



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 18th September 2008**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Gatt General Manager

Meeting Opened: 6.35 pm

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting.

B9.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 21st August 2008

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

Carried

- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held 21st August 2008 is confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising
Nil

B9.2 the August 2008 Financial Report

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

Carried

There were no questions regarding this report.

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

Carried

B9.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation

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

MOTION #5 that the Cheque Register for August 2008 of \$207405.67 be approved.

Carried

B9.3 General Business

B9.3.1 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

B9.3.1 (a) Correspondence Re Australian Classic Dirt Track Titles – A number of pieces of correspondence were presented to the Directors regarding the recently held Australian Classic Dirt Track Titles. Although the event was a national Championship and not permitted by MNSW, the Directors were extremely pleased about the positive response to a major event being hosted by an affiliated club. The Directors congratulated the ACT MCC for their efforts.

B9.3.1 (b) Mr Howard Wallace – The Directors were informed of the passing of Mr Howard Wallace. They were further informed that Mr Trevor Bennett had been able to present Mr Wallace his Award of Honour on behalf of the company prior to his death. The Directors expressed their condolences to the family and friends of Mr Wallace.

B9.3.1 (c) Loan Application Lake Macquarie MCC – Lake Macquarie MBC sent in a letter requesting consideration for an interest free loan for plant and machinery. The Directors instructed that the GM is to write to the club requesting the appropriate Sports Development Loan Documents and associated paperwork be completed before the Board can determine the request.

B9.3.1 (d) Renewal of Business Name – An application was received to renew the business name of NSW Motor Sports Group. The Directors instructed the GM to confirm with the previous CEO that the name did not “belong” to him personally and if not to renew the registration for possible future uses.

B9.3.1 (e) Correspondence re Junior Road Racing – A proposal from North Coast Road Racers was presented to the Directors regarding Junior Road Racing. The Directors read the proposal and instructed the GM to consider the points as part of his review for Junior Road Racing in NSW.

B9.3.2 Officials Accreditation System Review – The GM presented a review of the Officials accreditation system to the Directors for their consideration. After some discussion it was determined that the Directors should take the review away and thoroughly read the content prior to the next meeting where it will be discussed. In the interim the GM will distribute the draft to the committees for comment prior to the next delegates meeting.

B9.3.3 Dirt Track Revival Plan – The Dirt Track revival plan that was submitted to the Directors at the last meeting was discussed in consultation with the response received from the Dirt Track Committee and others. It was determined that the GM and Director Paul Caslick should review the response and provide the Directors a report outlining the strengths and weaknesses of each point as well as the time frame to implement, any budget considerations to clubs, riders and the organisation as well as any other relevant information.

B9.3.4 Correspondence Hunter MCC – Further information was received from Hunter MCC regarding their request for MNSW to submit an application to NSW Sport and Recreation to consider the introduction of junior quad racing in NSW. The Directors considered the application and discussed its content. It was agreed that MNSW would provide an application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for their consideration with the recommendation of a trial period.

MOTION #6 that the GM is instructed to make application to the Department of Sport and Recreation to consider the introduction of Junior Quad Bike competition in NSW.

Carried

B9.3.5 Fuel Testing – The GM advised of a quotation he had received regarding the purchasing of fuel testing kits from Deakin University. It was discussed that MNSW should randomly conduct fuel testing at all State Championship meetings and a number of other open and club level meetings. The Directors instructed the GM to arrange with Mr Chris Price to hold a seminar to accredit more fuel testers to facilitate this increase in testing.

MOTION #7 that fuel testing is to be conducted at all State Championship meetings and randomly selected club and open meetings in 2009 and beyond. Further the GM is instructed to purchase the equipment required for testing such as two Digitron machines and the correct testing vials as well as arranging a seminar to accredit further fuel testers.

Carried

B9.3.6 Invitation to NSW State Minikhana Championships – The Blacktown Minibike Club sent an invitation to the directors inviting each to the NSW State Minikhana Championships to be held at Schofields on the 25th and 26th October 2008. The Directors thanked the club for the invitation and confirmed that various members of the Board will be attending the event over the two days.

