



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 19th June 2008**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Gatt General Manager
Kerrie Mulyk Office Manager

Meeting Opened: 5.50 pm

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting. She welcomed Mr Paul Caslick and Mrs Jan Blizzard and congratulated them on their recent elected appointment to the Motorcycling NSW Limited Board of Directors. The Chairperson took the opportunity to remind all present of their responsibilities involving confidentiality of issues raised within a Board meeting and in regards to the Governance Policy.

B6.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 8th May 2008

MOTION #1 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held on 8th May 2008 is received.

Carried

- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held 8th May 2008 is confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising

B5.3.1 (a) – Director Dave Morgan queried a potential conflict of interest involving Director Paul Caslick holding a position upon the Board of Directors as well as the Coaches Advisory Panel. It was determined upon recommendation of the GM that Mr Caslick remains part of the Coaches Advisory Panel on the condition that a representative of the MNSW Office attends each meeting and that the situation be reviewed in 6 months.

MOTION #3 that Director Paul Caslick is permitted to hold a position upon the Coaches Advisory Panel whilst being a Director of Motorcycling NSW for a trial period of 6 months when a review will be conducted. A representative of the MNSW Office is also required to attend each Coaches Advisory Panel meeting.

Carried

Motion #8 – The Chairperson read correspondence from the former company CEO, Mr Rob Madden, who indicated his acceptance of the offer to name the club of the year award after him. He continued in his correspondence by acknowledging his honour and gratitude at being asked.

B6.2 The May 2008 Financial Report

MOTION #4 that the MNSW Limited May 2008 Financial Report be received

Carried

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

MOTION #5 that the MNSW Limited May 2008 Financial Report is approved.

Carried

The GM requested that the Directors give consideration to possibly opening a term deposit to engage a higher rate of interest with some of the funds currently not being used within the general banking account. The Directors approved the GMs request.

MOTION #6 that the GM investigate the possible options of investing the money now in the trading account which is not currently being used into an at call account to earn a higher rate of interest which would be most beneficial to the members.

Carried

B6.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation

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

MOTION #7 that the Cheque Register for May 2008 of \$245580.71 be approved.

Carried

B6.3 General Business

B6.3.1 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

B6.3.1 (a) Road Race End Cases – The Directors were presented with an official explanation of the Road Race End case rule from the National Rules Interpreter. The GM was instructed to ensure a copy of this rule and explanation is distributed to all Road Race Committees, all Road Race accredited Stewards, Clerk of Course and Scrutineer as well as displayed on the MNSW website.

B6.3.1 (b) Junior Road Racing Correspondence – The Board were presented with correspondence from Mrs Leanne Davies regarding Junior Road Racing in NSW. The content was read and noted. Discussion ensued regarding the matter with several matters stemming from some initial investigations that have been instigated. A letter sent to Viperformance from the Motor Vehicle Sport and Licencing Advisory Committee supporting the decision of MNSW to not allow 9-U13 years Junior Road Racing in NSW at this time was also presented.

Correspondence on this topic was also received from Mr John Langfield. The content was read and discussed, however a number of statements made within Mr Langfields correspondence were noted as being incorrect. The GM is instructed to contact Mr Langfield acknowledging the Directors receipt of his correspondence and correcting the mistakes within for his knowledge.

The GM is instructed to begin formulating a brief on the findings of the initial investigations conducted and present it to the Board upon completion outlining specifically a first draft recommendation on this class of Road Racing pending further reports from various bodies. The GM is instructed to collate as much information as possible from varying sources both in support and against the introduction of the class as a basis for his initial recommendation.

B6.3.2 Correspondence from T Sanford Re Hunter MCC – The Directors were presented with correspondence from Mr Tim Sanford recommending that the Hunter MCC should be able to use the facility for competition at the same time as the private operator on the adjoining track conducts his business; the tracks are part of the same venue. The GM asked for direction from the Board about the best manner in which to handle these issues. The Directors agreed that each venue should be inspected by the GM and a determination made on an individual basis.

B6.3.3 Correspondence AMB Timing Systems – Correspondence from AMB Timing Systems was presented to the Directors. The correspondence outlined a proposal by AMB to enter into a new arrangement in relation to the sale of transponder units. The GM was instructed to continue discussions with AMB and keep the Directors informed of their progress.

B6.3.4 Report Re Seminar Presenters and Venue Inspectors – The GM presented a report outlining the current status of all Seminar Presenters. After a long discussion it was determined that MNSW needs to start considering the possibility of employing an individual to conduct seminars and venue inspections. It was obvious that a new employee would take several years to gain the experience to be fully proficient in these areas so in that time the employee would rely on the current seminar presenters and venue inspectors for guidance and tuition. As the current group of Venue Inspectors and Seminar Presenters decide to retire from these roles in the future, MNSW will be in a position to be able to continue conducting these services.

