

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES (GENERAL COUNCIL) MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 20 October, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: Blacktown Workers Club and Online via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Board

Darren Gossling (Chairperson)	Annaliese Cawood (Deputy Chair)	Chelsea Cheney (Director)
Madeleine Bowditch (Director)		

Life Members

Ron Kivovitch	David Elliot
Christine Tickner	Bob McGlinchy

Delegates

Annandale Leichardt MCC	Bankstown Wiley Park MCC	Baulkham Hills JMTC
Classic Motorcycle Racing Club	Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club	Hastings Valley MCC
Hunter MCC	Kurri Kurri Speedway Club	Lakes MBC
Lower Mountains MCC	Manly Warringah MCC	Macarthur MCC
North Coast Road Racers	Norton Owners Club	Oakdale Junior MCC
Oyster Bay MCC	Panorama MCC	Penrith Minibike Club
Post Classic Racing Association	St George MCC	Vincent HRD Owners Club
Young MCC		

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff
Amy-Maree Zofrea – MNSW Staff	Claire Beech – MNSW Staff	John Walker – Speedway Sports Committee
Bob Johnston – Road Race Sports Committee		

Private Promoters

Michel Constantinou – Race Pace		
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Apologies

Kate Peck (Director)	Keith Davies (Life Member)	Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club
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Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome

Chairperson Gossling opened the meeting at 7.00pm and noted Director Peck's and Keith Davies' apologies.

Chairperson Gossling advised that elected Director Mr David Cooke resigned from his position with the Company as of October 4, 2022. Chairperson Gossling extended his thanks to Mr Cooke for his contributions to MNSW and the Board. The MNSW Board will institute a process to fill the casual vacancy that now exists following the resignation. Corresponding to the term for which Mr Cooke was elected, the position will have a tenure through to the next annual general meeting in May 2023, when the position will then be vacated for election by the members.

2. Minutes – State Delegates General Council Meeting 25 August 2022

The meeting minutes for the General Council meeting held on 25 August were moved by Life Members Ron Kivovitch and Christine Tickner.

3. Matters Arising

No.	Matter
3.1	<p>Permitted Activity Motocross and Stadium Cross <i>ACTION ITEM (1): CEO will send out confirmation surrounding the correct wording from the Policy.</i></p> <p>The CEO provided the wording within the policy which is as follows:</p> <p><i>d) For the purposes of this policy “discipline” means a discipline defined by Motorcycling Australia in the General Competition Rules as published from time to time. As at the date of this deed is: Road Racing, Supermoto, Trial, Motocross, Enduro, Minikhana, Speedway, Track and Dirt Track, ATV</i></p> <p><i>e) in addition to the above, the following shall be regarded as disciplines: Stadium Motocross or Stadium cross and Grass Track Motocross.</i></p>
3.2	<p>Financial Statements – Investment of MNSW Finances <i>ACTION ITEM (2): MNSW to investigate investments and provide update at next General Council meeting.</i></p> <p>The CEO advised that no investments have been made to date, however two banks have been shortlisted. More details will be provided by the CEO once there is an update.</p>

4. Board Meeting Summaries

Chairperson Gossling was queried by Panorama MCC whether there were any comments from the Board Meeting summaries re the Prize Money Policy. It was questioned whether the Prize Money Policies were discussed at the Board Meeting. Chairperson Gossling advised that this was discussed via circular motion and are included in the October 4th Board Meeting minutes.

5. Financial Summary

Director Cheney presented the financial summary and advised that participation is down 17.5% and this is largely due to the weather and Covid-19.

There were no queries to the financial summary.

