



**MINUTES OF THE STATE DELEGATES MEETING  
THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
HELD AT GRANVILLE R.S.L. CLUB**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Christine TICKNER Peter DOW Ian PACKER David MORGAN Jamie PATERSON	Chairperson	
	Daniel Gatt Kerrie Mulyk	General Manager Office Manager	
<b>DELEGATES:</b>	Annandale-Leichhardt MCC Bears Australia MCC City of Penrith MCC Lake Macquarie MBC Macarthur Districts MCC Nepean Motor Sports Club Oakdale JMCC PCRA of NSW St George MCC Trials Club of Canberra Willoughby DMCC	Bankstown-Wiley Park Blacktown Minibike Club Historic Racing Register Lower Mountains MCC Manly Warringah MCC NSW Supermoto Riders Club Panorama MCC Ryde District MCC The Vincent HRD Owners Club Vintage MCC of Aust	
<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b>	Syd JACKSON		
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Jan Blizzard Rod Muir	Rod Carter Robert Seidler	Darren Fitzgibbon Steve Squires
<b>VISITORS:</b>	Derrek Poole		

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Meeting opened at 7.45pm

**SD6.1.1** The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. She commenced by welcoming Jamie Paterson to the Board and to his first delegates meeting as a Director. She continued by informing the delegates that the safety vests that the company will be supplying to all the clubs have been ordered and should be arriving in 6-8 weeks. The delegates were shown samples of the vests for their information with the reaction being positive from those present.

**SD6.1.2** Apologies

Apologies were read.

<b>MOTION #1</b> That the apologies be accepted.
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**Carried**

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**SD6.2.1      New Delegates**

The Chairperson read out the names of the new delegates from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club, Manly Warringah Motorcycle Club, St George MCC, Hastings Valley MCC and Willoughby Districts MCC.

**MOTION #2      That the new Delegates be accepted.**

**Carried**

**SD6.3.1      Minutes of State Delegates Meeting for April 2010**

**MOTION #3      That the Minutes of the State Delegates Meeting for April 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

**Corrections**

*SD4.9.10 & SD4.9.12* - The NSW Supermoto Riders club delegate noted that the name of the club to which he represented had been minuted as The Supermoto Club of NSW. The GM apologised to the delegate for his error.

**MOTION #4      That the Minutes of the State Delegates Meeting for April 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

**Business arising**

*Motion 6* – PCRA asked for an update on the companies former premises at High Street Harris Park. The GM explained that renovation works had commenced and that the recent bad weather had delayed work for a short while, although it was nearing completion. He anticipated in would be finished by late June or early July.

**SD6.4.1      Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting for April 2010**

**MOTION #5      That the Minutes of the April 2010 Board of Directors Meeting be received.**

**Carried**

*B4.3.11* - St George MCC noted that the commission is discussing bringing in the “meatball” flag into the rule book and if it could be included into the flag kits when they are arranged. The GM confirmed that if it does become a recognised flag in the 2011 MOMs book then it would certainly be included. If the flags are purchased prior to the new rule book being released, then the “meatball” flags would be ordered separate and provided to the clubs.

*B4.3.6* – Ryde MCC asked what is the progress of CSDC to date. The Chairperson explained that CSDC had held a working group forum with the Directors and company management as well as a separate forum for a selected group of persons from within the sport, from the information learnt; they will develop an initial report to be handed back to the Directors in July outlining their findings from the two forums. The report will contain some recommendations for the Directors to consider and if approved giving the “terms of reference” and the approval to CSDC to continue their work.

*B4.4.4* – Oakdale JMCC spoke of a rider whom she was aware that was injured at a race meeting and was not included on the medical suspension list. She continued that the only reason the office became aware of the rider being injured is when he sent in a medical clearance and was contacted by the office querying the clearance provided as he never appeared on the list. The Office Manager noted that she was fully aware of the situation and added that the reason that the rider was not added to the list is that officials at the meeting where the rider sustained the injury never completed the appropriate paperwork to inform the office. The office can only add riders to the list if they are informed. It was suggested by the delegate that a memo be sent to all officials reminding them of the importance of completing the injury forms.

**SD6.4.2      Financial Report for April 2010**

**MOTION #6      That the Financial Report for April 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

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**MOTION #7 That the Financial Report for April 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

There were no questions noted

**SD6.4.3 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for May 2010**

**MOTION #8 That the Minutes of the Board Meeting for May 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

**Business arising**

**B5.3.7** – PCRA asked why MNSW would object to the MA approved Belray 6 Hour being conducted in competition to another motorcycle race not permitted by MNSW or MA. The President noted that we have a responsibility to the licensed riders to ensure that they have opportunities to ride and by having two meetings on the same weekend deprives them the opportunity to do that. It is especially unfair since the calendar for the other meeting was advertised far earlier than the MA meeting. It is MNSW's position that forcing competitors to choose which meeting to attend may be in the best interest of the sanctioning bodies, but it is not in the best interest of the sport.

