

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES (GENERAL COUNCIL) MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 25 August, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: Blacktown Workers Club and Online

Online Via Microsoft Teams;

Attendees

Board

Annaliese Cawood (Deputy Chair)	Madeleine Bowditch (Director)	Chelsea Cheney (Director)
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Life Members

Ron Kivovitch	Keith Davies	David Elliot
Christine Tickner	Bob McGlinchy	

Delegates

Annandale Leichardt MCC	Bankstown Wiley Park MCC	Bathurst MEC
Baulkham Hills JMTC	Blacktown Junior Mini Bike Club	City of Penrith MCC
Classic Motorcycle Racing Club	Dargle Valley MCC	Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club
Lower Mountains MCC	Macarthur Districts MSC	Nepean MSC
North Coast Road Racers	Oakdale Junior MCC	Oyster Bay MCC
Post Classic Racing Association	St George MCC	Vincent HRD Owners Club
Panorama MCC		

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Amy-Maree Zofrea – MNSW Staff
Claire Beech – MNSW Staff		

Private Promoters

Nil		
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Apologies

Darren Gosling (Chairperson)	Kate Peck (Director)	
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Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome (5mins)

Deputy Chairperson Cawood opened the meeting and apologised for Chairperson Gosling and Director Peck's absences. CEO also introduced and welcomed Amy-Maree Zofrea as Partnerships Coordinator at MNSW.

2. Minutes – State Delegates General Council Meeting 23 June 2022: (5mins)

The June meeting minutes were discussed. Life Member Christine Tickner queried the WWCC and a brief discussion took place surrounding the guidelines of WWCC.

The June meeting minutes were moved by Life Members Ron Kivovitch and Christine Tickner.

3. Matters Arising (5mins)

Licensing & Centralized Licensing Life Member David Elliott

Life Member David Elliott enquired about Centralised Licensing and where we are at with this?

CEO advised that Centralised Licensing was covered in the previous meeting of the General Council where we advised that MNSW were \$77K better off because of it.

Life Member David Elliott then asked, What is the decision on Centralised Licensing?

Deputy Chairperson Cawood advised that this was approved in December 2021.

Life Member David Elliott advised of his concerns that all controls of MNSW Members are being revoked and that everything will be controlled by MA.

Deputy Chairperson Cawood – confirms that all decisions are made within the best interest of the organisation and membership.

No.	Matter
3.1	<p><i>Pace Race Information Disclosure</i></p> <p><i>ACTION ITEM (1): MNSW to provide feedback on what can be disclosed for the Race Pace matter.</i></p> <p>Deputy Chairperson Cawood read through the CEO outcome notes included in the papers which stated;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The Deed of Release was entered into with a view to finalising the dispute.</i> <i>2. MNSW agreed to pay Race Pace a total of \$245K without admission of liability or wrongdoing. \$105K of this was towards Race Pace's costs and \$140K was in settlement of the alleged loss.</i> <i>3. MNSW agreed to withdraw any disciplinary actions against Michel.</i> <i>4. MNSW agreed to amend its 5 Race Restriction Policy to allow clubs and promoters to conduct a maximum of 7 open competition meetings within any discipline; that there are no limits on number of series or standalone open meetings that Clubs or Promoters can run.</i> <i>5. MNSW, Michel and Race Pace are all bound by non-disparagement clauses in relation to the matter.</i> <i>6. It is common for parties to litigation to resolve their disputes in this manner, and is often a better outcome financially, as even if successful, costs are never fully recovered.</i>

	<p>A discussion took place surrounding motocross and stadium motocross disciplines. It was advised that the CEO will send out confirmation surrounding the correct wording from the Policy.</p>
3.2	<p><i>Financial Statements – Investment of MNSW Finances</i> <i>ACTION ITEM (2): MNSW to investigate investments and provide update at next General Council meeting.</i></p> <p>CEO advised that the recent interest rate increases were good news for MNSW investments. The Board will make a decision and provide an outcome in regards to how the investments are handled and secured for the future.</p> <p>A discussion took place surrounding the risk involved and how the investment will be diversified and proportioned to ensure sustainability during quiet business periods. The Board will look to weigh up all risks prior to a decision being made.</p>

4. Board Meeting Summaries (5mins)

CEO advised a summary of the Board meeting held on 6 July will be provided in due course. This meeting was held to discuss the new affiliated clubs.

