

# MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES (GENERAL COUNCIL) MEETING

## MINUTES

**Location:** Blacktown Workers Club and Online

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 Starting At 7:00pm

**Attendees:**

### Board

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| Darren Gossling (Chairperson) | Chelsea Cheney (Director) | Kate Peck (Director) |
| Madeleine Bowditch (Director) |                           |                      |

### Life Members

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| Ron Kivovitch | Keith Davies | David Elliot |
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### Delegates

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| Annandale Leichardt MCC       | Bankstown Wiley Park MCC       | Baulkham Hills JMTC             |
| Bankstown Wiley Park MCC      | Baulkham Hills JMTC            | Blacktown Junior Mini Bike Club |
| City of Penrith MCC           | Classic Motorcycle Racing Club | Goulburn MCC                    |
| Hunter Classic VMX Inc        | Hunter MCC                     | Kurri Kurri Junior MCC          |
| Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club | Lower Mountains MCC            | Manly Warringah MCC             |
| Nepean MSC                    | Oakdale Junior MCC             | Oyster Bay MCC                  |
| Panorama MCC                  |                                |                                 |

### Guests

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| Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff | Dane Kovacevic – MNSW Staff | Adam Brook – MNSW Staff |
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### Private Promoters

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| Michel Constantinou – Race Pace |  |  |
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### Apologies

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| Annaliese Cawood (Deputy Chairperson) | David Cooke (Director)                    | Bob McGlinchy – Life Member |
| Christine Tickner – Life Member       | John Simms Classic Motorcycle Racing Club | Sam White – Goulburn MCC    |
| Robert Johnston                       |   |                             |

### Items

**1. Chairpersons address and welcome**

**(10mins)**

*Chairperson Gossling welcomed delegates and guests*

*Apologies from Board Members*

*CEO listed apologies from life members and delegates (see list)*

*Chairperson praised clubs for their success in recent months in hosting high quality events, including King of MX and the Bathurst Long Track*

*CEO introduced himself and thanked the delegates for their warm welcomes since commencing on March 21. CEO then presented MNSW's key objectives for the next 30 days (see PowerPoint)*

*CEO also thanked Dane Kovacevic and Adam Brook for their contributions to MNSW and wished them the best in their new roles.*

*Q. Oakdale Delegate – Will any of the new staff be available out of hours?*

*A. CEO – Yes, the new positions will balance their hours to best service clubs*

*Q. Baulkham Hills – What happened to Dave Byron?*

*A. CEO – He's still available, he's a contractor*

*Q. Life Member RK – The new structure looks good, but how do you plan on funding it?*

*A. CEO – We need to create opportunities to increase business, and increase development and participant opportunities, we will increase revenue.*

*Q. Life Member RK – When can we see this budget?*

*A. CEO – It will be in the annual report*

*Q. PCRA – Unclear where delegates fit in this structure, and their responsibilities and powers?*

*A. CEO – Delegates are in the governance structure, and will liaise with Sport Development Team*

## 2. Matters Arising

**(15mins)**

| No. | Matter  |
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| 2.1 | <p><b>Pace Race Settlement Amount</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (1) – MNSW Board to confirm why there is a difference.<br/>Chairperson Gossling - <b>Completed</b></p> <p><i>We can't explain why they were recorded differently in Minutes, but can advise the settlement amount was \$140k, legal costs agreed to be paid were \$105 and our own costs were \$80 and they were accounted for in following manner.</i></p> |
| 2.2 | <p><b>January Minutes Amendment</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (2) – amend minutes to say Confirmed.</p>   |

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|            | <p>Chairperson Gossling – Outcome – <b>Completed</b></p>   |
| <b>2.3</b> | <p><b>Pace Race Information Disclosure</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (3): MNSW to provide feedback on what can be disclosed for the Race Pace matter.</p> <p>Chairperson Gossling – <b>Incomplete</b><br/>A review is needed of the MOMs vs the Deed to determine if any conflict and now that the CEO is on board we will have that work completed by next delegates meeting</p>  |
| <b>2.4</b> | <p><b>Financial Statements – Nowra Income &amp; Expenditure</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (4): MNSW to provide information on the Nowra expenditure and revenue.</p> <p>Chairperson Gossling- <b>Completed</b><br/>12/1/22 \$4,121 Paid for Annual Venue Lease to Department of Planning Industry and Environment.</p>   |
| <b>2.5</b> | <p><b>Financial Statements – Investment of MNSW Finances</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (5): MNSW to investigate investments and provide update at next General Council meeting.</p> <p>Chairperson Gossling - <b>Ongoing</b><br/>MNSW investigating rates with institutions for term deposits.<br/>Current information provided is between 0.5% to 0.77% based on amount and duration.</p>   |
| <b>2.6</b> | <p><b>Horsley Park Venue</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (6): MNSW to investigate repairs and maintenance to provide update at next General Council meeting.</p> <p>Chairperson Gossling- <b>Completed</b><br/>CEO advised that \$71,158 (35k hire equipment &amp; services, 8k Rubbish, 8k Internet, 5k Painting, 15k various incidental costs. CEO also meeting with Blacktown &amp; Baulkham Hills Clubs April 30 for maintenance schedule, equipment requirements and User Agreement.</p> <p><i>Q. Baulkham Hills – We want it put on record that this is the first our club have heard of these expenses, and we had absolutely nothing to do with these expenses. This is why we bring this up at every meeting – we have had equipment stolen, we can't maintain the facility, and we find out this much money has been spent on what? It's disgraceful</i></p> <p><i>A. CEO – Rest assured we will be investigating who organized and who carried out this work, and get to the bottom of what's occurred.</i></p> |
| <b>2.7</b> | <p><b>Officials Payments</b><br/>ACTION ITEM (7) – MNSW Board to review if the official's payment program is still in place</p>  |