**B5.4.3** – Ryde MCC asked for further details about the proposed Minikhana venue. It was reported that the venue is 9 hectares in size and is situated in Horsley Park. Further, it was explained that the venue in question was not the same venue that was being proposed in Blacktown (Eastern Creek). The President continued by adding that the development application has been submitted and a few issues still need resolving before the DA can be approved. The President and GM are actively working on the facility and will report back to the meeting when further progress is made.

**B5.3.4** – St George MCC asked the name of the rider that appealed the decision of the MNSW Appellate Body, the President explained that it would be inappropriate to discuss this matter in an open forum to respect the privacy of those involved.

**SD6.4.4 Financial Report for May 2010**

**MOTION #9 That the Financial Report for May 2010 be received.**

**Carried**

**MOTION #10 That the Financial Report for May 2010 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

There were no questions noted

**SD6.5.1 Committee Reports**

Moto Trials Committee Report	Presented by:	Bob McGlinchy
Minikhana Committee Report		Not Presented
Road Race Committee Report	Presented by:	Michael Rooke
Historic Road Racing Report	Presented by:	John Simms
Speedway Sports Committee Report		Not Presented
Dirt Track Sports Committee Report		Not Presented
Motocross Sports Committee Report	Presented by:	Maree Kirby
Classic Dirt Sports Committee Report	Read by:	Christine Tickner on behalf of Mick Sayers
Enduro Sports Committee Report	Read by:	Christine Tickner on behalf of Steve Squires

**SD6.6.1 Private Promoter Affiliation**

No applications for Private Promoter affiliations were presented.

**SD6.6.2 New Member Affiliations**

No applications for new member affiliations were presented.

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**SD6.7.1      General Business**

**SD6.7.2** - The meeting was informed of a casual vacancy on the Dirt Track Sports Committee resulting from a resignation. Members are invited to submit their nominations for consideration by the delegates at the next delegates meeting to be held in August.

**SD6.7.3** – The Chairperson read a submission nominating Mr John Hall for an Award of Merit in recognition of his continued contribution to the sport and MNSW.

<b>MOTION # 11      That the Award of Merit be presented to Mr John Hall in recognition of his continued service to the sport and MNSW.</b>
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**Carried**

<b>MOTION # 12      That owing to Mr Halls failing health, that the award be presented to Mr Hall by his peers prior to the 2010 Night of Champions.</b>
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**Carried**

**SD6.7.4** – The Chairperson read a submission nominating Mrs Joan Sanson for an Award of Honour in recognition of her contribution to the sport and MNSW.

<b>MOTION # 13      That the Award of Honour be presented to Mrs Joan Sanson in recognition of her service to the sport and MNSW.</b>
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**Carried**

**SD6.7.5** – Oakdale JMCC asked if the date for the Night of Champions had been confirmed, it was noted that the proposed date of the 27<sup>th</sup> November was likely to change as it clashed with Super X in Sydney which was added to the calendar afterwards and that MA failed to have the date changed when requested. It was likely to be the week before.

**SD6.7.6** – The Willoughby DMCC delegate and former President of Motorcycling Australia took the opportunity to voice his opinions on a number of issues. He commenced by reporting that since being elected to the position of MA President 10 years ago that he has intentionally had very little involvement of what is happening with the sport in NSW. That aside though, it was the delegate’s position that MNSW is floundering under its current administration. He added that in his opinion the companies governance policy was excellent but the Directors are not following it by fact that they have no Strategic Plan akin to the one Motorcycling Victoria has or indeed Motorcycling Australia. He noted that it was his understanding that Motorcycling Victoria was awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Victorian Government on presentation of their plan. He offered the Directors and all present his copy of the plan for those wishing to look. The Directors listened to the delegates comments although they were somewhat factually incorrect. On his conclusion of that point, the Directors noted to the delegate and all present that they did have a Strategic Plan and that the Directors spent a weekend early in each year revising and revisiting the plan to assist in directing the company each year. It was also explained, that as part of the NSW Governments grant each year that the company is compelled to provide a Strategic and Business Plan to be approved by the government. In 2010, the funding for MNSW from NSW Sport and Recreation was increased to \$60,000 to assist in a number of the projects outlined within the plan.

He noted that MNSW should give assistance to the Supermoto Riders club of NSW to cover travelling expenses for the Australian Championship being held in Perth and that the companies failure to do so showed that it had no direction and used the analogy that if the Directors were driving a car, unfortunately, it was his opinion that they had fallen asleep at the wheel. The Directors informed those present that the Supermoto Riders Club of NSW had not requested assistance, however in recent times, MNSW had provided funding for uniforms for the NSW State Team competing at Junior Australian MX Championships, funding for containers for the NSW and ACT Enduro representative teams competing at the Australian Four Day Enduro both after the respective committees had requested funding of the Directors. Further the Directors would be happy to consider such assistance for a NSW team competing in the Supermoto Australian Championships if a request was submitted.

