

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES (GENERAL COUNCIL) MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 23 February, 2023 at 7:00pm

Location: Blacktown Workers Club and online via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Board

Darren Gosling (Chairperson)	Chelsea Cheney (Director)
Madeleine Bowditch (Director)	Kate Peck (Director)

Life Members

Christine Tickner	David Elliot	Keith Davies
Bob McGlinchy	Ron Kivovitch	

Delegates

Annandale Leichardt MCC	Baulkham Hills JMTC	Blacktown Junior Minibike Club
Bankstown Wiley Park Motorcycle Club	Canobolas Motorcycle Club	Classic Motorcycle Racing Club
Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club	Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club	Lower Mountains MCC
Hunter Motorcycle Club	Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Sports Club	Manly Warringah Motorcycle Club
North Coast Road Racers	Oakdale Junior MCC	Panorama Motorcycle Club
Maitland District Motorcycle Club	Nepean Motor Sports Club	Post Classic Racing Association
South Grafton Ex Services Motorcycle Club	Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club	Wagga Wagga Motorcycle Sports Club
Young MCC		

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff
John Walker – Speedway Sports Committee	Bob Johnston – Road Race Sports Committee	

Private Promoters

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Apologies

Annaliese Cawood (Deputy Chairperson)	BEARS Australian Motorcycle Racing Club	Bombala Motocross Club
Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc		

Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome

Chairperson Gossling opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

2. Minutes – State Delegates General Council Meeting 1 Dec 2022

Life Member Ron Kivovitch queried whether the investment of MNSW finances has been completed. Chairperson Gossling advised that this has been done and will be covered under agenda item 3.

*Moved – Life Member Bob McGlinchy
Leichhardt Motorcycle Club*

Seconded - Warren Reynolds from Annandale –

Minutes – Special General Meeting 9 February 2023

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club noted that the Bathurst Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club Inc was not noted correctly on page one of the Special General Meeting minutes. This was noted by Chairperson Gossling.

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club queried the number of votes received for the proposed Constitution at the Special General Meeting on 9 February 2023. A brief discussion took place surrounding the voting rights in the current Constitution and it was noted that more work needs to be done in this area to ensure that it is lawful.

Moved – Life Member Christine Tickner

Seconded - Life Member Ron Kivovitch

The meeting minutes for the General Council meeting held on 1 December 2022 and the Special General Meeting held on 9 February 2023 were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

No.	Matter
3.2	<p>Financial Statements – Investment of MNSW Finances</p> <p><i>ACTION ITEM (2): MNSW to investigate investments and provide update at next General Council meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The CEO advised that the investment of 3.5M has been invested for a twelve-month term. This was completed in late January 2023 and will mature January 2024. The Board accepted Unity Bank's offer of a 4.6% interest rate.</i></p>

4. Board Meeting Summaries

Life Member Christine Tickner queried what the purpose was of disclosing the Director Conflict of Interest in each board meeting minutes. Chairperson Gossling advised that it is a legal obligation to minute this in each meeting to show that the conflicts have been acknowledged.

Mrs Tickner also questioned the Directors and Officers insurance and what the change is for 2023. The CEO advised that this is the first year that the SCB's were not going to continue to be covered by MA. Some states have organised their own insurance.

Mrs Tickner queried the Prize Money Policy and what the outcome is with the payment to juniors. The CEO explained that no junior prize money will be paid.

Mrs Tickner questioned the change in the business model in regards to recapitalization. Chairperson Gossling advised that MNSW had to meet the regulator and pay \$186,000 by 31 December 2022. MNSW has been prosecuting this for the last two months and a review is underway. The CEO explained that MNSW is leading the review and pursuing a positive outcome to ensure that this does not reoccur at the end of 2023. As MNSW is one of the larger states, as the sport grows then so will the cost for licencing. Unfortunately, the sport cannot sustain these expenses on a yearly basis.

Ms Tickner queried whether Yerriyong is operational, and the CEO advised that it is currently operating and an event is taking place there this weekend. An agreement is in place but a review will be undertaken to review the facility and the agreement in order to improve Yerriyong. It was queried by Life Member Bob McGlinchy as to who owns the land at Yerriyong. The CEO advised that it is Crown Land but MNSW has permitted use of the land.

Ms Tickner questioned the private promoter agreements and the CEO advised that this will be discussed during the meeting as it is an item on the agenda.

Mr Beech questioned the circumstances surrounding MAIL and the recapitalization. Chairperson Gossling advised that there were various incidences that contributed to the recapitalization. Mr Beech queried how the cost will be recorded and whether this would be listed as an asset. The CEO advised that MNSW is currently working through this with the auditors and an update will be provided at the AGM.

