



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK
ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY, 2006**

PRESENT: Christine TICKNER Chairperson
Dave MORGAN
Bill PENGILLY
Herb CONLON

APOLOGIES: Jan BLIZZARD

IN ATTENDANCE: Rob Madden CEO

Meeting Opened: 6.35 PM

The Chairperson opened the meeting and thanked all for attending the first meeting for 2006.

B01.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting held 8 December 2005.

MOTION #1 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on 8 December 2005 be received.

Carried

- (a) Corrections
Nil

MOTION #2 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 8 December 2005 are confirmed.

Carried

- (b) Matters arising
CEO advised the Board he attended a meeting with Dept. of Tourism, Sport & Recreation and has gained an extension to the Grant Application closing date. A written confirmation from MNSW is required to be submitted to confirm the extension request.

B01.2 The December 2005 Financial Report

MOTION #3 The MNSW Limited December 2005 Financial Report be received.

Carried

The Directors reviewed the final report for the year prior to the Auditor taking over the accounts. It was noted the surplus for the year was smaller than last year and could be an indication of difficulties being experienced by some competitors with the increased costs to attend race meetings.

MOTION #4 The MNSW Limited December 2005 Financial Report be approved.

Carried

The CEO tabled a comparison report of the not as yet audited year-end figures and the budget figures for the Directors information. Overall the two reports were very close in a number of areas.

The Directors congratulated the CEO on the Budget being as close to the actual figures and costs being incurred.

B01.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation

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

MOTION #5	Payments for December amounting to \$112,101.67 be approved.
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Carried

B01.3 General Business.

B01.3.1 Correspondence from Mrs J Grainger – Two pieces of correspondence were tabled from Mrs Grainger. They were both on the same subject, her license accreditation and attending seminars.

Mrs Grainger's actual application was reviewed and it was noted she had asked for Level 1 OR Level 2. Mrs Grainger was given Level 1.

The Board resolved that Mrs Grainger was given the correct level of accreditation and needs to attend officials' seminars just the same as everyone else is required to do.

B01.3.2 Correspondence from Macarthur DMSC – The CEO tabled a letter from Macarthur DMS Club advising they had received written legal advice on allowing "camping" at their race track.

The Board reviewed the legal advice supplied. It was noted that MA is working on the Insurance Policy wording to include camping at racetracks from 2006.

In view of this action the Board directed camping would be included as an approved activity for Member Clubs providing they meet a strict criteria. A new "Camping Permit" application will be developed and the fee will be \$100.

MOTION #6	That from 2006 MNSW will allow and permit Member Clubs to conduct overnight camping at race tracks. The Club must apply on the specific Camping Permit application form and the fee will be \$100.
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Carried

B01.3.3 Correspondence from Panorama MCC – A letter from Panorama MCC was tabled regarding the Bathurst Long Track event not being promoted in 2006.

The Board noted the advice with regret after the event had been conducted annually for the past 10 years.

B01.3.4 Correspondence from Taree MCC – The CEO tabled a letter received from Taree MCC regarding their Club being mentioned in August 2005 Board Minutes.

The Club wished to be given the opportunity to explain their actions but admitted they had no idea on what they were responding to.

The Taree Club has not been asked for an explanation or to explain anything. However there have been a number of issues raised regarding the final round of the NSW Junior Dirt Track Championship meeting. The MNSW Dirt Track Committee has also discussed the event and recorded in their minutes that the meeting ran behind time, and there was no presentation.

The CEO was directed to provide the Taree Club with a copy of the MNSW Dirt Track Committee minutes for the clubs information and the club could answer the Sports Committee if the club thought they could assist the committee with any of their concerns.

B01.3.5 Cessnock MBC – The CEO tabled correspondence from the Office Manager and office staff regarding Cessnock MBC. There have been and still are some outstanding issues with this Club regarding running race meetings, Arbitration & Disciplinary hearings and outstanding payments for meetings.