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The delegate then mentioned why MNSW licence numbers were not increasing relative to Queensland's, it was obvious to him that it was the companies' lack of leadership that caused this result. It was explained to the delegate that Motorcycling Queensland do a fabulous job in promoting recreational riding through Trail Rides and alike hence the increase in their licence numbers, NSW does not have the facilities and area to be able to promote these events in the same manner but MNSW are investigating running trail rides to grow the recreational riding segment of the business along with a number of other initiatives.

It was explained that if the delegate had investigated the licence numbers correctly, he would note the growth in competition licences is similar between all states. The Panorama MCC delegated noted to the former MA President that it was under his term at Motorcycling Australia that the Junior Coaching was introduced which had negative effects on junior numbers across the company especially in regional areas. The former MA President did not respond to the delegates comments.

The next issue the delegate wished to discuss was the feasibility study being conducted on the second circuit at Mt Panorama. He noted that MNSW did not have a representative on the committee charged with administering the feasibility study and that he thought this was unacceptable. He requested to raise a motion that the Directors instruct the GM to make contact with the committee.

<b>MOTION # 14</b> <b>That MNSW contact the NSW government with a view to taking up a seat on the Homebush Motor Racing Authority.</b>
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**Carried**

The delegate continued his line of comment by questioning the security of the ballot papers and the system used to conduct the elections each year. He noted that if he were the unscrupulous type that he could corrupt the election process if he were an employee of the company. Although the delegate did not provide any evidence to support his claims nor address the fact that the ballot papers are kept for thirty days after the election by the companies auditor in the event of query at the instruction of the delegates at the AGM and that the election is overseen by an independent company auditor and two members elected by the delegates, he did offer an alternative procedure in writing. It was noted by Bankstown Wiley Park that under the delegates proposed system, the election results could still be manipulated if one had intended to do so. Willoughby MCC further suggested as an alternative that the process could be handed to an external company or the companies solicitor or Auditor to conduct the entire process. The Directors noted his document and agreed to present the current method utilised and the delegate's method to the next delegates meeting and let the delegates vote on the process which they would prefer and the company would then commence proceedings to amend the constitution and by laws to allow this if the delegate's proposal is preferred.

Finally, the delegate exhausted his list of complaints by noting his disgust that MNSW Properties is not answerable to its members. He wanted to know why delegates can not ask questions at the delegates meetings. The President reminded the delegate that until the recently held AGM where a change of the MNSW Properties Constitution was adopted that he as with every club delegate were members of MNSW Limited not Properties. However after the constitution change, the members of Motorcycling NSW Limited are entitled to ask questions of MNSW Properties. The President reminded the delegate that MNSW Properties Limited was a separate company with a separate set of Directors and that his comments should be directed to them, in fact the President had noted on several occasions that after the meeting had closed (and sometimes during the Motorcycling NSW Limited meetings), she, and the other MNSW Properties Directors had fielded questions from the members and encouraged it to happen as requested by the members. The delegate requested that a meeting be held with the MNSW Properties Directors after this meeting had closed.

The delegate from the Vintage MCC of Australia (NSW) Inc rose and questioned the ability of the former MA President to question the running of MNSW considering the failure he proved to be whilst he headed Motorcycling Australia. He continued by adding that it was his opinion that Motorcycling Australia is a worse organisation as a result of the former Presidents involvement than prior to it. The Chairperson requested that the delegate refrain on his line of comment.

Director Ian Packer questioned the Willoughby delegate and asked if he seriously thought that the MNSW office staff were corrupting the election system and took offence at the delegate's insinuations regarding the office staffs integrity. A discussion ensued regarding the election process with the most recent scrutineers which outlined the way in which the process was conducted in 2010.

**SD6.7.7** – St George MCC asked if the issue regarding helmet cameras had been resolved, it was noted that there was comment within the commission minutes regarding the issue but it had yet to be resolved. Discussion ensued.

**SD6.7.8** – The delegate from Manly Warringah noted that when he renewed his officials licence that a new journal was not sent out with it. The Office Manager confirmed that it is not usual practice to send a new journal with each licence and that one can be requested by simply contacting the office. The delegate thought that it would be a standard procedure for this to happen, the GM confirmed that it could be arranged and would investigate the cost involved with implementing this.

**SD6.7.9** – The delegate from Willoughby DMCC asked if the Directors could instruct the GM to send him a copy of the Strategic Plan. The President agreed she would.

**SD6.7.10** – Discussion commenced regarding the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit at Mt Panorama. It was queried whether MNSW contributed funds towards the feasibility study, it was clarified that MNSW had once done so but for a previous proposal which did not eventuate. Panorama MCC noted that the feasibility study was proceeding and that the push for a motorcycle facility was being conducted by Mr Alan Cunnyghame and it was his understanding that it was being done with no support from MA and MNSW. He offered to contact Mr Cunnyghame and invite him to the next meeting to answer any questions the delegates may have. The Directors noted that they had met with Mr Cunnyghame and others on several occasions regarding this and that they offered what support they thought appropriate and would continue to help where possible.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

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