Life Member Bob McGlinchy queried Goanna Tracks and what is currently occurring at the facility. The CEO advised that Ben Williams recently visited Goanna Tracks to gain an understanding of the facility and the club. The CEO explained that an agreement is being sought by MNSW with the club at Goanna Tracks to oversee the facility management and upkeep, as at the moment it is a risk for MNSW to have no agreement in place. A discussion took place surrounding a valuation of the facility and its insurance.

The Board meeting summary for 16 January 2023 was accepted.

Moved - Life Member Christine Tickner

Seconded – Life Member Ron Kivovitch

The Board meeting summary for 21 November 2022 was accepted.

Moved - Life Member Christine Tickner

Seconded – Life Member Ron Kivovitch

5. Financial Summary

Director Cheney advised that the financials provided were for December 2022. The summary was not an end of year summary. Due to the unforeseen and unbudgeted MAIL recapitalization expense, this leaves MNSW with a higher deficit. There was higher than usual activity in December and this helps participation levels and income received at that time.

Life Member Ron Kivovitch questioned what date range the figures provided were for. Director Cheney advised that the figures provided were for December 2022. The Annual Report will be released in due

course and will differ to what has been reported this evening, due to outstanding invoices and other payments. Mr Kivovitch requested that the reporting be provided in a way that is easy and simple to understand. Chairperson Gossling explained that the numbers have been provided in graphs and in tables to assist the general council.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club stated that the 25% levy increase in one hit is too high and that the clubs are struggling to keep riders. The CEO advised that this was included in the memo regarding fees which was distributed to clubs. It is currently unsustainable for MNSW to continue without an increase as it faces five years of continuous losses. Director Cheney advised that if MNSW does not make the necessary increases, MNSW will be out of business within five to ten years. Ms Roberts stated that perhaps the increase could have been staggered rather than one hit and that MNSW is making investments but the money is not going back to the clubs. Director Gossling advised that the Board must make decisions based on what is happening in the economy, what is outlined in the strategic plan and also to secure opportunities to invest in the future.

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club queried the State Sports Recovery Grant. The CEO advised that through the Office of Sport there are various levels of funding available. Clubs would have received correspondence from the MNSW office regarding each club receiving \$1000. Annual funding from the State Government is currently \$55,000.

Moved – Martin Pryke Oyster Bay MCC?

Seconded – Ron Kivovitch Life Member

6. Key items – Strategic Update

i. MNSW Strategic Plan

CEO advised that the presentation is still being worked on, in particular the areas of community investment and growth of the sport. The Strategic Plan has elements of the MA National Strategic Plan and our plan will evolve to include commonality. Once finalised it will be distributed to the community.

ii. Time to Ride Campaign

CEO advised that the Time to Ride Campaign is back underway and new community assets are being developed. As this evolves, please provide any feedback to media@motorcycling.com.au

iii. 2023 MNSW AGM and Timelines

CEO advised that the notice for the 2023 AGM will be released on Tuesday 28 February. The AGM will be held on Thursday May 25. The meeting this evening is the last one to be held at the Wattle Room in the Blacktown Workers Club due to the facility being upgraded and repurposed.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried why the Head Office at Smithfield is not utilised for the General Council meetings. The CEO explained that the Head Office mezzanine area is not suitable due to poor acoustics and temperature.

The CEO outlined the timeline for the AGM and stated the following dates to be noted:

- Notices released on Feb 28 for AGM held 25 May
- Delegate registrations open Feb 28 and close May 4
- Director nominations open Feb 28 and close March 31

- Life Membership nominations open Feb 28 and close Apr 27
- Notices of Motion open Feb 28 and close Apr 27

Mr Kivovitch queried whether there were two elected Director positions to be voted on. Chairperson Gossling confirmed that there are two Director positions being Director Cawood's and Director Cooke's positions.

Mr Beech queried when the Sports Committee nominations will open and close. The CEO confirmed that these will be separate to the AGM and are in line with MNSW precedents.

iv. **MNSW Procedures Manual (Updated)**

CEO advised that the Procedures Manual has been updated to be user friendly and will be distributed to the community by Ben Williams this week. Please respond to Ben with any queries.

Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club questioned whether the procedures will include a weekend contact person. The CEO advised that in an emergency he is the contact person. For additional support this is currently being worked on with the support team and that this has been requested with MA as clubs are facing many issues presently surrounding RiderNet 2.0.

v. **MA Medical Guidelines and MNSW Position**

Claire Beech advised that work has been done with MA on establishing a national guideline which clarifies medical terminologies for all states to utilise. The MA Medical Guidelines will be effective from 1 July 2023. This allows our clubs a slow transition and MNSW is happy to offer any assistance required. The presentation and further details surrounding the guidelines will be distributed to the community this week.