Correspondence was also received from Mr John Langfield on the same topic offering his services as a seminar presenter. In light of the determination of the Board to commence the search for an employee to conduct this role in the future, Mr Langfields request was warmly acknowledged but is now considered unnecessary. The GM is to thank Mr Langfield for his offer but decline sighting the reasons outlined.

B6.3.5 Moto Trials Committee Correspondence – The MotoTrials Committee asked if MNSW would support an application to Motorcycling Australia for the 2009 Moto Trials Australian Championships to be held in NSW. The Directors indicated support for the application and informed the Committee that application needs to be made directly to MA. MNSW would support the application and event as much as possible.

B6.3.6 Price Comparison – The GM presented a comparison of MNSW fees relative to other SCBs, it was determined that MNSW were more expensive than other states on some permits and less expensive on other permits. Overall the Directors determined that the current MNSW pricing is comparative to other states.

B6.3.7 Service Star Nomination – A nomination was received for Mr Kevin McDonald to be recommended to the next delegates meeting to be awarded an MNSW Service Star for his outstanding contribution to the sport over many years.

MOTION #8 that Mr Kevin McDonald be recommended to the State Delegates meeting to be awarded the MNSW Service Star for his outstanding contribution to the sport and MNSW over many years.

Carried

B6.3.8 MA Coaches Forum – Motorcycling Australia will be holding a coaches forum on the 12th August 2008 to discuss all aspects of coaching. It was determined that Director Paul Caslick would attend the forum with the GM. Director Paul Caslick is invited to present to the Board his recommendations on how coaching may be improved prior to him attending the meeting so the Board can discuss their opinions on the current structure.

B6.3.9 Road Race Administrators – The Directors noted the lack of nominations for the MNSW Road Race Sports Committee at the recent elections. Due to this lack of nominations the Directors are required to invite a suitably experienced person/s to act as an MNSW Road Race Administrator. Discussion ensued and it was determined that three people be invited to accept the position.

MOTION #9 that Mr Chris Baker, Mr Trevor Lusby and Mr Craig White all be invited to form part of MNSW Road Race Administrators until the 2009 Annual General Meeting. If all invitations are accepted, Mr Baker would be appointed the Chairperson.

Carried

B6.3.10 Correspondence re Dirt Track Survey – The MA Dirt Track Commissioner Mr Kevin McDonald had recently contacted all Dirt Track Clubs within NSW conducting a survey of the current status of Dirt Track in NSW. As courtesy, Mr McDonald offered the information to MNSW for their consideration. The content was read and discussed at length.

B6.3.11 Minikhana Sports Committee Minutes – The Minutes of the April 2008 Minikhana Sports Committee were presented to The Directors. The Directors read the minutes and noted their content. The Directors questioned the GM regarding the TTR110 that was referenced within the minutes and what steps he had taken to see if the machine could be added to the 2009 GCR. The GM outlined that the office had contacted MA and they had been advised that usually only the manufacturer can make request for homologation of a machine. The GM advised he would keep chasing it up as it was his opinion that the answer was unsatisfactory. The Directors agreed.

B6.3.12 Correspondence Mr James Spence – The Directors discussed correspondence from Mr James Spence requesting the Directors overturn a decision by the GM to not issue the promoter with a permit for a stand alone meeting to be held in NSW one week prior to the final round of the NSW Road Race Championships. It was the position of the GM that it would place into jeopardy the success of the NSW Road Race Championships by conducting a similar type of road race meeting a week earlier. It was also noted that Mr Spence had not confirmed his proposed dates earlier in the year as requested and it would be unfair on the other promoters that have confirmed their dates to allow another promoter to run a meeting one week prior. The Directors supported the decision of the GM but insisted that the host of the 2008 NSW Road Race Championships be contacted to confirm that the meeting would proceed regardless of the amount of entries received. If the host does indeed provide the required guarantee, then Mr Spence should be informed that his request for a permit would not be granted. If the host of the NSW Road Race Championships could not provide the guarantee then Mr Spence will be issued a permit for the date as requested. The GM is instructed to seek the guarantee and to advise Mr Spence of the Board of Directors decision.

B6.3.13 Dirt Track Committee Minutes – The Directors were presented with minutes from the Dirt Track Committee meeting. The Directors read the minutes and noted their content. The GM is instructed by the Board to fulfil the request of the committee by sending correspondence to all Stewards and Clerk of Course officials requesting more care be taken when completing officials' reports.

