



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 17th July 2008**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Gatt General Manager

Meeting Opened: 6.25 pm

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting. It was discussed that the next meeting should commence at 4.00pm owing to the Directors needing to consider the MA Commission minutes relating to possible rule changes for 2009.

B7.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 19th June 2008

MOTION #1 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held on 19th June 2008 is received.

Carried

- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 that the Minutes of the Directors meeting held 19th June 2008 is confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising

B6.3.12 – The GM was asked to update the Directors on the correspondence to James Spence Promotions. The Directors were informed that as per the instructions of the last Directors meeting, Mr Spence was contacted and informed that MNSW would not permit his intended event on the 2nd September 2008 as it was one week prior to the final Round of the NSW Road Race Championships. The GM continued that he had received confirmation from the joint promoters of the NSW Road Race Championships that the meeting would proceed regardless of the number of entries. As a result, Mr Spence has cancelled the first round that was to be held at Oran Park and issued a release stating he would not be promoting events in NSW until further notice. A journalist from Australian Motorcycle News had contact the GM and asked if it were true that MNSW had issued the permit for the first and second of James Spence Promotions planned events and then retracted them, the journalist was corrected and informed that the permit for James Spence Promotions event at Oran Park was already made but had yet to be forwarded to him as he had yet to supply some information required. The second round was not ever issued and was not going to be as it was a week prior to the third round of the NSW State Championships as it may place the success of that meeting in jeopardy. Further it was discussed that Mr Spence had been requested to submit his proposed dates earlier in the year to be included in the 2008 open calendar which he failed to do and as a result priority had to be given to the meeting that already appeared on the calendar. An article appeared in AMCN explaining this reasoning. The Directors and the GM were satisfied with the content of the article as it presented an accurate description of the events.

Motion 6 – Director Dave Morgan queried whether the GM had investigated the opening of a new investment account. The GM explained that an “at call” account had been opened but funds had yet to be transferred as he was awaiting some large expenses in July and is holding off until they are accounted for before transferring any excess funds.

Motion 9 – The GM informed the meeting that Mr Chris Baker, Mr Trevor Lusby and Mr Craig White had all accepted their invitations to be the Road Race Administrators.

B7.2 The June 2008 Financial Report

MOTION #3 that the MNSW Limited June 2008 Financial Report be received

Carried

Director Dave Morgan requested explanation on the item “other employee expenses” that appeared on the financial Profit and Loss report and what was expensed at \$8479.51. It was explained that the expense was the fee from the employment agency for the recruitment of the Committees and Development Co-ordinator.

MOTION #4 that the MNSW Limited June 2008 Financial Report is approved.

Carried

B6.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation

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

MOTION #5 that the Cheque Register for June 2008 of \$238852.20 be approved.

Carried

B7.3 General Business

B7.3.1 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

B7.3.1 (a) A&D Tribunal minutes – The Directors were presented for their information with minutes of two Arbitration and Disciplinary Tribunal hearings that have recently been held. The contents and determinations of the hearings were noted. The GM took the opportunity to explain the difficulty that is currently being had in determining a date for the proposed Inspector, A&D Tribunal and Appellate Body meeting as those involved are all officials and are usually involved in race meetings. It was decided that a date in September should be allocated for the meeting giving all participants time to rearrange any prior commitments as it is considered extremely important to get as many of the judicial members present at the meeting as possible.

B7.3.1 (b) Inspection of Hunter MCC – The GM gave a verbal report on the inspection that took place at Hunter MCC regarding the use of the facility for competition at the same time as the private operator on the adjoining track conducts his business, as the tracks are part of the same venue. The meeting was informed that a fence will be erected effectively separating the two areas and should that fence remain in place at these times then MNSW would permit the competition track whilst the other is being used for another private operation. The promoters and the club were both informed that should the fence not be erected and a random inspection takes place, any arrangement would be forfeited immediately and permanently.

B7.3.1 (c) Club Meetings – The Office Manager and the GM have recently been travelling around NSW meeting with as many clubs as possible to discuss any concerns the clubs may be having and to better understand the unique issues of each club or area. The GM informed the meeting that it was his opinion that the meetings were very useful and enlightening. He informed the Directors that plans were afoot to try and meet with as many clubs as possible in the next few months.

B7.3.2 Resignation from Enduro Committee – The Directors were informed of the resignation of Mr Ian McFadyen from the Enduro Committee due to work commitments. The Directors acknowledged Mr McFadyen resignation and thanked him for his efforts. A call to fill the casual vacancy will be made at the next State Delegates Meeting.

B7.3.3 MX Sports Committee minutes for June 2008 – The June minutes of the NSW MX Sports committee were read and noted. An issue regarding Nipper upgrade fees was raised and considered by the Directors. It was resolved that an agenda item would be forwarded to Motorcycling Australia for discussion at the next MA Council meeting relating to this topic and the possibility of the fees being charged pro rata.