The CEO advised that there is no pressure for clubs to become completely compliant right away. The existing medical procedures are still in play. This is a challenging process and a slow approach is encouraged.

Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club requested whether these guidelines will be in place for the State Titles. The CEO advised that MNSW cannot commit to this timeline due to there being limited access to some relevant medical personnel.

vi. **MNSW 1st Quarter Education Schedule**

Ben Williams spoke to the slide on the MNSW Education Schedule. This will be sent out to the community this week. A two-day course for track inspectors is currently being put together and this will make track licencing more accessible to clubs.

vii. **MNSW Insurance Overview and Club Reflections**

Claire Beech reminded clubs to check insurance levels to ensure asset registers are up to date. A reminder to also conduct risk management overview and implementation of risk reduction strategies such as alarm systems being installed and key registers being updated.

viii. **MNSW Awards and Hall of Fame**

CEO advised that a hall of fame is commencing in 2023 and information surrounding this will be released in the coming weeks. The CEO explained that the hall of fame is to show a level of recognition, including historical figures and will be quite exclusive and built on high performers across the State. MNSW representatives within the Motorsport Australis Hall of Fame will also be inducted. The MNSW Awards will be held at Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 11 November 2023.

Daniel Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club questioned whether this replicates the Night of Champions which was in place previously. The CEO advised that this differs from the Night of Champions as it has capacity for everyone in the community to get involved in the nomination process.

ix. **MNSW Calendar Update**

There were no updates provided.

x. **MNSW RiderNet 2.0 Updates**

Ben Williams advised that fortnightly updates have been issued to the community surrounding the challenges faced on RiderNet 2.0.

Presently, the Active Kids is a priority and is currently being tested and will be pushed to production shortly. There have also been issues with Kinder Club entries and this is also a high priority.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club requested whether Active Kids will be linked to clubs to use. The CEO advised that Active Kids has specific identifiers in order to be used. There is an issue with the number of plug-ins and MNSW has been pushing since August 2022 to have this in place for clubs who wish to have plug-ins. The CEO noted the inconvenience and advised that work is being done in this space. Ms Roberts noted the challenges that the clubs are facing on the weekends with no RiderNet support.

The CEO advised there was a query posted on the Teams Chat by Mel Brownlie from Young Motorcycle Club regarding the RiderNet fortnightly updates becoming weekly updates. The CEO advised that this was raised with MA today whether there could be more updates released regarding RiderNet 2.0.

Life Member Christine Tickner queried whether Karen and Catherine were involved with improving RiderNet and the CEO advised that unfortunately they do not have access to the back end of the system in order to make the necessary changes. Karen and Catherine are working incredibly hard in working through the issues faced with RiderNet and are working closely with the developer.

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club questioned whether there was a date that RiderNet 2.0 would be fully functional. The CEO advised that there is no date as yet. It was queried whether stewards have access to edit permits. The CEO advised this is not possible at the moment and this has been escalated with MA.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club stated that she appreciates the RiderNet updates and requested that screengrabs be included in the updates provided. The CEO noted the feedback.

Bec Pollard from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club queried via the Teams Chat whether there was an update on when entrant licences will become active. The CEO advised that this will be taken on notice and MNSW staff will respond during the week.

Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club stated that she also appreciates the updates sent out and questioned whether she could sign up multiple children for one event without paying twice. The CEO advised that this will be taken on notice, together with the shopping cart issue. There is no timeline at the moment but MNSW is aware of the issues and these will be raised with MA and the developer. Ms Morris also queried MX2 and the endorsement required. The CEO advised that this will also be taken on notice.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club advised that MA do not answer their phones or return calls. The CEO advised that this has been logged with AMT and appreciates everyone's patience.

Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club advised of recent issues with resetting passwords. The CEO advised that MNSW staff could try and assist with this and to contact the MNSW office if assistance is required.

Darren Saxon from Hunter Motorcycle Club queried the club memberships issue on RiderNet. The CEO advised that an email should be sent to MNSW for further assistance. Chairperson Gossling requested that any further feedback regarding RiderNet should be sent through to the MNSW office so it can be logged and escalated with MA.

7. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

i. Governance and Policy Sub Committee

Director Bowditch advised that the Governance Committee has been working through the Constitution feedback. The feedback form is still live and encourages everyone to reach out via the form or email. Two meetings to discuss the feedback have been set for 7 March and 28 March. 7 March will be online only and 28 March will be in person at Blacktown Workers Club Ballroom. These sessions are for the community to discuss the Constitution. For those who do not wish to raise feedback publicly, everyone is welcome to reach out via email or the feedback form online.