B6.3.14 Request- Mr D Fisher – All present discussed a request from Mr David Fisher from Temora requesting approval for three level one officials to officiate at a practice day in lieu of a single level 2 official that is currently required as a minimum at a practice day. Temora MCC would be conducting a practice day that weekend. The Board determined that due to the short time frame required for a decision for Mr Fisher that the request would not be approved prior to the Temora Practice day the following weekend but would be considered when the proposed policies are discussed.

B6.4 From the President

B6.4.1 Committees Forum - The President and the Directors discussed the Committees' Forum which was held the weekend before at Granville. All the Directors enjoyed the day and considered it extremely beneficial in improving the communication between the Committees and the Board. It was considered that the employment of Mr Pena Mariner, Development and Committees Co-ordinator would also assist in improving communication. A number of issues that were raised in the personal meetings between the Committees and the Board were discussed at length and a number of instructions given to the GM and Office Manager. Overall the concept was thought to be extremely worthwhile and it was determined that a similar type of event will be held annually on the final weekend of May each year. Conversation continued in how the meeting could be improved and if a longer meeting would be beneficial.

B6.5 From the Board

B6.5.1 Sound Level Meter – Eastern Creek – Director David Morgan discussed the Sound Level Meter at Eastern Creek International Raceway and the rumour circulating at the last event that it was apparently not functioning. It was speculated to Mr Morgan at the event that the meter would not be repaired as ARDC; the proprietor of Eastern Creek was not in a financial position to be able to get the meter repaired. Although this seemed by the Directors to be ill-informed speculation and highly unlikely, the GM is instructed to contact Mr Geoff Arnold to ascertain the facts of the matter and see if MNSW can assist in anyway in getting the meter repaired.

B6.5.2 Registered Riding numbers – Road Race Solos – Director Jan Blizzard raised the issue of MNSW ensuring that registered riding numbers for NSW Road Racers are restricted to two digits. This would ensure that lap scoring and timekeeping would be simpler as three digit numbers reduces the size of the numbers and thus making it harder to see. The GM is instructed to investigate the matter.

B6.5.3 Theft of Machines - Director Dave Morgan gave an update in regards to the theft of Allen Burt's motorcycles around 10 years ago. The three machines hold untold Historic value in the Road Race Community and an estimated monetary value of \$200,000. He was pleased to inform the meeting that the Police recently apprehended and charged several individuals in relation to the theft after an investigation that has continued for almost ten years. Two men from Sanctuary Point have been charged, their court appearance has been adjourned and transferred from Nowra to Parramatta Local Court where the matter will be mentioned on 10.07.08. Mr Morgan congratulated the NSW Police responsible for an outstanding effort and persistence. Although the machines have not yet been recovered, it is thought that there may be some hope of the machines being found.

B6.5.4 Correspondence Motorcycling Victoria – The Directors discussed correspondence drafted to Motorcycling Victoria outlining the disappointment of MNSW relating to MV not acting in manner that promotes co-operation between SCBs. The correspondence sighted the Gobert Issue as well as the recent reluctance of MV to give permission for MNSW to permit the NSW State Enduro Championships which was being run by NSW affiliated Holbrook MCC in Victoria. As a result of MV's reluctance, the meeting was postponed and a new venue will be found within NSW. The Directors discussed this apparent lack of co-operation and were unanimous in their resolve to correspond with Victoria outlining their frustration. It was also decided that the arrangement currently held with Victoria regarding riders that live within close proximity of Victoria being able to be licensed in Victoria although they are NSW residents will end immediately, sighting the lack of co-cooperation being shown by Motorcycling Victoria as the reason.

B6.5.5 Central Coast Off Road – The Directors were presented with a proposal and Business Plan by Central Coast Off Road, who is endeavouring to construct a ride park in Somersby, on the Central Coast of NSW. The Directors considered the proposal and were informed by the GM that during a meeting between proprietors of the venue, the Office Manager and the GM, that discussion had taken place regarding MNSW assisting in a financial capacity with a substantial amount of funds being loaned to the proprietors. The Directors were informed that the proposal was for a loan arrangement only, with MNSW not holding any equity in the facility. The Directors discussed the proposal and decided against considering the matter further.

<p>MOTION #9 that the GM contact the Proprietors of Central Coast Off Road and inform them the Directors have decided against providing any funding or entering into any loan arrangements for the proposed ride park in Somersby.</p>

Carried

B6.5.6 It's Your Business Seminars – Director David Morgan informed the meeting that as part of the funding agreement with NSW Sport and Recreation that all Directors were required to undertake the "It's Your Business" seminar. The President Christine Tickner and Director David Morgan have completed the seminar; Directors Jan Blizzard, Paul Caslick and Ian Packer are still required to attend. The GM is instructed to confirm the dates of the next seminar and enrol the Directors that have yet to complete the seminar into it.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 12.20am