MOTION #6 that an agenda item is forwarded to Motorcycling Australia noting the concern of MNSW regarding the cost for a Nipper to upgrade to a Junior Licence.

Carried

B7.3.4 NSW Motocross State Championships – The Directors discussed the success of the first round of the NSW Motocross Championships and read a number of favourable emails sent by participants and spectators who attended. A note was also tabled by the Lower Mountains Club who thanked the Directors, on behalf of their members, for their attendance at the meeting.

B7.3.5 2008 NSW Senior Dirt Track Championships – Submissions were received from Gunnedah MCC and Coffs Harbour MCC to host the 2008 Senior Dirt Track Championships. After much discussion, it was resolved that the Directors would accept the proposal for the event to be run by Coffs Harbour MCC.

MOTION #8 that the 2008 Senior Dirt Track Championships are to be hosted by Coffs Harbour MCC on the weekend of the 20th September 2008

Carried

B7.3.6 Classic Dirt Sports Committee minutes for June 2008 – The June minutes of the NSW Classic Dirt Sports committee were read and noted. Since the minutes were mostly concerned with the Sports Commission minutes, it was determined that further consideration should be held over until the August Directors meeting where all the Commission minutes for all the disciplines will be discussed. Reference was also made within the minutes to a submission put forward in 2007 by the committee regarding allowable fuels, it was determined since this was in fact a rules issue that it will also be discussed at the August meeting.

MOTION #7 that the Classic Dirt Sports Committee Minutes be held over to be addressed at the August Board of Directors meeting along with the commission minutes of all disciplines.

Carried

B7.3.7 Moto Trials Committee Correspondence – Correspondence from the Moto-Trials Committee that was addressed by the office was forwarded to the Directors for their information. The Directors agreed that the answers issued by the Committees and Development Co-ordinator were in line with the Boards opinions.

B7.3.8 Correspondence re Dirt Track Survey – Correspondence from the Dirt Track Committee requesting a copy of the survey conducted of Dirt Track clubs by Mr Kevin McDonald. The Board agreed that the survey was presented to MNSW as a courtesy from Mr McDonald and the GM should seek his advice from Mr McDonald on whether he has any objections in supplying it to the Dirt Track Committee as per their request. The Directors are grateful to Mr McDonald for his effort in conducting this survey and will support decision he chooses to make in relation to the supply of this information.

B7.4 From the President

B7.4.1 Motorcycling NSW / Motorcycling Victoria mediation - The President informed the other Directors about a recent mediation session between Motorcycling NSW (MNSW), represented by Dave Morgan, the GM and herself, and Motorcycling Victoria (MV). The mediation was organised and chaired by Mr David White in the hope of bringing simmering, long standing disputes to an end.

The first issue centred on the matter now referred to as the "Gobert Issue". After long and frank discussion it was resolved that notwithstanding that MNSW would have handled the situation differently in hindsight, that MV would not have issued the licence in retrospect and acknowledged that it would not happen again in the future.

The second issue centred on MV who, on advice from MA, did not give permission for MNSW to permit a round of the NSW Junior Enduro Championship that was to be held in Victoria by a NSW affiliated club. It was determined that had the correct information been issued by MA then MV would have given permission for MNSW to permit the event. It was discussed that better communication may have resolved the issue prior to the meeting being cancelled, however knowing the full version of the events, MV acknowledged that the event should have proceeded with MNSW permitting it.

The final issue was the cancellation of standing agreements between MV and MNSW involving the licence holders who reside in NSW border towns and whom apply for licences with MV as they have club membership in that state. It was determined that those that have this situation existing should maintain their alliance with MV, but a position should be determined by MA for future instances. Further discussion should take place to determine a suitable outcome for all riders, clubs and SCBs. It was acknowledged by MA that the rules in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport at present allow this situation as they are contradictory to other rules within the same manual which forbids this practice. It was determined that MA would alter the rules to create uniformity.

The President noted that those that were in attendance at the day long session were extremely pleased with the result and have agreed the matters, pending acknowledgement from MV, are now finalised.

B7.5 From the Board

B7.5 State Championship Grant – Director Mr Ian Packer questioned the GM as to why the State Championship Grant was not being paid to the clubs where the NSW State MX Championships were being held. The GM informed the Directors that he had determined that the Championship grant was payable to the clubs who are awarded a State Championship to assist with some of the expenses of running such an event, expenses such as trophies, medical or administration fees. The NSW State MX Championship was awarded to a Private Promoter in 2008 and therefore should not be paid as these expenses are all costs to running the event in which they hope to derive an income. The hosting clubs have each secured a hire/rental agreement for their venue with the promoter and therefore do not have expenses of running the event, they may have expenses incurred in preparing the venue for hire, but those should be budgeted for when the agreement with the promoter is arranged. The Directors were satisfied with the rationale for the decision.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 10.30pm
