

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES (GENERAL COUNCIL) MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 20 April, 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
Ron Kivovitch		

Delegates

Annandale Leichardt MCC	Armidale Motorcycle Club	Baulkham Hills JMTC
Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc	Blacktown Junior Minibike Club	Canobolas Motorcycle Club
Classic Motorcycle Racing Club	Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club	Hunter Motorcycle Club
Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club	Lower Mountains MCC	Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Sports Club
Macleay District MCC	Maitland District Motorcycling Club	Manly Warringah Motorcycle Club
Nepean Motor Sports Club	North Coast Road Racers	Oakdale Junior MCC
Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club	Panorama Motorcycle Club	Penrith Minibike Club
Post Classic Racing Association	South Grafton Ex Services Motorcycle Club	Trials Club of Canberra
Vincent Owners Club	Wagga Wagga Motorcycle Sports Club	Young MCC

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff
Claire Beech – MNSW Staff	John Walker – Speedway Sports Committee	Maree Kirby – Motocross Sports Committee

Private Promoters

Michel Constantinou (Race Pace)		
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Apologies

Annaliese Cawood (Deputy Chairperson)	Bob McGlinchy (Life Member)	Robert Smith - Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc
Ken McLean (City of Penrith Motorcycle Club)		

Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome

Chairperson Gossling opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

2. Minutes – State Delegates General Council Meeting 23 February 2023

There were no comments on the minutes. The meeting minutes for the General Council meeting held on 23 February 2023 were accepted.

Moved – Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Districts Motorcycle Sports Club - Peter Dow

Seconded – Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club Martin Pryke

3. Board Meeting Summaries

There were no comments on the minutes. The Board meeting summary for 13 March 2023 was accepted.

4. Financial Summary

Director Cheney advised that as at the end of February 2023, MNSW's working capital position and the balance sheet remains strong. There were positive results from recent revaluations of the Cooper Street Smithfield property, as well as Goanna Tracks. These details will be included in the March financial papers.

Director Cheney discussed the impact of revenue against budget and this is due to the lack of events to be held and the rescheduling of the first round of the State Titles. The Board are monitoring this closely. A full budget review will be conducted at the end of the first quarter to gain an understanding if any changes are required for the budget moving forward.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried why the full profit and loss statements and balance sheets were not provided to the community. Director Cheney explained that the community is provided with the top line piece of the financials and the overall financial summary and statement of where MNSW is year to date and against budget. All members are entitled to visit the MNSW office during business hours to view the full financial papers should they wish, but the Board believe it is not best practice to provide the full papers due to the commercially sensitive information contained within the financials. The full papers also do not provide the full picture, which is also why the Board make an effort to base the reporting on how MNSW is tracking year on year and how MNSW is tracking against budget. Chairperson Gossling also advised that the annual report will be released in the coming weeks and this will include full statutory accounts.

5. Key items

i. Constitution Update and Feedback

Director Bowditch extended thanks to those who have provided feedback on the Constitution update. There were two engagement sessions held recently and the notes from those meetings detail the changes that have been made to the draft Constitution on the basis of feedback received. Director Bowditch outlined the main changes to the Constitution since the engagement session on 28 March, noting that no further feedback had been received since the engagement session and the timeline for further feedback to be submitted by 13 April:

- I. Updates were made to clause 9.3 to ensure greater clarity on the intent and purpose of the clause;
- II. Updates were made to clause 29.4 regarding Australia Post delivery timeframes. This now allows for a timeframe of four business days delivery;
- III. Updates to clause 15.3(a) which relates to voting at Delegates meetings and General Meetings. This clause states that all members will receive one vote at both meetings.

Director Bowditch requested for any feedback on the Constitution to be raised. There were no comments or feedback received.

Director Bowditch explained that the final draft of the Constitution will be circulated and then voted on at the upcoming AGM on 25 May 2023 via Special Resolution.

Chairperson Gossling expressed his thanks to Director Bowditch for her work on the Constitution update.

ii. **MNSW Strategic Plan**

Chairperson Gossling advised that the Strategic Plan has been approved by the Board.