5. Financial Summary (5mins)

The reports were received and noted. There were no queries to the financial summary.

6. Key items – Strategic Update (20mins)

i. MNSW Membership Survey

CEO advised that 10-12% of total membership base has completed the Membership Survey. A SWOT analysis will take place for clubs to complete and for them to advise how MNSW can best assist our clubs. The aim is to ensure we can support all our clubs as best we can to ensure that they are viable and supported.

ii. MNSW Facility Audit

CEO explained this audit and discussed the need to receive responses so that the clubs can be best assisted. It is important to know what the clubs need and to ensure our tracks are up to standard. It is also important to be considerate and aware of environmental factors. It was requested by the CEO that all people respond to the survey, even if they do not have a facility. It was questioned what MNSW will do with the information provided from the audit. The CEO explained that is simply to know how to support the clubs and what infrastructure and equipment is needed. The CEO asked everyone to reach out with any concerns.

iii. Youth Advisory Charter

CEO advised that a few nominations have been received, however the deadline will be extended to hopefully allow for more people to nominate. We are asking clubs to recommend people aged between 14-21 years old to participate in a range of disciplines – male and female - and to have them involved in the process so we can help guide the youth in the future.

A discussion took place surrounding the charter and how to get new people to engage and speak up. The details of the charter were on social media and this will be improved on in the future. The growth of the YAC will happen over time and the introduction of this charter is the starting point.

iv. **Life Membership Policy**

CEO confirmed that the Life Membership Policy is now available online. Thank you to the members for their feedback.

v. **Grievance Handling Policy**

Deputy Chairperson Cawood advised that the policy is online and included in the meeting pack. The electronic form comes directly to the MNSW office. If the complaint is a breach of integrity, then this will be forwarded to the national body. It is setup this way so that MNSW can have the opportunity to assist before it is sent on to external tribunals.

There was a discussion surrounding the processes involved with this policy and Deputy Chairperson Cawood explained that all sporting bodies are following the same grievance policy.

vi. **State Conference and Awards Night**

CEO advised that an awards night will be held in November of this year to recognise people across all levels involved in our sport. It is about appreciating their time and effort. A date will be set and communicated shortly. The CEO explained that it is a challenge to pick a date that everyone will be available for and apologised in advance if there are people who cannot attend. This will also include a conference day.

vii. **Club Success Examples and Case Studies**

The CEO advised that this item will be included in all general council meetings moving forward. It is about how clubs can present case studies and share amongst the group so that we can all benefit from each other and highlight things that our clubs are doing.

There was discussion surrounding this and the CEO explained that the first step in this is the Ridernet training and how it regionalised to reconnect our clubs together and creating a network where our clubs can communicate. It is about connecting the clubs and although this will take time, it is important to start the conversation and for clubs to have coordinated efforts to improve connectivity with the wider community.

7. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

(20mins)

a. Governance and Policy Sub Committee

Director Bowditch provided a brief update on the constitution review and advised that a sports law firm has been engaged to ensure we are following the correct methods and to expedite the process. The CEO advised that consultation with the community will take place regarding the revised constitution and the community will be given every opportunity to provide feedback.

b. Investigations Sub Committee

Deputy Chair Cawood advised that all complaints since 1 June 2022 go through the new process outlined on the MNSW website, which sets out two pathways – one via MA and or via Sports Integrity Australia. Deputy Chair Cawood also advised that there are historical complaints that are currently being worked through as per the Grievance Handling Policy for all disputes arising prior to 1 June 2022.

c. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee

Director Cheney advised that the Committee is currently working on the risk matrix and charter. The Charter has been approved by the Board and the first draft of the Finance Risk Report Framework register has been completed. 17 risks have been identified across financial/operational/properties/audit. Director Cheney also mentioned the risk that electric bikes may impose.

d. Sports Committee Update

CEO confirmed that the sports committees have been in action since 1 August with first meetings already taken place. The Chair and other positions have been selected, along with by-laws being looked into by committee members. A charter is being created to ensure that the committee's remain compliant and understand their role.

