



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK  
ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2006**

**PRESENT:** Christine TICKNER Chairperson  
Dave MORGAN  
Bill PENGILLY  
Jan BLIZZARD

**APOLOGIES:** Herb CONLON

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rob Madden CEO

**Meeting Opened:** 6.29 pm

The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. The Directors were advised Mr H Conlon would not be present tonight and had asked for Leave of Absence due to health issues.

**MOTION #1 That Mr H Conlon be given 3 months Leave of Absence due to health issues.**

**Carried**

**B03.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting held 16 February 2006**

**MOTION #2 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on 16 February 2006 be received.**

**Carried**

(a) Corrections  
Nil

**MOTION #3 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 16 February 2006 are confirmed.**

**Carried**

(b) Matters arising  
W Pengilly asked for a report on the recent Administrators Meeting held at MA. CEO advised this would be dealt with more in General Business.

B02.3.7 Insurance - The CEO advised he had contacted Australian Auto Sports Alliance regarding their insurance policy and whether their policy covered motorcycle competition.

After discussion the Board resolved that MNSW should control their own insurance policy and not get involved with AASA as it may put the company in the same position as it currently is with MAIL and MA.

The Chairperson was asked to contact the MA President and request a copy of the signed agreement between MNSW and MA so the Directors could evaluate their position and then the company's direction would be re-considered.

**B03.2 The February 2006 Financial Report**

**MOTION #4 The MNSW Limited February 2006 Financial Report be received**

**Carried**

The Directors reviewed the final report. It was noted the totals now appear at the end of the rows.

<b>MOTION #5 The MNSW Limited February 2006 Financial Report be approved.</b>
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**Carried**

**B03.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation**

The Chairperson inspected the Cheque Register and advised that in her opinion the report was satisfactory.

<b>MOTION #6 Payments for February 06 of \$192,756.02 be approved.</b>
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**Carried**

**B03.3 General Business**

**B03.3.1 Correspondence from Whites Racing Products** - A letter from Mr C White was tabled and discussed. The matter was in regard to "Buckets" competitors modifying wheels and fitting tyres either incorrectly or the wrong size.

The Directors acknowledged the difficulty of administering classes which do not have a presence or rules printed in the GCRs. The clubs who promote races for this class are to be asked to supply MNSW with a copy of the rules they use.

<b>MOTION #7 That PCRA and North Coast Road Racers Clubs be requested to supply a set of rules for the Bucket Classes with particular advice on wheel rim and tyre regulations.</b>
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**Carried**

**B03.3.2 Dirt Track Committee Correspondence** - The Committee's February Minutes were tabled and discussed and the following is in response to the committee's questions:

Item:

1. The restriction on the use of the word "Championship" was on regional championships and there was no restriction by the Board to stop Club Championships being promoted and conducted.
2. The policy of mirroring Australian Championships relates to classes. It would be ridiculous and contrary to GCRs to require Level 4 Officials at State Championship meetings.
3. The Directors cannot understand the proposal. The explanation/background notes are contradictory and confusing. The Committee to be advised of the proper procedure to propose rules changes which must include the rationale. When this is provided it will be reviewed.
4. P Caslik - The Chairperson has spoken by phone to Mr Caslik who has a different opinion to this proposal. The Dirt Track Chairman to be advised he needs to resolve the issues between his committee and Mr Caslik so the committee can work harmoniously and amicably.

In addition, Mr Caslik is to be written to asking for his explanation on why he has not attended the committee meetings via phone conferencing.

March 2006 Minutes - The Committee asked for Steward Reports to be forwarded to them. The office has forwarded all reports received. The Committee to be asked what or which reports they have not received.

Governance Policy - The Board discussed the Committee's comment on signing the document. This is a policy of MNSW and the Board.

**MOTION #8 That Committee Members from all MNSW Sports Committees who have not signed the Governance Policy re-sent to the committees members in January 2006 are to sign the Governance Policy and return them to the MNSW office within 14 days of today's date or the Committee Member will be suspended from their Committee.**

**Carried**

The Directors requested a memorandum be sent out to all clubs reminding them of the requirement that Steward Reports are mandatory for each race meeting, including Club Meetings.

The "St John Ambulance" memorandum of 2002 be re-sent to clubs reminding them of the medical requirements

**B03.3.3 Nomination for Award of Honour** - The Board received a nomination for the Award of Honour from the President for Mr H Conlon. The Directors agreed Mr Conlon had contributed to the sport over many years and was unanimously endorsed.