In addition to the Constitution, the Governance Committee have been busy working on Policies. Recent policy uplifts are Governance Policy, Deed of Access Indemnity Insurance, Hall of Fame Recognition Criteria, Participation Charter, Conflicts of Interest, Code of Conduct, Reimbursement Policy, Whistleblower Policy and Employee Handbook.

ii. Investigations Sub Committee

Director Bowditch advised that the committee is continuing to progress the historical investigations through the MNSW Grievance Handling Process. There is early indication that the grievance process at Sport Integrity Australia will be changing and narrowing their scope. This

could mean potentially more complaints coming through. Before there are any changes this will be communicated with the community.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club questioned how clubs respond to riders who have been through the disciplinary process when they attend events. Director Bowditch advised that the outcomes should be communicated with the club secretary in a confidential manner. This will be taken as an action to check the policy and confidentiality process involved.

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

Director Cheney advised that the FRAP Committee met in November and will next meet in March. The main things being worked on are finalising the budget for 2023 and the MAIL recapitalization. An assessment of risks was also undertaken to ensure good governance surrounding our assets and risks.

8. New Delegates

Janet McGrath from Panorama Motorcycle Club was noted as a new delegate.

9. New Club Affiliations

Trials Club of Canberra- The Club was previously an Affiliate of MNSW prior to 2020 and more recently AMA. The Club is located at Fairbairn Trials Park in the ACT. A club that specifically focuses on the Trial Discipline and currently has 38 members.

The CEO advised that the Board has provided their pre-approval. There is now an opportunity for members to lodge an objection within five business days. Please provide written correspondence if you have an objection prior to Thursday 2 March.

Life Member Bob McGlinchy stated his support for the approval of Trials Club of Canberra. A previous delegate, Mr McGlinchy advised that the club formed in 1984 and specialize in trials and have competed in State and National Titles.

10. Private Promoter Affiliations

The CEO advised that a directive has come from MA that private promoters need to be on an agreement to operate. This differs from an affiliation, and this is being worked through at the moment. Some promoters have completed the agreement and some MNSW are still working with.

Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club queried whether the promoters operating at the moment were under agreement. The CEO advised that yes, they would be under agreement.

Life Member Ron Kivovitch queried whether the private promoters were still members. The CEO advised that yes, they can still be members.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club questioned whether the private promoters will need to use RiderNet. The CEO advised that eventually yes, when RiderNet is fully functional.

John Walker from the Speedway Committee commented on the difficulty surrounding private promoter affiliations and speedway only having two tracks in NSW.

11. Committee Reports

- i. Motocross – Sports Committee Chairperson Maree Kirby commented that there have been a couple of open meets this year with good numbers considering the high temperatures. Ms Kirby advised that she is expecting this year to be difficult across all disciplines with the fee increases. Supp Reggs will be out in the next week and gearing up for State Titles in June and July.
- ii. Speedway – John Walker advised that the NSW Championship Series has just been finalized and it was successful. Five out of the top seven in the Australian Speedway 500cc Championships were NSW riders. Planning for a re-run of the Speedway Super Series during the winter months to provide opportunities for stay-at-home riders.
- 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 – Ken Lindsey advised that the Bridgestone Festival was held recently at the Sydney Motorsport Park and there was a reasonable crowd despite the extreme heat.

12. General Business

Director Bowditch spoke to feedback from John Walker regarding the Speedway tracks. Access to tracks in the Sydney area is being discussed. Mr Walker has been advising of the history of speedway and the precedent for using Greyhound tracks as they are similar size. Wentworth Park and Greyhound Racing Stadium could be considered. Access to tracks is a key threat facing our sport and the Board will be discussing this further. Director Bowditch extended her thanks to Mr Walker for his innovative ideas and encouraged the community to share any ideas they may have.

Daniel Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club advised that the Bathurst Enthusiasts Club is not in support of every second general council meeting being held virtually only. Under the Corporations Act General Meetings cannot be held virtually only. A discussion took place surrounding the fact that general council meetings are not the same as General Meetings. It is simply worded incorrectly and this is one of the problems with the current Constitution as it is not worded clearly. The meetings that MNSW holds every two months are general council meetings. Sheree Morris from Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club questioned whether we can refer to the meetings as Delegate meetings. There was also discussion surrounding calling the meetings Council Meetings, as the word “general” seems to cause confusion. Chairperson Gossling noted this feedback.

Mel Brownlie from Young Motorcycle Club via the Teams Chat requested an update on the Youth Advisory Council meetings. The CEO advised that a meeting was attempted however it was challenging to find a date that was suitable. Ben Williams will be in contact this week to lock in a date.

13. Meeting Close

Chairperson Gossling thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. The meeting was declared closed at 9:02pm.