6. Key items – Strategic Update

i. Ridernet 2.0 Update

CEO advised that the transition to Ridernet 2.0 has been challenging. New communications were released today advising that Ridernet 1.0 will shut down on November 15 2022. Further challenges are to be expected. MNSW Sport & Event Officers Catherine Barbour and Karen Szczerbanik are assisting everyone and they are also on the Ridernet Committee to provide feedback to improve Ridernet 2.0. CEO also advised that a group of super users have been recruited to aid the ongoing development of the program. The system will continue to be developed and there have been no final determinations on the fees for 2023 as yet.

ii. Strategic Planning Update

CEO advised that a planning meeting was held on 5 October with life members and an external facilitator where feedback was utilized from recent surveys submitted to the community. The Board will review the strategic plan on 27 October and it will then be presented at the State Awards Conference on 26 November.

iii. MNSW Constitution Update

Director Bowditch advised that the Governance Sub Committee is working to uplift the governance infrastructure at MNSW. An annual review of the Constitution is being undertaken to ensure that it is aligning good governance throughout MNSW. A session with the Life Members was held on 17 October to review the first draft of the Constitution and the feedback is currently being implemented. During the week of October 24 emails will be sent to delegates with materials including current Constitution, the new draft Constitution, and a comparison table. Delegates are welcome to provide feedback by 24 November and there will be an online meeting on 1 December to discuss any questions or feedback. The vote on accepting the new Constitution will be in the new year. It was queried what the voting threshold will be. Director Bowditch advised that it is a 75% threshold for the Constitution to pass and a special general meeting.

iv. **MNSW Discipline Bylaws**

The CEO advised that the sports committees are reviewing the bylaws as these have not been updated in some time. Once these are finalised, they will go to the Board for endorsement and then published on the website.

v. **Time to Ride Marketing Campaign & Strategy**

The CEO thanked those that were present in the online sessions. A webinar will be released soon for all to review. Marketing to advertise our sport is underway. There have also been a few updates to our website, including the club toolbox and the 'find a Club' feature. The 'find a Club' feature links the clubs in vicinities and the CEO provided a brief demo of how this feature works. This will be beneficial for clubs to review and update the information available about their clubs as this will assist people looking to join a club. The CEO encouraged clubs to reach out to MNSW Development Officer Claire Beech for any updates to be made to their club details on the MNSW website.

Clubs are also encouraged to review the toolbox on the website as there are templates available for clubs to utilise. Please contact MNSW if any assistance is required.

vi. **Prize Money Policy and Bond Guidelines**

The CEO extended his thanks to those who have provided responses to this Policy. As there have been a limited number of responses received, an extension will be put in place to allow the community to provide feedback. All feedback is welcomed by close of business Tuesday 25 October.

vii. **State Conference and Awards Nominations**

The CEO encouraged delegates to send through more nominations for the upcoming awards night. It has been a number of years since such celebrations, and this is a fantastic opportunity to recognise members and clubs in the sport. It would be wonderful for this to be the centrepiece of the year so please continue to nominate.

viii. **2023 Calendar**

The CEO advised that the draft calendar will be released on 30 November. It was queried whether it would be possible to release the calendar earlier to allow for better planning for state title dates. The CEO advised that the current goal is to send out the draft on 16 November, so that clubs can make their best decisions. This is the current process being followed for this year and this process can be reviewed in the future. It was queried whether the format for the state titles will be changing in 2023. The CEO advised that this is currently under discussion and review by the sports committees.

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

The CEO encouraged the delegates to share any success stories with the community.

7. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

i. **Governance and Policy Sub Committee**

Director Bowditch advised that in addition to the work on the Constitution review, the Governance Committee continues to work in the background on a suite of other governance documents and policies.

ii. Investigations Sub Committee

Director Cawood advised that the Investigations Committee has its first two historical complaints going through the new complaints process. This involves a private investigator who has provided findings to the panel, which consists of a Director, CEO and MNSW Life Member.

iii. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee

Director Cheney advised that the Committee is currently working on aligning the work done at the recent strategy day in identifying risks and the risk tolerances. Work is being done to list the strategic outcomes for MNSW and this includes how MNSW is currently tracking, along with budget planning for 2023.

iv. Sports Committee Update

The CEO advised that a new charter is being drafted to align all disciplines where necessary.

8. New Delegates

N/A

9. New Club Affiliations

The CEO advised that all information has been provided to the delegates surrounding the new club affiliation for Norton Owners Club NSW (Leichhardt). Norton Owners was previously affiliated with MNSW in 2019 and they are a non-competition club focussing on demonstrations, road rally's and displays. The Board has reviewed and approved the affiliation. Please contact Daniel Rushworth by close of business Thursday 27 October with any concerns or feedback. If there are no objections by 27 October then the affiliation of Norton Owners Club will be confirmed.

