



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD AT 9 PARKES STREET, HARRIS PARK  
ON TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2014.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Christine TICKNER</b> <b>Ron KIVOVITCH</b> <b>Leon SAYERS</b> <b>David MORGAN</b> <b>Mark FITZSIMONS</b>	Chairperson
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>Daniel GATT</b> <b>David WHITE</b> <b>Stephen FOODY</b>	General Manager CEO Motorcycling Australia President Motorcycling Australia

## **APOLOGIES**

**MEETING OPENED** 3.10pm

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting, she especially thanked Mr David White, CEO of Motorcycling Australia and Mr Stephen Foody, President of Motorcycling Australia for their attendance.

The Directors voiced their concerns regarding the sound rules and the process that is required to be undertaken in order for compliance with those rules. The issues with sound testing that were discussed were:

- There was no specified number of machines which were to be tested at each event
- The process and whether it had the potential to damage some machines
- Whether ride by testing for all disciplines and machines should be an option
- Whether 2 stroke machines and classic / historic machines were exempt from the two metre max rule
- Whether there is FIM standard that this relates to and how the rule came about
- The use of the 3 month sound sticker and its introduction into the rule book
- A noise testing seminar to be held in NSW
- David Morgan to attend the first round of the MX Nationals with David White to observe the testing in situ.

After a long discussion the Directors and the Motorcycling Australia representatives agreed that the matter would not be resolved on the night, however were accepting that the rules for 2014 were unlikely to be changed. It was agreed that David Morgan would draft alternate rules for noise testing which would be submitted via the usual rule change process and that the MA CEO would ensure that they were fully considered and feedback provided. This compromise was satisfactory to the Directors subject to rules involving the compliance sticker to be added to the 2014 rule book, a sound seminar to be held in NSW and David Morgan to attend an event with David White to conduct and observe sound testing in both forms taking place to compare the results and then reporting back to the Motorcycling NSW Directors.

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The GM enquired whether MA would be printing GCRs for each venue. Whilst MA's intention is not to supply any printed copies, the CEO of MA agreed to investigate supplying a printed copy to each licenced venue and to each seminar presenter and staff of SCBs. He also assured that a printable file will be made available to MNSW.

Director David Morgan queried fuel testing, the CEO of MA noted that he was investigating options to continue fuel testing and would report back by the end of March with an answer. Discussion was had about the finalisation of the MA medical standards plan, the CEO of MA noted that it was still in draft form and work was continuing on its content. The Directors noted its importance and sought confirmation from the CEO that this would hold a high priority which they were assured it would have.

With no further questions, both the CEO of MA and the President of MA thanked the Directors and left the meeting at 5.30pm.

### **B1.1- Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**MOTION #1 that the minutes of the Directors meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 is received.**

**Carried**

There was no corrections noted

**MOTION #2 that the minutes of the Directors meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 are confirmed.**

**Carried**

#### **a. Business Arising**

**12.3.9** – Director Ron Kivovitch asked if there was any response to the correspondence sent to Nepean Motor Sports Club. The GM confirmed that he had only received one piece of reply correspondence to date.

**11.3.13** – Director Dave Morgan enquired if the office had received feedback on the decision of the Directors regarding two disciplines held at one venue. The GM confirmed that he had received some queries and noted the frustration of a small number of clubs and Motorcycling NSW staff who are unable to explain the decision made when required.

There was no further business arising.

### **B1.2- Financial Reports**

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

**Carried**

- a. The Directors asked what the "Transponder Rebate" cost centre referred to. The GM noted that the company had entered into a rebate scheme for the use of transponders with a hirer who used a large amount of transponders annually.

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

**Carried**

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### **B1.2.1 - Accounts Reconciliation**

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

**MOTION #5 that the Cheque Register for December 2013 of \$354505.62 be approved.**

Carried

### **B1.3 General Business**

**B1.3.1 – Insurance totals 2014 –** The GM provided a comparison between the 2013 insurance premiums and the 2014 premiums. He noted that owing to a redistribution of the ratio of licence holders, that the Motorcycling NSW premium is actually reduced for 2014. The Directors were satisfied with the premium.

**B1.3.2 – Motorcycling Australia Board of Directors minutes –** The Directors were presented with the Board of Directors meeting minutes from Motorcycling Australia for their information.

**B1.3.3 – Prize money at club meetings –** The Directors discussed payment of prize money at closed to club meetings. Previously it was not permitted however over the last few years it had become so. The Directors discussed it at length and determined that the payment of prize money of any nature is prohibited from club meetings. Further it was determined that prize money is permitted at interclub events however if prize money is offered than the permit fee will be the same as an open meeting and the officials must be level 3 or higher. If prize money at any interclub is not offered, than level 2 officials are required and the permit fee is as noted on the fee structure. Prize money is permitted at open meetings. It was also resolved that the maximum amount of clubs to form an interclub meeting is 6 any event where more than six clubs are invited must be an open meeting. The GM is instructed to amend the fee structure and the “running a meeting” document to reflect the changes.

**MOTION #6 that prize money is only payable at open meetings or interclub meetings. For any interclub meeting where prize money is offered, the permit fee will be the same as an open and must have level 3 officials. The maximum number of clubs permitted at any interclub meeting or series is 6.**

Carried

**B1.3.4 – Death at Louee –** The Directors were informed of a member of an affiliated club who recently passed away after an accident at an unaffiliated social ride venue. The Directors offered their condolences to the family and friends of the rider.

**B1.3.5 - Canberra Bulls** – The GM presented correspondence from the Canberra Bulls Speedway club seeking a commitment for funding if they were successful in obtaining land to build a facility. The Directors discussed the matter at length and were unable to make such a commitment at this time.

