



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2008**

PRESENT: Christine TICKNER Chairperson
Dave MORGAN
Chris PRICE
Ian PACKER

APOLOGIES: Greg MOSS

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Gatt General Manager

Meeting Opened: 6.00 pm

The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. She noted the apology of Director Greg Moss who had prior coaching commitments in Western Australia.

B2.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 17th January 2008

MOTION #1 That The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on 17th January 2008 be received.

Carried

- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 That the Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 17th January 2008 are confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising

B1.3.1 (a) – Director Dave Morgan requested an update of the repair to the speedway gates which were damaged in South Australia in late 2007. The GM informed the meeting that three separate attempts to get the gates repaired were unsuccessful and further investigation will need to be done to find an appropriate company who can adequately repair the gates to their previous state.

B1.3.4 – The meeting requested if correspondence had been forwarded to Mr Papa as instructed. The GM confirmed that the correspondence had been sent and that he had spoken with Mr Papa who understood the Boards position on the matter and thanked the Board for the consideration.

B1.3.1 (b) – The GM informed the meeting that the recently acquired Speedway Bikes had been used recently in Tamworth by the club. The meeting was also informed that they again will be used on the coming weekend. The Directors were informed that as yet other clubs have not requested use of the machines, but the GM intends on inviting other clubs to use the machines when they are returned from Tamworth.

B2.2 The January 2008 Financial Report

MOTION #3 That the MNSW Limited January 2008 Financial Report be received

Carried

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

MOTION #4 That the MNSW Limited January 2008 Financial Report be approved.

Carried

B2.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation

The Chairperson inspected the Cheques Register for January 2008 and advised that in her opinion the report was satisfactory. She noted that significant payments were made in January to cover the first and second layer of the insurance coverage.

MOTION #5 That the Cheque Register for January 2008 of \$215310.78 be approved.

Carried

B2.3 General Business

B2.3.1 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

B2.3.1 (a) The Appeal of Mr Ian Tydd – The GM informed the Directors of the determination of the appeal lodged by Messrs Tydd, Wicks and Langfield to the Appellate Body. He presented a copy of the Appellate Body determination on the matter. The Board of Directors noted the result.

The Board of Directors discussed the individuals who are appointed to the Arbitration and Disciplinary Tribunal as well as the inspectors who are engaged from time to time. It was decided that another inspector should be appointed as well as another member for the Arbitration and Disciplinary Tribunal.

MOTION #6 That Mr Tim Sandford be invited to join the Arbitration and Disciplinary Tribunal and that Mr Barry Morgan is invited to become an MNSW appointed inspector.

Carried

B2.3.1(b) Proposed sale of transponders to Mr Kevin Williams – The Directors were informed of a conversation the GM had with Mr Kevin Williams regarding the possible sale of a transponder system to Mr Williams. The current transponder agreement with Williams Event management has another 12 months till its expiry, so it was decided by Mr Williams and the GM to revisit the matter around August of 2008 as there was no rush to resolve it at this time.

B2.3.1(c) Recent calendar meetings – The GM and the Office Manager recently conducted calendar setting meetings in the Hunter and Riverina areas of NSW. As part of those meetings all clubs present were invited to ask questions and discuss issues facing the sport at this time. The GM reported to the Board that the points of major concern to the clubs at this time are Junior Coaching and the current coaching structure, Officials and Seminars as well as availability of calendar dates to conduct meetings. The GM reported that the meetings were all positive and healthy conversation took place in regards to these issues with all clubs present. The matters were discussed comprehensively by the Board and a number of resolutions decided:

MOTION #7 That the GM is to prepare a comprehensive report on Junior Training and Coaching to present to the Board of Directors at the March 2008 Board Meeting addressing the points raised by the Board and clubs and that the GM is to make regular visits to clubs to understand the issues currently facing clubs and that the minimum number of attendees for seminars to be held should be reduced to promote the seminars being attended by those wishing to attend.

Carried

B2.3.1 (d) Policy review – The Directors were presented with a number of policies from the GM that were discussed at the January meeting. The Directors discussed the policies and requested a number of changes be made. Once done these policies should be presented to the members for feedback prior to being implemented.

B2.3.2 Noise Meters and Noise Testing – The Directors were presented with a proposal from the GM regarding the purchase of noise meters and the implementation of noise testing at meetings. It was determined that under the current Motorcycling Australia rules as outlined in the 2008 Manual of Motorcycle Sport, the conducting of noise testing is not practical or achievable with the current equipment available on the market. Further the testing and monitoring procedures as outlined in the Manual of Motorcycle Sports would make it almost impossible to perform this task at most, if not all, venues in NSW whilst still complying with the rules.