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|             | <p><i>Chairperson Gossling – <b>Completed</b></i><br/> <i>MNSW covers travel costs for Open Event Officials (Stewards, Clerk of Course, Race Secretary and Scrutineer). Additional costs (usually accommodation) can be sort via office approval. Presenters’ payments for delivery are also made.</i></p> <p><i>All will form part of the review (within building the strategic plan) of managing and developing key volunteers and personnel within our community.</i></p>   |
| <b>2.8</b>  | <p><b><i>MNSW Venues Horsley Park &amp; Nowra</i></b><br/> <b><i>ACTION ITEM (8) – MNSW to provide summary of Nowra and Horsley Park issues.</i></b></p> <p><i>Chairperson Gossling- <b>Ongoing</b></i><br/> <i>Horsley Park - DR meeting with Blacktown &amp; Baulkham Hills Clubs on April 30 for schedule and equipment plan.</i></p> <p><i>Nowra - DR &amp; Chairperson meeting with Nowra Complex and Nowra MCC interested persons on May 10.</i></p>   |
| <b>2.9</b>  | <p><b><i>License and Member Club Validation</i></b><br/> <b><i>ACTION ITEM (9) – MNSW to check if MA are sending these notifications.</i></b></p> <p><i>CEO – advised that this is not being completed at present and has been requested to be part of the new system.</i></p>   |
| <b>2.10</b> | <p><b><i>Officials Reminders</i></b><br/> <b><i>ACTION ITEM (10) – check if they’re being sent.</i></b><br/> <i>Chairperson Gossling – <b>Completed</b></i><br/> <i>MNSW followed up with MA and received confirmation that Ridernet does not send reminders for accreditations - only licenses.</i></p> <p><i>With new Ridernet system coming online in final third of 2022 this will become part of the automated process. In the interim MNSW will be following up directly with Officials and advise of their accreditation expiry.</i></p> <p><i>Q. Baulkham Hills – There’s a glitch in rider net allowing older kids to enter events they’re not eligible for.</i></p> <p><i>A. Dane Kovacevic MNSW – This has been brought up with MA and will be addressed as part of the new system.</i></p> |

### 3. Key items

(15mins)

#### a. Centralised Licencing

*Chairperson Gossling– Initial discussions held with MA and MNSW provided their view of further investigation being required as initial discovery indicated that;*

*Projected Income - 521k*

*Projected Expenses - 423k*

*Variant MA Expenses - 97k (being investigated with MA, database, HR, MAIL staff component costs)*

*Q. Life Member RK – The minutes from the last meeting stated the income from licencing was 500k. Licencing generated more than \$1m and we've given it away to MA. I'd like to see the figures, and the benefits we receive by handing licencing to MA, and until we see this I'm going to whinge about it at every meeting.*

*A. Chairperson Gossling– MA know we are investigating this, and we will have further information to report at the next meeting*

**b. Nowra District Motorcycle Club**

*Chairperson Gossling – Ongoing. Venue & Stakeholder Visit by MNSW CEO & Chair May 10*

**c. Horsley Park Club User Agreement**

*Chairperson Gossling – Ongoing. Venue & Stakeholder Visit by MNSW CEO April 30*

*Q. Baulkham Hills – That was a strategy discussed between two presidents, and MNSW Sport Development Manager Adam Brook. We've not mentioned it to our members and are concerned that this will cause problems in future. Can we have it redacted from the board meeting minutes?*

*A. CEO – It was briefly mentioned, and the board minutes were simply a reflection of that. The board minutes are not for public consumption.*

*Baulkham Hills – We're just asking for future courtesy of discussing with us first before this is brought up at future meetings.*

*Q. Life Member RK – When reviewing the user agreement for Horsley Park, will you review the agreement for Coonabarabran?*

*A. CEO – It's definitely something we're looking into, once we've addressed Horsley Park and Nowra*

**4. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update**

**(15mins)**

**a. Constitution Sub Committee**

*Nil Report*

**b. Governance and Policy Sub Committee**

*Chairperson Gossling- We will be rolling this into one of the other sub-committees.*

**c. Investigations Sub Committee**

*Chairperson Gossling – MNSW Deputy Chairperson Cawood is the Sub Committee's Chair, with Director Bowditch as the Deputy Chair, we have opened a number of investigations, and have*