**MOTION #7 that a commitment to funding is provided to the Canberra Bulls Speedway club if they are successful in obtaining a parcel of land**

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**B1.3.6 – Bi Monthly delegates meeting –** Director Ron Kivovitch raised the matter of the recent cancellation of the delegates meetings owing to a lack of quorum. The Directors were extremely concerned about this and discussed the matter at length including a number of initiatives that may improve attendance. The GM offered to construct a questionnaire on behalf of the Directors to help to better understand the reasons on why the attendance has been so poor enabling the Directors to determine ways to improve the meetings. The Directors thought this was a good idea and asked the GM to do so.

**B1.3.7 – Road Race Sports Committee December minutes –** The Directors were presented with the minutes of the Road Race Sports Committee minutes, with no action required by the Directors, the minutes were noted.

**B1.3.8 – Championship Classes –** The Directors discussed the classes that were recommended to be included in each disciplines State Championship. The Directors resolved that the GM would prepare a document outlining the State Championship requirements and present it to the Directors.

**B1.3.9 – MotoDNA –** As requested by the Directors, MotoDNA had submitted a proposal for the Directors consideration seeking sponsorship for their training and education Program. The Directors would not commit financially to the program although noting the value it contains. They did agree to become the official insurance provider for all NSW MotoDNA courses in return for prominent advertising and exposure. The GM is instructed to finalise the agreement subject to acceptance by the Directors and MotoDNA.

**B1.3.10 – Strategic planning questionnaire –** The GM presented a draft questionnaire regarding the company's new Strategic plan. The Directors were satisfied with the document and instructed the GM to send it to all affiliated clubs, Life Members and Committees.

**B1.3.11 – Board meeting discussion –** Director Ron Kivovitch submitted a document which in his opinion would ensure the meetings concluded in a timely manner. It was suggested that the meetings must be more formally controlled, only those items placed upon the agenda discussed, any item placed on the agenda by the GM is only discussed if queried by a Director, no additional items presented by Directors if not placed upon the agenda, and concise contributions by the Directors on all topics. This document was discussed vigorously and at length by the Directors, however no resolution was achieved.

**B1.3.12 – Resignation Ray Pickering –** Dirt Track Committee member Ray Pickering has resigned his position upon the Dirt Track Sports committee sighting work commitments. The Directors thanked Mr Pickering for his contribution over a number of years. It was decided by the Directors that owing to the upcoming elections where Mr Pickering's term was to expire and the process to fill a casual vacancy must undertake, it would be simpler to not call for nominations to fill the vacancy but offer the position for nomination at the election.

**B1.3.13 – Outstanding Loan –** The GM provided an update on the outstanding loan to the Directors.

**B1.3.14 – Minikhana Sports Committee minutes –** The Minutes of the October Sports Committee were presented to the Directors, with no action by the Directors required, the minutes were noted.

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**B1.3.15 – Life Membership** – Director Ron Kivovitch asked that the Directors consider Mr Len Main as a Life Member as it was the opinion of Mr Kivovitch that Mr Main was a Life Member of the ACU and that Motorcycling NSW accepted the ACU Life Members as Motorcycling NSW Life Members at the conclusion of the ACU and commencement of that company and that Mr Main was mistakenly not included at that time. The Directors discussed this matter and it was determined that this was not an error at the time but acknowledgement of those that were still “active” when this occurred. After long discussion, no motion was raised.

**B1.3.16 – Dirt Track Sports Committee Minutes** – The Directors were presented with the minutes of the January Sports Committee meeting; the committee responded to the Directors previous enquiries however a number of their comments were factually incorrect. With no action required by the Directors; the contents of the minutes were noted.

**B1.3.17 – Yellow Rock Minibike Club** – Correspondence was received from Yellow Rock Motorcycle Club noting their struggle in covering the lease commitments of their land. The Directors discussed the situation and agreed that the company would assist in the lease repayments subject to discussions with the club; however the assistance would be limited to \$1000.00. The Directors consider it extremely important that the sport, where possible assists in securing all its available venues.

**MOTION #8 that Motorcycling NSW will assist Yellow Rock Minibike club to a maximum of \$1000.00 to secure their 2014 lease.**

**Carried**

**B1.3.18 – CSR land issues** – The Directors discussed the issue of CSR claiming payment from Motorcycling NSW for the clean-up of a site formerly used by an affiliated club. Whilst Motorcycling NSW holds no responsibility owing to not being the tenant on the land, upon legal advice, the Directors decided to offer a one off without prejudice payment of \$5000.00 to CSR conditional on all parties being resolved of any responsibility. The GM is instructed to confirm the offer via our legal advisors.

**B1.3.19 – Family Licence Discount** – The GM provided an updated version of the Family discount policy which increases the discount available to families. This amendment was required as it brought the discount amount into line across the country enabling Motorcycling Australia to cover half the discount previously offered solely by Motorcycling NSW.

**MOTION #9 that the Family Discount Policy will be amended to reflect the national scheme.**

**Carried**

**B1.3.20 – Club affiliation** – The GM presented to the Directors a list of clubs whose 2014 affiliation remained unpaid at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014. The GM noted that in accordance with the Directors previous instructions, any club whose affiliation has not been paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 will immediately be disaffiliated and will need to reapply via the recognised process to be re-affiliated. The GM notified the Directors that prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> January; every effort will be made to notify each club whose payment is outstanding.

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**MOTION #10** that any club whose affiliation remains outstanding at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 will be disaffiliated immediately. Any disaffiliated club will be subject to usual affiliation processes if they elect to reapply.

**Carried**

With no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15pm