merit for his contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.20 – Award of Merit – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mr Sam Philips to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Merit for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #12 that Mr Sam Phillips is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Merit for his contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.21 – Award of Merit – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mr Garry Thomas to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Merit for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #13 that Mr Garry Thomas be recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Merit for his contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

B7.3.22 – Award of Merit – Life Member Jan Blizzard nominated Mrs Christine Tickner to be recommended to the delegates to receive an Award of Merit for her outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #14 that Mrs Christine Tickner is recommended to the delegates to receive an MNSW Award of Merit for her contribution to the sport over many years.

Carried

Mrs Tickner thanked the Directors and Life Member Jan Blizzard for the recommendation however declined the nomination owing to her belief that the service she provides to the sport is rewarding enough and that there are unsung others within the sport who are more deserving than her.

B7.3.23 – Night of Champions 2013 – The GM provided an update for the Directors on the 2013 Night of Champions, he noted that owing to scheduling issues the night has moved back to its traditional date of the last Saturday in November, this year being the 30th November. He also noted that the costs for the event needed to be considered thoroughly as they are increasing with a greater number of riders attending each year to almost reaching the capacity of the room. The Directors discussed the event and decided that the format will remain unchanged however any person who receives payment for the services they render to the organisation, that had previously been invited and provided a ticket are welcome to attend however will be required to purchase their ticket. Further it was decided that recipients of the Awards of Honour and Merit will have their awards presented at the AGM each year whilst the recipients of the Service Star or Life Membership will be awarded at the Night of Champions.

MOTION #15 that any person who receives payment for the services they render to the organisation, that had previously been invited and provided a ticket to the Night of Champions are welcome to attend however will be required to purchase their ticket. Those recipients of the Award of Honour and the Award of Merit will have their awards presented at the AGM each year whilst the recipients of the Service Star or Life Membership will be awarded at the Night of Champions.

Carried

B7.3.24 – Committee Secretary – A discussion was had regarding the Committees Secretaries role and what are the key functions, roles and responsibilities of the position. The GM noted that it was his opinion that the constant speculation and indecision on this matter was unfair to the incumbent Committees Secretary, the Committee members and the membership who relied on the committees to make recommendations that affected their discipline. He continued by offering his opinion that this matter needed to be resolved without delay. The Directors discussed the role at length and several formed the opinion that the Committees Secretary role had taken the responsibility and initiative away from the committees. Further it was discussed that having a Director, as is the case currently would either consciously or subconsciously reserve the true opinion of the committees. The GM gave his opinion that he thought that with or without the Secretary that the Committees were not performing well and were not being proactive in improving their discipline. The Directors agreed. A long discussion ensued.

Director Dave Morgan left the room as the Directors discussed the Committees Secretary role to avoid any conflict of interest.

MOTION #16 that the Committee Secretary position be terminated and the committees revert back to their previous roles and responsibilities as outlined in the bylaws.

Carried

The Directors instructed the GM to provide a report in consideration of abandoning the traditional committee model and considering the MA Commission model which is more successful. He is instructed to consider what changes will be required to the constitution and bylaws for this to occur and report back. It was noted that the membership would need to approve such change should it be decided to proceed with a recommendation to change the existing system.

From the Board

B7.4.1 – Shoalhaven Motorsports Complex Update – The Directors were provided a briefing on the Shoalhaven Motorsport Complex Development application studies and surveys.

B7.4.2 – NDMCC Constitution – Further to discussion at the last meeting, only one Director had provided feedback regarding the proposed constitution for NDMCC. Without further input, discussion on the document is not useful. The Directors resolved to each consider the document and changes and provide a report back to the GM within a week of this meeting.

B7.4.3 – Outstanding Loans update – The GM informed the Directors of the current situation regarding outstanding loans owed to company. The Directors approved the actions adopted by the GM.

B7.4.4 – New database update – The GM provided an update on the new database. He informed the Directors that stage one should be finalised by mid-September which will enable online licencing and permits. Further, he sought permission from the Directors to attend the head office of the developers in Dallas, USA to assist in the final development of stage one and brief them on stage two which should be functional by the end of the year.