*appointed an independent investigator in conjunction with Motorcycling Australia. We have resolved a number of other investigations too.*

d. **Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee**

*Sub Committee Chairperson - MNSW Director Cheney advised; The committee received templates and will shortly circulate a term of reference to work around finance with the Chairperson.*

**5. New Delegates**

**(5mins)**

*Chairperson Gossling – No new delegates*

**6. Tabling of:**

**(25mins)**

a. **Minutes – State Delegates Meeting 24 February 2022**

*Confirmed*

b. **Summary – Board Meeting(s)**

*Action – Remove reference to Baulkham Hills and Blacktown club merger*

c. **Financial Statement(s)**

*Confirmed*

*Life Member RK stated that he doesn't believe MNSW Directors should be allowed to conduct business at these meetings online. They should be seated at the table and open to questioning from delegates. I don't wish to make it official, but if things don't change I will.*

*Chairperson Gossling responded – The Board dedicate an enormous amount of time and energy to their work for MNSW, and it's unfortunate they couldn't be here in person tonight. There are reasons for this, however I know it doesn't diminish their contribution.*

*Board Director Cheney added; I've spent 40hrs this week already dedicated to preparation for AMSCROSS and will be attending Wagga, as well as Wakefield this weekend. We're already hugely committed, and we're using technology to ensure we can be across as many aspects as possible.*

*Chairperson Gossling – Our directors are hugely committed to this organisation, and I wholeheartedly disagree that them being online as opposed to in person diminishes that commitment.*

*Private Promoter Race Pace – Ron, if you didn't live in Sydney you would have a different opinion here.*

*Panorama – We've moved our meetings to joint online/in person, with the zoom meeting starting 30mins ahead of time, allowing for half an hour of questions pre-meeting.*

*Q. Life Member RK – How many clubs are online right now?*

*A. Dane Kovacevic MNSW– There are 15 in total at the moment*

*PCRA – It's the quality of the Board we seek, not the quantity of hours*

*CEO – Navigating toward different technology to increase engagement has been tried across a number of sports. They've all found those who weren't previously engaged, don't feel invested enough to now start and it's our job to improve that and give them a reason to attend*

*Q. Life Member RK – The number of clubs who attend is poor, considering it's a state sporting organisation. I don't know how you're going to get it to work*

*Panorama – A lot of committees are of a Senior age and don't care for technology*

*A. CEO – We have to engage better from our end, and make people think 'I can't miss this meeting' rather than 'Why do I have to go?'*

**7. New Club Affiliations (5 mins)**  
*Nil*

**8. Private Promoter Affiliations (5 mins)**  
*Nil*

**9. Committee Reports (10 mins)**

**a. Motocross**

*MNSW Motocross Committee Chair Maree Kirby– We've had four rounds of King of MX. Clarence was the wettest event we've ever encountered, with recovery vehicles not leaving until 2am the next morning. Moree wasn't as big an event as expected; however it was still very successful. Appin is on Mother's Day, with entries looking good. Rain has cancelled many events this season, but clubs are doing a great job to reschedule.*

**b. Speedway**

*Nil Report*

**c. Minikhana**

*Nil Report*

**d. Road Race**

*Nil Report*

**e. Dirt Track**

*Life Member KD– Bathurst was looking to be a great event; however rain unfortunately ended the event at 7pm. The club did a great job, and it was a great exhibition of dirt track racing.*

*Hunter club will try again to run their Track Masters event on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of July, so if any clubs have events planned the best cancel them now – as we're sure it will end up raining!*

**f. Enduro**  
*Nil Report*

**g. Trial**  
*Nil Report*

**h. Historic Road Race**  
*Nil Report*

**10. General Business**

**(15 mins)**

*Q. Annandale – Road racing is hugely expensive, with track hire killing us. Is there anything MNSW can do to help us? We can't afford the hire at SMSP, and now Goulburn (Wakefield Park) is becoming increasingly expensive also.*

*A. Chairperson Gossling – It's something we're discussing at Board level as to how we might best increase participation. CEO added; It's part of our plan to gain the insight and backing of the clubs and sports committees to get an understand of, and work around these problems. We don't have what we call a pathway in this sport, and we need to articulate that and create programs that align with that.*

*Q. Life Member RK– In the Board Minutes on 3 March, item 4 is a WHS discussion. What's a WHS?*

*A. Chairperson Gossling– Workplace Health and Safety – we are creating a risk register, so when the team go to events, we have all the procedures and insurances in place to cover them all*

*Life Member RK– Years ago I was invited to an official's seminar at the ARDC, where a lawyer informed that all officials are considered employees. The obligation is on the promoter to ensure they're kept safe.*

*Life Member RK– The point brought up about road racing is valid. MNSW should involve themselves with a club to financially support them to run a road racing event each year.*

*Lake Macquarie (Julian Roberts) – I work for a division at Yamaha, heavily involved in the Oceana Cup. There are opportunities for clubs to jump on board with wholesalers to invest in these series.*

*CEO – happy to progress discussions and opportunities here on behalf of the sport.*

**MEETING CLOSE**

**8:45pm**