Two of the Club's Executive have had their Officials Licenses suspended and the Club appears to be struggling to comply with MNSW policy regarding applications for permits and payments of meeting levies.

The Directors agreed the conduct of the Club regarding reporting to MNSW and paying meeting levies is totally unacceptable.

Until the matter before the A&D Tribunal is completed and resolved, the Directors suspend the issuing of Permits to this Club.

MOTION #7	That Cessnock Mini Bike Club be suspended from taking out MNSW issued MA Permits until the current issues before the A&D Tribunal are finalised and all meeting levies payments are paid.
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Carried

B01.3.6 Correspondence from Dirt Track Committee – A copy of the last Sports Committee Minutes were distributed and reviewed by the Board Members.

The proposed Stewards appointments for 2006 were reviewed and approved. The Sports Committee requested clarification from the Directors and recommended a number of memos be circulated to the member clubs.

The Board discussed the requests from the Committee and advised the CEO how they wanted the sports committee replied to.

Motion #8	The MNSW Board approves or recommends the following
	1) Level 3 Officials are all that is required to work at State National (open) Meetings and the Committee should make use of these Officials.
	2) MNSW will call for expressions of interest to conduct the 2006 NSW Long Track Championships.
	3) The Committee is correct with their Rationale regarding Big Wheel 85cc machines, however their recommended wording is contrary to the GCR's
	4) The proposed restriction on Flag Marshals would (could) prevent large numbers of meetings actually being run by requiring the cancellation of meetings if the suggestion was adhered to the letter of the rule or memo. This is not agreed to by the Board.

Carried

The suggestion by the Committee that Promoters can ask for volunteers to be nominated by riders for Flag Marshal duties, and offer the rider either free entry or a discount if the Promoter wishes is a far better recommendation than the recommendation that if a Club or Promoter cannot supply their own Flag Marshals then they would not be permitted to conduct such meetings.

B01.3.7 Sports Committees – The Chairperson raised the point that at the December State Delegates Meeting it was mentioned that the Sports Committees are not attending the Delegates Meetings and/or are not providing a written report to the Delegates.

This is a policy of the Company and maybe the Committee Members need to be reminded of this.

The CEO was directed to make the Chairpersons of each of the Sports Committees aware that a report on the discipline and the Committee's activities is required to be presented to the State Delegates at their meeting and also the written report which is printed in the Annual Report.

There was discussion on the Sports Committees who have a majority of the Members living in Sydney or the Greater Metro Area being phoned and attending the meeting via a conference call.

The conference calling facility is provided for Committee Members who live outside the Sydney Metro Area. The Board considers the Sports Committees are not working satisfactorily if they are not meeting face to face when these individuals live within a 30 to 45 minute drive from the place where the meeting is taking place.

The CEO was directed to advise the Sports Committees of this decision.

B01.3.8 Officials Seminars – The Chairperson raised the matter of Officials Seminars and the forum conducted in September 2005. It was agreed the minutes of the meeting be distributed to those people who attended and they be asked to make comment on the contents of those minutes.

Mr Chris Baker has attended the MNSW Office and is currently working with the Development Officer on a simpler and shorter presentation for General Seminars. In addition the procedure to gain upgrading to higher accreditation is being reviewed.

The Board noted that Motorcycling Australia has been contacted and repeatedly asked to up-date the seminar material a number of times over a number of years but has failed to produce any revised material.

There was further discussion on the Seminar Presenters and how to increase the quality of their presentation at seminars. MNSW to look into licensing the seminar material and maybe MNSW being recognised as a Vocational Training Establishment with acknowledged accredited "trainers".

There was no decision or outcome on this discussion but the matter will be further considered during the year. It was resolved that a Presenters Workshop be convened with a selected cross section of the Presenters in the first half on the year with the intention to finalise the course material and format of the seminars to be conducted in NSW from then on.

Meeting closed at 11.50 pm.