8. New Delegates

(1 mins)

Deputy Chairperson Cawood welcomed Daniel & Danielle from Dargle Valley MCC. Then also extended a warm welcome to John and Bruce from Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiastic Clubs too.

Last meeting there was an affiliation for Matt Moss – the CEO confirmed that there are some issues with paperwork that are being reviewed

9. New Club Affiliations

(1 mins)

N/A

10. Private Promoter Affiliations

(1 mins)

N/A

11. Committee Reports

(10 mins)

i. Motocross

Maree Kirby expressed thanks for posting team information online, the kids were very excited.

ii. Speedway

Matt Adamson advised that the chair and secretary have been nominated. Matt Adamson advised he is the chair and John Walker is secretary. The committee discussed that the series is going well and there is great support from riders. There were a few concerns surrounding WWCC.

iii. Minikhana

Matt Adamson advised that a junior Minikhana event will be held at Nepean.

iv. Road Race

Michael Rooke advised that one meeting has been held. The Committee is currently working on by-laws. There has been the loss of a track and there has also been a noticeable decline in entries in race meetings. This is hopefully a cycle and will pick up again shortly.

v. Dirt Track

Matt Adamson advised that Denise Doyle is Chair, Paul Slade is Vice Chair. This is a similar committee to speedway. NSW track championships are taking place in October at the Central Coast. AUS Championships recently took place in Tamworth and this had a great number of riders for juniors.

vi. Enduro

No update.

vii. Trial

A brief discussion took place surrounding the problem with Trials in NSW due to cost. The CEO explained that AMA has been working in the dark for a while pushing within trials discipline. We now have information on their coverage and more information will come out via MA.

viii. Historic Road Race

Ken Lindsay has been elected as chair. The committee has been working on by-laws and grading. There has been discussion surrounding the decline in numbers and this will hopefully improve with promotion.

12. General Business

(20 mins)

a. Minikhana Come and Try Day

Claire Beech spoke to the presentation regarding the permit for Minikhana come and try day. This is a great initiative to get juniors involved in motorcycling. There is financial support with this event – there is \$400 rebate on equipment, no levy's or permit fees.

b. MNSW Community Marketing Strategy

The CEO advised that opportunities to help promote the sport are being put together for clubs. The aim is to make it easy to find information on clubs online. There is quite a lot of outdated information online and this strategy will assist with this and will hopefully assist with gaining additional members. More resources and information will be provided to clubs in due course.

c. Wakefield Park & Racetracks

The CEO advised that he was in attendance of the Goulburn new track opening. This was a great event with a great amount of people present. Wakefield Park has been overusing the facility in comparison to their allowance which is an issue with the NSW Government. Conversations are underway to ensure that the track provides for the community moving forward.

A discussion took place surrounding the loss of tracks, road racing under threat and electric bike evolution.

d. Various General Queries

- It was queried whether there was an update on Dave Cooke's position with the MNSW Board as well any update on the investigation into the previous MNSW Board. Deputy Chairperson Cawood advised that no update can be provided at this time.
- Ridernet training was queried – this goes live tomorrow however training is not until next week. The CEO advised that Ben Williams will be providing an overview on this shortly. The CEO advised that unfortunately the MNSW team has not had much visibility surrounding the Ridernet roll out. There will always be challenges surrounding the roll out of any new systems and updates.
- It was queried when Lauren will be returning to the office and Deputy Chairperson Cawood advised that no update can be provided at this time.
- It was queried whether there was a suspended rider update. The CEO advised that investigations have progressed and MQLD have provided a report that will be submitted to the committee for final review.
- The WWCC policy was questioned surrounding the requirement for operational officials and flag marshals to undertake WWCC. The CEO advised that the policy does state levels where WWCC is required and this policy ensures a level of protection. There was a discussion surrounding this and key officials. The CEO confirmed that parents do not need WWCC.
- Ben Williams provided an update on RiderNet 2.0. It was requested that any questions be forwarded to Karen or Catherine at MNSW for assistance. Training is rolling out from 26 August and when first logging into the new system please check that all information is up to date. A discussion took place surrounding 1.0 and it was requested by the CEO that everyone waits until they complete the training before moving to RiderNet 2.0.

13. Meeting Close

(1 mins)

Deputy Chair Cawood thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. The meeting was declared closed at 9.13pm.