The CEO spoke to the Strategic Plan and advised that a copy of the plan will be circulated to the Community on Friday 21 April 2023. The CEO advised that the plan has been designed so that it can evolve and develop in line with MA, AMT and ALT.

The CEO spoke to the vision and stated that by 2025, it is MNSW's vision to be viewed by our stakeholders as the trusted voice on motorcycling in NSW and the ACT. The CEO outlined the core values which involve building a sustainable organisation, striving to make the MNSW community and sport better for future participants and to consider new ways of working with new products and innovative technology.

The Strategic Pillars was also discussed, with the CEO advising that the focus of the strategic pillars include;

1. having a strong respected brand,
2. club engagement and capacity building,
3. consistent participant, coach and officials' development frameworks,
4. strong stakeholder engagement and
5. access to market and distribution.

Brett Redman from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club stated that Motorcycling Australia does not have a strategic plan. It was also queried why this was presented in this way as he believes this does not encourage group discussion to provide feedback. Chairperson Gossling advised that the MNSW Strategic Plan is in line with Motorcycling Alliance's Strategic Plan and that there will be ample opportunities for the community to engage in discussions and feedback sessions surrounding the Strategic Plan in the near future. The Strategic Plan will be tabled for the upcoming General Council Delegates Meeting on 22 June and the purpose of the brief presentation this evening was to advise the community that the Plan was approved by the Board and that it will be distributed to the community in the coming days.

John Walker from the Speedway Committee questioned if the Strategic Plan recognises the requirements of the different disciplines. The CEO advised that the plan does not refer to specific disciplines as they have different strategies which will evolve through the plan.

iii. **2023 MNSW AGM and Timelines**

CEO advised that Delegates Registration is due by 4 May 2023. The Notice of Motion is due 27 April 2023. Life Member Nominations are also due by 27 April 2023.

The CEO advised that on the 4 May 2023 the MNSW Annual General Meeting Final Agenda, 2022 Annual Report, MNSW 2022 Financial Statements and Proposed 2024 Affiliation Fees will be distributed to the community.

iv. **MNSW Calendar Update**

There are no updates to the calendar.

v. **MNSW RiderNet 2.0 Updates**

The CEO advised that following the last Delegates Meeting, after hours support has been organised to assist with RiderNet 2.0. David Byron will be assisting with after-hours support and this includes weekends. The MNSW office will still be assisting during business hours. The CEO requested that any complaints or issues to please direct these to the MNSW office and they will continue via the usual processes for complaints and grievances.

The CEO advised that Active Kids is still a priority and the RiderNet team are still working on this. Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried why this was still a priority as the new elected Government intends to remove the Active Kids program. The CEO advised that as this has not yet been confirmed it is business as usual.

Chairperson Gossling advised that there have been a number of changes that have been made to the RiderNet team at MA. This includes a full-time resource that has been assigned to the project. Two Directors from Motorcycling Australia have been appointed to undertake a deep review on the project. Brett Redman from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club and (MA Board member) advised that the user experience is being worked on in parallel with working on the problems and bugs which are being discovered and experienced. Mr Redman advised that due to poor communication between the different teams, there is an impact on the clubs but this is also being worked through.

Life Member Christine Tickner queried whether the sign on sheets could be established like the previous version of RiderNet. Mr Redman advised that he could not provide any comments as he was not familiar with this process. It was recognised that there is a push to move to electronic sign on. The CEO also discussed the issue surrounding the running of reports through RiderNet 2.0. The CEO requested that any feedback be sent to MNSW so that it can be communicated to the RiderNet team.

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club stated that the RiderNet program should have capacity to run unlimited reports and provide all data possible so the user can determine which reports to run. The CEO advised that this is not possible and the program does not have that capacity.

The CEO advised that more details will be obtained from the RiderNet group on the electronic sign on for further discussion and investigation.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club advised that her club has been using digital sign on for the last two years and the Club also has a scanner. Ms Roberts questioned whether MNSW could consider a partnership with one of the brands that could provide scanners. Chairperson Gossling advised that this can be investigated and considered further.

6. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

i. Governance and Policy Sub Committee

Director Bowditch advised that the Governance Committee's main focus has been the uplift of the Constitution. The Committee has also been working on the Terms of Reference for the Delegates meetings and these will be circulated to the community after the passing of the Constitution. This will assist in clarifying what will be discussed in the Delegates Meetings and in the General Meetings under the new Constitution.

In addition to the Terms of Reference and the Constitution, the Committee is also working on the structure for the Hall of Fame and Participation Committee. The next steps following this will be to review the by-laws, Life Member Policy and the Privacy Policy.

ii. Investigations Sub Committee

Director Bowditch advised that the committee is continuing to progress the historical investigations through the MNSW Grievance Handling Process. Sports Integrity Australia has officially announced that they've narrowed their focus to key areas such as sports performance and drugs in sport and child protection. The Committee is working with MA to understand how this will affect MNSW and what the pathway will look like following this change.

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club queried whether the National Sports Tribunal has been considered due to Sports Integrity Australia narrowing their scope. The CEO advised that the National Sports Tribunal follows a different process and the hierarchy is for MNSW to send cases up to Sports Integrity Australia.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried whether there was an update on a query from the last Delegates meeting surrounding suspended riders attending and participating in events. Director Bowditch advised that this query had been discussed at the previous Investigations Committee meeting, and an action taken for a formal process to be developed and circulated to the community.

iii. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee

Director Cheney advised that the FRAP Committee will be conducting a quarterly review of the budget. Now that the Strategic Plan is finalised, the Committee is working on the risk matrix to be in line with MNSW Strategy and MA. The Auditor's report is due in the coming weeks, and this will be circulated with the Annual Report.

Director Cheney advised that the CEO is currently working with the Council in regard to the Horsley Park and attempting to secure a long-term lease. As the venue requires investment, this

matter needs to be carefully considered as the Board is reluctant to invest significant funds to a lease that is not long term.

7. New Delegates

There were no new delegates.

8. New Club Affiliations

There were no new club affiliations.

9. Private Promoter Affiliations

There were no new private promoter affiliations.

10. Committee Reports

- i. Motocross – Sports Committee Chairperson Maree Kirby advised that the Committee is preparing for the Junior State Titles at Moree this weekend. There are 210 entries and riders are attending from QLD, VIC and NSW. Round Two for State Titles is the following weekend at Macarthur. Seniors State Titles will be promoted in the coming weeks. Ms Kirby extended her thanks to the Moree and Macarthur Clubs, as well as to the MNSW office staff and CEO for their assistance to date. Ms Kirby extended her best wishes to all riders.
- ii. Speedway – John Walker advised that the winter series starts at Cowra this weekend. There were meets in Tamworth, Wodonga and Nepean. Good entries so far and looks to be as successful as 2022 which is pleasing.
- 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.

11. General Business

i. Sports Committee Nominations

The CEO advised that the Sports Committee Nominations close at the end of April and requested that clubs please circulate these opportunities among members of their community

ii. After Meeting Reports & Rider Fees

The CEO discussed the after-meeting reports and fees. Due to different reasons clubs are falling behind with either paperwork or fees. The MNSW staff will be following up with Clubs and people within the community to ensure that they remain on track with the timelines that are advised. The CEO acknowledges and is appreciative of the volunteer challenge that clubs are facing including possible lack of time to manage the process, however a process needs to be implemented to ensure compliance. Written advice will be provided to those that have gone past their due dates and 48 hours will be granted so that forms or fees can be organised. Drastic action may need to be taken with clubs where this will eventuate with cancellation of future and/or current permits if

timeframes and written advice is not met. MNSW will always communicate prior to any drastic action taking place, as this is a last resort which the office does not want to impose.

iii. MA Product Review & Community Feedback

The CEO advised of the MA Product Review. Correspondence will be sent to the community on Friday 21 April. The community is encouraged to provide feedback so that MNSW can assist the community as best as possible.