B2.3.3 Awards Evening – The MNSW Board of Directors resolved that commencing in 2008, MNSW will conduct an Awards and Presentation evening to be held in late November or early December of each year. The awards night will acknowledge the State Champions of each discipline who will be awarded their State Championship Medallions on the evening, an official of the year as elected by the Board upon nominations by clubs, A person within each discipline who has shown outstanding character throughout the year, and a club of the year who will be awarded a Perpetual Shield, club of the year will be selected by the office staff of MNSW (excluding the GM), based on a pre-determined criteria.

B2.3.4 Correspondence from the Motocross Committee – The Directors read the Motocross Sports Committee minutes and noted their contents. The Directors also noted that the MX committee was not a properly convened meeting as a quorum of members was not present. The committee is reminded that a quorum can only consist of elected committee members; others present at the meeting are visitors.

B2.3.5 Correspondence from the Dirt Track Sports Committee – The Directors read the Dirt Track Sports Committee minutes and noted their contents. The GM is instructed to contact the Dirt Track Sports Committee and seek clarification on a number of issues within the minutes prior to the Directors being able to respond.

B2.3.6 Light Meter – The correspondence from the Motocross Sports Committee regarding the accuracy of the MNSW owned light meter was discussed. The meter was tested for accuracy against a second and third light meter which are privately owned and maintained. The results indicated identical readings being achieved by all three machines. The preliminary assessment conducted show the light meter is functioning correctly.

B2.3.7 Correspondence from the Speedway Sports Committee – The Speedway Sports Committee presented a proposal to supply the committee with Skype kits in order to conduct their meetings via the internet. The estimated quote was approved by the Directors on the provision that each member of the committee had access to a broadband internet service and that the entire committee were supportive of the idea.

MOTION #8 That the proposal for the Speedway Sports Committee to be provided with Skype is approved subject to the committee providing confirmation of each member supporting the use of Skype and that each has access to a broadband internet service.

Carried

B2.3.8 Correspondence from MA re Environmental Officers Course – The Directors were asked to nominate individuals to motorcycling Australia for an Environmental Officers Course that MA are to conduct. The Directors requested to know what the course and position entailed prior to making any nominations.

B2.3.9 9-12 years Junior Road Racing – The GM presented two pieces of correspondence regarding Junior Road Racing (9-12 years) received from Mrs Jennifer Diles of Viper performance and Mr Paul Edwards of MRRDA. The Directors discussed the matter and resolved that their previous decision to not support or allow road racing for 9-12 year old riders in NSW is unchanged. It is the Directors position that allowing this type of competition would unnecessarily increase the risk of injury or fatality to these riders as they do not possess adequate strength, stamina and concentration levels to ride a road racing machine at that age on the proposed circuits. The GM is also instructed to inform Mr Edwards (MRRDA) and Mrs Diles (Viper performance) that MNSW has a duty to serve to its members, of which they are neither.

B2.3.10 Second Circuit at Bathurst – Mr David White of Motorcycling Australia sent a letter to the GM which was presented to the Directors. It informed MNSW that Mr White will be arranging a meeting with Bathurst City Council within the next 3-4 weeks regarding the proposed second circuit at Mount Panorama. The Directors acknowledged the correspondence and requested that an MNSW representative be present at the proposed meeting.

B2.3.11 Youth Motorsport Expo – Blacktown City Council is holding the Youth Motorsport Expo at Blacktown Olympic Park on the 12th April 2008. The council has forwarded correspondence to MNSW inviting the company to hold a display or stall. The Directors discussed the proposal and agreed that it may be beneficial if representatives of Blacktown and Baulkham Hills Minikhana Clubs were invited to attend to promote junior rider involvement and promote Minikhana as a safe, well supervised and family orientated discipline in the local area. The Directors also noted that the Expo may be an opportunity to display the recently acquired Speedway Bikes as they are rather unique and may create some interest to the display.

B2.3.12 Track Inspections prior to MX State Titles – Director Mr Ian Packer proposed that the venue where each round of the NSW Motocross should be inspected prior to the meeting. It was Mr Packers opinion that the venues should be inspected as the venues were selected by the promoter hosting the event, not the MNSW Board as per previous years and that the venues need to be suitable for a meeting of that status. The Board of Directors agreed and instructed the GM to ensure inspections are conducted.

B2.3.13 Enquiry regarding the Gobert affair – Director Mr Dave Morgan asked in relation to the Gobert Affair and if we have heard back from the appointed inspector. The GM had informed the Directors that we had not heard anything further from the inspector or MA on the matter. The GM is instructed to contact the inspector and ascertain if any progression had been made on the matter.

B2.3.14 Wakefield Park – The Directors were informed that the previous manager of Wakefield Park, Mr Garry Wilmington is no longer an employee of that company and that the venue is under new management. It was suggested that the GM and the President travel to Goulburn to meet with the new management team. The GM was instructed by the Directors to arrange a suitable time with the Wakefield Park management and Mrs Tickner.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 1.00am