B9.3.7 Minikhana Bylaw changes – A proposal from the Minikhana Committee to adopt a number of Bylaws was read and declined. Although a number of items were considered to have merit, the GM is instructed to work with the committee and the Development and Committee's Co-ordinator to adjust the proposal and resubmit it for consideration.

B9.3.8 Correspondence the MNSW Speedway Sports Committee – The Speedway Sports Committee has recommended the hosts for the 2008/2009 Speedway State Championships. The Board determined that Tamworth MCC will be awarded the Senior Solo Title and the Junior Sidecar Championships if the date can be changed to 6th December 2008. Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club has been awarded the Junior Speedway Championship but are required to select an alternative date in line with the requirements of holding an open meeting. Solo Speedway Riders Association will conduct the U16s 350cc Championship and the U21 Championship on the 25th October and T&B Promotions will conduct the Senior Sidecar Championships on the 7th February 2009.

MOTION #8 that the NSW Speedway Championships will be awarded to the following hosts: Senior Solo and Junior Sidecar – Tamworth MCC, Junior – Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club, U16 350cc and U21 Solo – Solo Speedway Riders Association and the Senior Sidecar – T&B Promotions at Wagga Wagga on the dates listed above.

Carried

B9.3.9 Speedway Sports Committee Bylaw amendments – A proposal from the Speedway Committee to amend a number of Bylaws was received. The submission to delete Bylaws 2 and 6 and the Bylaws in relation to arriving late to a meeting and closing dates for Championship submissions are approved for alteration.

MOTION #9 that Speedway Bylaws 2 and 6 should be deleted and Speedway bylaws relating to arriving late to a meeting and the closing dates for Speedway championship submissions are to be amended and adopted on the 1st November 2008.

Carried

B9.3.10 MNSW Motocross Sports Committee Minutes – The MX Sports Committee Minutes were read and noted. The Directors have determined that due to a number of inaccuracies, and the incorrect nature of the comments, that the minutes will not be accepted. Further, the Directors have requested that the Committee Chairperson make himself available at the next Directors meeting in October to discuss the direction the committee is heading and the inactivity in looking for the best interests of the discipline.

MOTION #10 that the September Minutes of the MX Sports Committee be rejected due to a number of inaccuracies. That the Committee Chairperson be asked to attend the next Directors meeting to discuss issues regarding the committee

Carried

B9.3.11 MX Sports Committee Bylaw amendments – A proposal from the MX Sports Committee to amend a number of Bylaws was received. The submission to delete Bylaws 1, 2, 2.3, 3, 4.4 and 6 and Bylaws 1 and 2b, 2e and 2f in Appendix A are approved for alteration. Alterations to Bylaw 6.3 is not approved as it needs to be worded better to be enforceable.

MOTION #11 that MX Bylaws 1, 2, 2.3, 3, 4.4 and 6 should be deleted and MX bylaws 1 and 2b, 2e and 2f in Appendix A are approved for alteration and adopted on the 1st November 2008. Alterations to Bylaw 6.3 is not approved

Carried

B9.3.12 MX Sports State Championship criteria submission – The MX Sports Committee submitted a brief on the criteria that they would like to adopt as a basis to submissions for hosts of the NSW State Championships for 2009. The Directors contacted the Committee Chairperson, Mr David Hore to discuss the proposal with him. The Directors decided to support the committee's recommendations. Mr Hore indicated that it was his opinion that further work was required on the details of the criteria and that the committee and the office would work together to clarify a number of issues prior to submissions being requested. The committee requested that clubs and Private Promoters who have already submitted applications to host a State Title be given the opportunity to resubmit a proposal in accordance with the criteria. The Directors considered it would be unfair to limit this to only a select few clubs / Private Promoters who have already shown interest considering the criteria has changed. As a result all clubs and Private Promoters will be given the opportunity to submit a proposal.

MOTION #12 that the criteria set by the MX Committee outlining the minimum criteria for any club or Private promoter wishing to host a State Championship round is adopted. That a request for new submissions be forwarded to all Motocross clubs and Private Promoters.

Carried

B9.3.13 Enduro Sports Committee Bylaw amendments – A proposal from the Enduro Sports Committee to amend a number of Bylaws was received. The Submissions did not contain the Enduro Committees rationale for their request and therefore could not be approved by the Directors.