**MOTION #9 That the nomination for the Award of Honour for Mr H Conlon be approved and be presented to the next State Delegates Meeting for their ratification.**

**Carried**

**B03.3.4 MA Administrators Meeting** – Copies of a draft set of minutes of the Administrators Meeting were tabled and discussed. There was a matter of 13 items on the agenda which were carried over from the previous 2 meetings. The Directors expressed concern that the Administrators meetings were not being taken seriously by MA or that MA were just not doing their job.

It was resolved that MNSW would be represented by the President and CEO at the next Administrators Meeting scheduled for May 2006. If the next meeting is no different in that large numbers of items on the agenda are carried over from previous meetings and still have not been actioned or finalised, then MNSW will no longer attend or support these meetings nor contribute to the financial costs.

**MOTION #10 That the MNSW President attends the next MA Administrators Meeting along with the CEO and if the previous matters of the minutes have not been actioned or resolved to the satisfaction of the President, MNSW will withdraw from that meeting and advise MA that MNSW will not be wasting its time and its members funds attending such meetings.**

**In addition The President is directed to advise MA in the event that MNSW does not partake in the meeting that any resolutions of the Administrators Meeting will not be recognised as binding on MNSW.**

**Carried**

**B03.3.5 Correspondence from Motorcycling Australia** - The long awaited MA Track Standards have been received and were circulated to the Directors.

The CEO advised that MA has given SCB's only 19 days to read, understand and respond to the draft document after taking 3 years to produce it. All sports committees have been sent a copy and asked to make comment. MNSW will respond to the draft including any advice from our committees.

**B03.3.6 Correspondence from Minikhana Committee** - A copy of the Committee's February 2006 minutes were tabled and discussed. The Committee proposed two changes to by-laws which have been superseded by the Minikhana rules now appearing in the GCRs.

The Minikhana Committee be requested to put the proposal in proper form, quoting the rule number, the exact wording and include the rationale so the Directors can understand what the Committee wishes to change.

**B03.3.7 Correspondence from Historic Road Race Committee** – A copy of the Committee's

November 2005 and February 2006 minutes were tabled and read and noted.

**B03.3.8 Correspondence from Motocross Committee** – The MX Committee recommended a By-Laws change for ambulance requirements at race meetings.

The Directors concurred they have been considering the intention for some time now, that a NSW Ambulance should be in attendance at all State Championship meetings also.

**MOTION #11** That at all Motocross race meetings where the race track is more than 15 minutes drive from the nearest NSW Ambulance Station or public hospital a NSW Ambulance Service ambulance or a Paramedic Officer must be in attendance.

In addition, all NSW Championship meetings where speed is the determining Factor, a NSW ambulance or a similarly equipped vehicle with at least 1 Paramedic officer must be in attendance at the meeting.

Carried

**B03.3.9 Correspondence from Classic Dirt Committee** – A copy of the Committee's February 2006 minutes were tabled and discussed. The Committee put forward two proposals to be sent to Motorcycling Australia. The proposed introduction of XS1 Yamaha to pre 1970 class was approved by the Board however the submission needs to be re-written and put in the proper form before MA will accept it.

The request to have fuel specifications put on the MA website again needs to be re-written in more plain English and the questions need to be more direct.

**B03.3.10 Correspondence from Enduro Committee** – A copy of the Committee's January 2006 minutes were tabled and noted. MNSW Office to review if the Sports Committees are receiving copies of the Board Minutes and implement a policy so they do.

Notwithstanding the fact they may not have received Board and Delegates Meeting minutes it was noted that if these Committees attended the Delegates Meetings as they have been directed to do, and give the Delegates a report on the activities of the Committee, they would have received these minutes at the Delegates Meetings.

**B03.3.11 Speedway Sports Committees** - A copy of the Committee minutes for February 2006 was tabled and noted.

**B03.3.12 Correspondence from Cessnock Minibike Club** - A letter was tabled from the club regarding their position and their inability to get meeting records, or any other records for that matter, from the previous Executive Committee of the club. The new Executive distanced themselves from the actions of the Club Executives prior to them being elected.

There is disharmony and infighting within the club and the MNSW Directors are not prepared to continue trading with the club while they are fighting amongst themselves and not complying to permit conditions and engaging in conflicting advice and reports.