10. Private Promoter Affiliations

N/A

11. Committee Reports

- i. Motocross – Sports Committee Chairperson Maree Kirby expressed thanks for the caps and jackets provided to the committee. The trophy was missed out on by 3 points. Congratulations to all the riders.
- ii. Speedway - Sports Committee Chairperson John Walker advised that preparations for the upcoming championships are underway.
- iii. Minikhana (No update provided)
- iv. Road Race (No update provided)

- v. Dirt Track (No update provided)
- vi. Enduro (No update provided)
- vii. Trial (No update provided)
- viii. Historic Road Race (No update provided)

12. General Business

i. **Board Vacancy**

Chairperson Gossling advised that the Board is currently going through the previous nominations specifically looking at skills surrounding finance to fill a casual vacancy. It was queried whether this vacancy was open to everyone and Chairperson Gossling advised that this is a specific role requiring a set of skills to meet the needs of the Board until the next MNSW Annual General Meeting. There will also be Mr Cooke's position to fill until the next annual general meeting when that tenure will cease.

- ii. **General Council Meeting December 2022** – The CEO confirmed that the General Council date change for December 2022 will be December 1 and this will be an online meeting to discuss the feedback and questions on the constitution review. It is important that everyone provides feedback and/or questions on the constitution.

iii. **Technical Accreditation Harmonisation and Education Schedule**

The CEO advised that a project is currently in place across Australia to create a better process for technical accreditation and to ensure that the processes are consistent across the states. There are courses every month to accredit people and everyone is encouraged to sign up for the courses. There is a shortage of officials across the clubs and having people become accredited will help with events moving forward. Face to face accreditations will return under the harmonisation schedule.

Maree Kirby from Lower Mountains Motorcycling Club advised that courses can now be held mid-week. The CEO encouraged Clubs to make enquiries about timings that best suit them and to liaise with MNSW.

Michel Constantinou suggested that courses be available online and already recorded to be undertaken at any time. The CEO confirmed that this was being looked at as part of the harmonisation.

Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycling Club suggested that it be considered how quickly officials are levelling up and ensuring that they have the relevant experience and education. The CEO confirmed that this also comes under the harmonisation and will be considered under the new schedule.

- iv. **Time to Ride Advertising** – Simon Reynolds from Annandale – Leichhardt MCC queried why the Time to Ride advertisements contained an image of a MVIC Road Racer and not of a MNSW racer. The CEO explained that MNSW does not currently have a great deal of imagery to utilise but this is currently being rectified.

- v. **Dark Rider** – Alison Douglass from Penrith Minibike Club queried whether MNSW was promoting the movie Dark Rider by Ben Felton. The CEO and the Board confirmed that MNSW have been promoting the movie via socials and have also secured tickets for staff and the Board to attend the private screening on Sunday 30 October. Alison advised that due to other commitments she was unable to attend the private screening but was keen to watch the movie with her son who has been liaising with Mr Felton through his school. The CEO will reach out to Mr Felton to determine if this is possible.
- vi. **Position Advertised** – Life Member Bob McGlinchy advised that he had been told MNSW were advertising Lauren Werrin’s role. The Board confirmed that Ms Werrin’s role is not being advertised. The role that MNSW is currently looking to fill is the Communications Coordinator role and this is a separate role to Ms Werrin’s. There is no update on when Ms Werrin is returning to work.

Life Member Bob McGlinchy also advised that the Australian Championship trials held in Perth had a great result with the premier division being won by Kyle Middleton. This is Kyle’s tenth consecutive win and this has never been achieved before, well done to Kyle.

- vii. **Flags & Finances** – Darren Saxon from Hunter Motorcycling Club queried the flags cost included in previous financial papers. Chairperson Gossling requested that this be directed to MNSW during office hours for further clarification.

13. Meeting Close

Chairperson Gossling thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. The technology issues experienced in the meeting will be looked at to ensure that future meetings aren’t impacted. The meeting was declared closed at **8:25pm**.