MOTION #13 that proposed Enduro Bylaws should be returned to the committee and a rationale for each requested change be sought to enable to Directors to fully understand the required change.

Carried

B9.3.14 Correspondence Central Coast JMCC – Central Coast Junior Motorcycle club is raffling a Honda Motorcycle and associated equipment as a fund raiser for the club at the NSW Junior Dirt Track Championships. The club has requested that MNSW donate a licence to the package as part of the raffle. The Directors considered the request and welcomed the opportunity to assist but declined the request owing to not wanting to set a precedent on giving away competition licences considering the need for kickstart and training programs to attain these licences.

B9.3.15 MNSW Dirt Track Sports Committee Minutes – The Dirt Track Sports Committee Minutes were read and noted. The Directors have requested further information from the committee in relation to comments made about the relationship between the committee and the MNSW office, the eroded decision making powers of the committee as well as claims of impropriety made against the GM and the office by the Chairperson of the committee. On further discussion it was resolved that, in accordance with the Dirt Track Committees request that the Chairperson is invited to meet with the Directors on the 22nd October 2008. Owing to the extreme distances of the committee members, only the Chairperson is invited and the remaining members can be contacted by phone on the evening.

MOTION #14 that the Dirt Track Committee Chairperson be invited to attend a meeting with the MNSW Board of Directors. That the GM write to the committee and request further information on statements outlined within the Committee minutes.

Carried

B9.3.16 Proposed policy 8.1.1 (Calendar Days) – A review of the proposed policy document and the responses received from clubs was held over until October owing to the amount of responses and varying comments received from clubs, the lateness of the hour and the need to discuss these at length and in detail.

B9.3.17 Proposed policy 8.1.2 (Freestyle Permits) – A review of the proposed policy document and the responses received from clubs was held over until October owing to the amount of responses and varying comments received from clubs, the lateness of the hour and the need to discuss these at length and in detail.

B9.3.18 Proposed policy 8.1.3 (Practice Days) – A review of the proposed policy document and the responses received from clubs was held over until October owing to the amount of responses and varying comments received from clubs, the lateness of the hour and the need to discuss these at length and in detail.

B9.3.19 Proposed policy 8.1.4 (Guidelines for Supercross Schools) - 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 #15 that policy 8.1.4 (Guidelines for Supercross Schools) be approved and distributed to all clubs and Private Promoters.

Carried

B9.3.20 Proposed policy 8.1.5 (Closure of State Title Venues) - Since no objections were presented to the proposed policy documents 8.1.5, 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 #16 that policy 8.1.5 (Closure of State Title Venues) be approved and distributed to all clubs and private promoters.

Carried

B9.3.21 MNSW State MX Squad Uniforms– the MNSW MX Sports Committee submitted a request for shirts, caps and jackets to be supplied to the selected MX squad that has been chosen from those who will be attending the Australian Junior MX Championships. The Directors agreed to fund the purchase of part of the requested items. The Directors noted their disappointment in the committee for making the request two weeks prior to the uniforms being required. In future any request not received at least six weeks prior to the competition will not be considered by the Directors.

MOTION #17 that MNSW will purchase 26 shirts and caps (jackets not approved) for the NSW MX Squad competing at the Australian Junior Motocross Championships in Western Australia

Carried

B9.4 From the Board

B9.4.1 Award of Honour Nomination – A nomination was received for Mr John Langfield to be recommended to the next delegates meeting to be awarded an MNSW Award of Honour for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #18 that Mr John Langfield be recommended to the State Delegates meeting to be awarded the MNSW Award of Honour for his outstanding contribution to the sport and MNSW over many years.

Carried

B9.4.2 MNSW Arbitration and Disciplinary Procedures – Further to the review of the entire Arbitration and Disciplinary system, Director Dave Morgan compiled a discussion brief outlining some proposed changes. The Directors noted the brief and discussed it at length. A number of small amendments were noted. The GM is instructed to distribute the brief to all invitees of the meeting that is planned for the 6th December 2008 to read and provide input prior to the meeting taking place.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 1.45am