iv. Nowra & District MCC & Director EOI's

The CEO advised that work has been taking place surrounding Nowra and the Directors will be stepping away in the hopes that it will become a community-based club again. A process will be put in place for expressions of interest to be received with the aim being to have a member-based club with its own constitution and Board. More information surrounding this will be communicated in due course.

v. Previous Board Investigations

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club requested an update on the investigation into the prior Board. Director Bowditch advised that this investigation is ongoing via an independent investigator, who is leading the matter and people are in the process of being contacted. Director Bowditch acknowledged the length of time taken to investigate historical complaints.

vi. Speedway Trial Meets

John Walker from Speedway Committee advised that the Committee is hoping to run a trial meeting at Eastern Creek to help bring Speedway back to Sydney. A junior speedway experience track has been built at Nepean and is attracting large numbers.

vii. Brand Manager Status

Brett Redman from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried whether Ms Werrin has returned to work or whether there was an update on Ms Werrin's return to work date. Chairperson Gosling advised that Ms Werrin is on leave and that no further comments would be provided.

viii. 2022 MNSW Annual General Meeting Location

Life Member Christine Tickner queried why the AGM will be held at Bankstown Sports Club. The CEO advised that there have been recent challenges in securing a meeting room at Blacktown Workers Club due to renovations and repurposing of the meeting rooms within the venue. Bankstown Sports Club has ample parking and more certainty regarding venue bookings.

ix. Wakefield Park

Simon Reynolds from Annandale Leichardt MCC advised of the ownership changes at the facility and if MNSW had any engagement with the new owners of the facility or working with them to utilise given the challenges of accessing Sydney Motorsport Park. The CEO advised that yes, MNSW will investigate this opportunity.

x. Nowra District MCC Generator

Life Member Ron Kivovitch queried whether Nowra is still utilising the generator that was provided a few years ago. The CEO advised that yes, the generator is still at the facility and still being utilised.

xi. Sponsorships

Mr Kivovitch queried whether MNSW has a marketing staff member dedicated to sponsorship. The CEO confirmed that there is a partnership coordinator on staff and discussed the challenges faced in obtaining financial partnerships with the current economic climate. Recent sponsors MNSW has recently signed are Motorex, Maxxis, Holeshot and Gall Brothers.

xii. Sydney Speedway Event

Life Member Keith Davies queried whether Speedway was coming to Sydney. The CEO confirmed that discussions are underway to investigate the opportunity at Eastern Creek and whether the facility will be suitable, safe and compliant.

xiii. Officials Clothing

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried whether there were any updates on Classic clothing and the officials clothing range. The CEO advised that the exclusive official's range has been finalised and MNSW will be supporting 50% of the cost. This will include a Cap, Polo Shirt, Long Sleeve polo and Jacket – at cost price. Order forms will be available shortly and the sizes run to 7XL.

xiv. Bathurst Track Development & MNSW Involvement

Danial Beech from Panorama Motorcycle Club questioned whether there were any developments or updates on Bathurst Council and Velocity Park on the second circuit. The CEO advised that there has not been any developments since discussions in late 2022 with the Bathurst Mayor. Bruce Morgan from Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club advised that the Club has been advocating for this, but it has been stalled due to land acquisition.

xv. MNSW/Stay Upright Partnership

Michel Constantinou from Race Pace queried the Stay Upright partnership and what it involves. The CEO explained that the partnership is a dual benefit partnership. It includes transition of information of people who do Stay Upright training to MNSW and linking them with clubs – this is approximately 30,000 individuals per annum. MNSW then also promotes an opportunity for people should they wish to obtain their motorcycling licence through Stay Upright. Mr Constantinou queried the potential conflict of interest with Director Cawood with MNSW and Stay Upright. Chairperson Gossling advised that the conflict has been declared and there has been a separation of duties where Director Cawood has not been involved in the partnership. It was queried whether there will be an opportunity for partnership with the dirt side of MNSW. The CEO advised that there are approximately 15 Private Coaches working in this space and to move to an exclusive offer would not be in the best interest of the community.

12. Meeting Close

Chairperson Gossling thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. The meeting was declared closed at 8:39pm.