The Directors agreed if the club members elect a proper and legally constituted Executive Committee to run the club for 2006 who were not involved in the previous administration of the club during the misreporting period, then MNSW would write off the outstanding debts and also remove the ban on issuing Motorcycling Australia Permits to this club.

Should the club members decide not to comply with this agreement or the previous Executive Committee refuse to stand down and take no part in running the club, then the Arbitration & Disciplinary Tribunal matters and the rider levies will still be considered as outstanding and no MA permits will be issued until these matters are satisfactorily resolved.

**MOTION #12 That Cessnock Minibike Club be advised that the suspension of permits being issued to the club would be lifted on the following conditions:**

- 1) The seven (7) proposals submitted by the Club be adhered to
- 2) The Executive Members who administered the Club at the time of the discrepancy in their financial payments with MNSW stand down and new people administer the club for 2006 who were not involved with the Executive at the time of the discrepancy.
- 3) If the above conditions are not acceptable to the members of the club then the outstanding payments will be payable with 14 days and the restriction on permits will apply until such time as the A & D Tribunal is satisfied with the advice received from the club.

**Carried**

**B03.3.13 MA Junior Training Coaching Program** - A copy of all recent correspondence between the SCB's and MA regarding the introduction of this policy for the remaining states who are introducing it this year. The Directors noted the comments from SCB's that they are struggling with the introduction of this procedure set to be introduced in the middle of the year as a result of the lack of documentation and direction from MA.

The Directors discussed the procedure and agreed it was not what MNSW originally set out to achieve and was not reaching the State Government requirement. It was further agreed that MNSW should revert back to its original policy and accredit Level O Coaches to conduct license assessing and also train other people in their clubs to Level O so new junior license applicants can receive the minimum instruction required by NSW DTSR.

**MOTION #13 That MNSW revert back to its original plan of accrediting Level O Coaches in NSW to conduct new junior license training and these Coaches may train other club members to conduct the License Assessment activity**

**Carried**

The matter of all juniors undertaking compulsory 5 hours of training each year will be raised at the next MA Council Meeting. The MNSW Directors are not in favor of this MA policy, whilst remaining committed to new applicants receiving coaching when upgrading to larger and more powerful machinery is supported.

**B03.3.14 Correspondence from Panorama MCC** - A letter from Panorama MCC advising the club has secured a new venue at Blayney and their application to conduct the 2006 NSW Long Track Championship.

The MNSW Dirt Track Committee has recommended the application be approved.

**Motion #14 That the application to run the 2006 NSW Long Track Championship from Panorama MCC in November 2006 is approved.**

**Carried**

**B03.3.15 Company Legal Advisor** – The Directors discussed the matter of the company legal advisor. It was agreed that there could be times when more than one company would be asked to give MNSW legal advice.

In the 2002 Annual General Meeting (Motion #10) authorised the Directors to use other firms for legal advice whenever it was considered necessary. It was agreed that Champion Legal be invited to tender as the MNSW Legal Advisor at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

**B03.3.16 Correspondence from K Davies** - The Directors received a letter from Mr K Davies raising the point that the December 2005 Directors Minutes made reference to correspondence received from him on the appeal of his grandson. Mr Davies advises he did not write to the Board directly and the reference to correspondence is incorrect as the document he wrote regarding the matter was his Clerk of Course Report for the meeting.

The Board concurred that the correspondence referred to in the Minutes was the Clerk of Course Report pertaining to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the NSW Junior Speedway Championship at Somersby.

**B03.3.17 A Gobert** – The Directors discussed the matter of the newspaper article on Mr Anthony Gobert and the MA press release. Mr Gobert has apparently admitting he suffers a heroin addiction.

Motorcycling Australia have not responded to our concerns and it appears has done nothing about the matter. After discussion the Board agreed the matter should be brought to the attention of the FIM and the Australian Sports Commission.

<p><b>Motion #15 That the CEO advise the FIM and ASC that according to the Camden local newspaper article, Mr Gobert admitted to the residing judge that he has a drug addiction. We strongly suggest that Mr Gobert be tested for drug use under the WADA drug policy.</b></p>
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**Carried**

**B03.3.18 Redline Media** - The Chairperson reported she had met with a journalist who writes press releases and distributes them to radio stations and newspapers.

The Board agreed MNSW should engage Redline Media to write press releases for as many clubs as possible who are promoting open meetings to be sent to their local papers for a trial period.

CEO was directed to contact Mr D Powell at Redline Media with the purpose of engaging his company to write press releases.

Meeting closed at 11.30pm