B7.4.5 – Inclusion in Bylaws – A discussion was had regarding an inclusion to the bylaws. There is much confusion whether Motorcycling NSW is permitted under the Bylaws and Constitution to promote race meetings with some delegates and members mistakenly believing that the action is prohibited. The GM advised the Directors that neither document makes any reference to the promotion of race meetings. It is considered that the matter needs to be addressed as Motorcycling NSW is currently either assisting on promoting the NSW MX Championships, the NSW Road Race Championships, The NSW Minikhana Championships and the NSW Senior Track Championships at Blayney and should be formalised to avoid confusion. It is suggested that the following bylaw be discussed at the next delegates meeting prior to being included in the bylaws:

That the Board of Directors, from time to time, will promote State Championships events or other events where appropriate to do so when deemed by the Directors necessary.

The Directors agreed to add the bylaw to the agenda for the next delegates meeting.

B7.4.6 – MA Council / State Managers meeting minutes – Director Dave Morgan asked if the Directors could be provided a copy of the MA Council and State Managers meetings as distributed by MA. The President and GM confirmed that the minutes would be provided to all Directors.

B7.4.7 – 2014 Manual of Motorcycle Sports – Director Dave Morgan sought confirmation that Motorcycling Australia was planning on distributing the 2014 Manual of Motorcycling Sport in an electronic format. The GM noted that he was not certain however discussion was had regarding the possible distribution of a thumb USB style drive, or a phone app or posting it in a magazine format on the web. The Directors discussed this at length and instructed the GM to write to Motorcycling Australia noting our concerns with the proposal and to seek clarification on their intentions.

B7.4.8 – Drug Testing – Director Dave Morgan queried if Motorcycling NSW had determined a drug testing procedure as yet. The GM confirmed that the process used by Motorcycling Australia was ready to utilise immediately however the Directors had concerns and considered urine testing invasive. He continued by explaining that he cannot access suitable data to support the use of oral testing unless administered by a third party with the appropriate equipment however that process is cost prohibitive. The GM has agreed to do further investigation into the processes available.

B7.4.9 – Sound Testing – Director Dave Morgan voiced his concerns with the Sound Testing rules as outlined in the Manual of Motorcycle Sports. The matter was discussed at length with Motorcycling NSW having purchased the sound meters ready for use, however owing to the issues with the rules, the seminars to train the users of the meters and the sale of them to the club cannot proceed. The Director agreed to draft a letter to Motorcycling Australia addressing the issues.

B7.4.10 – Motorcycling NSW DVD – Director Dave Morgan noted that some time back the company decided it would produce a DVD to give to all new Minikhana participants in response to an enquiry from the NSW Minikhana Committee. The GM confirmed it had not happened however was not forgotten, only that it was not of the highest priority and he didn't have the time, staff or budget to proceed at this point. The Directors agreed it was useful but acknowledged the GM had greater priorities at this time. The GM suggested that possibly it was something the committee could work on and conceptualize and once achieved the office can facilitate its production. The Directors agreed this was a suitable way forward.

B7.4.11 – National Officials Review Committee – The new chair of the National Officials Review Committee has contacted Motorcycling NSW asking if the Directors would like to recommend a person to sit upon the committee. Whilst the Directors were unsure of the effectiveness of this committee, they did discuss a number of suitable people and resolved to gauge the interest of one person in particular as they believed she would have the qualifications, knowledge and experience necessary to contribute. The GM is instructed to gauge the official's interest before making any representation to Motorcycling Australia.

Director Ron Kivovitch asked to be excused for the remainder of the meeting sighting an early flight interstate the following morning. Mr Kivovitch left the meeting at 10.15pm

B7.4.12 – Motorcycling Australia Commission Minutes – The Directors considered the MA Commission minutes relating to the proposed 2014 rule changes for each discipline. Each disciplines proposed rule changes were considered in consultation with the relevant NSW sports committees responses which were received prior to the meeting.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 1.15am