

## **MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES (GENERAL COUNCIL) MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**Date:** Thursday 24 August, 2023 at 7:00pm

**Location:** Online via Microsoft Teams

#### **Attendees**

##### **Board**

Chelsea Cheney (Director)	Madeleine Bowditch (Director)	Bob McGlinchy (Director and Life Member)
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##### **Life Members**

David Elliot
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##### **Delegates**

Armidale Motorcycle Club	Annandale Leichhardt MCC	Baulkham Hills JMTC
Cessnock Motocross Club	Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club	Classic and Enthusiasts MCC
Coffs Harbor Motorcycle Club	City of Penrith MCC	Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club
Dubbo Dirt Bike Club	Classic Motorcycle Racing Club	Hastings Valley Motorcycle Club
Junior Trials Dirt Bike Club	Junior Trials Minicycle Club	Kurri Kurri Speedway Club
Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club	Lower Mountains MCC	Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Sports Club
Maitland District Motorcycling Club	North Coast Road Racers	Northern Classic Vintage and Veteran MCC
Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club	Oakdale Junior Motorcycle Club	Post Classic Racing Association
Penrith Minibike Club	South Grafton Ex Services Motorcycle Club	Trials Club of Canberra
Vincent HRD Owners Club	St George Motorcycle Club	Young MCC
Wollongong MCC		

##### **Guests**

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff
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##### **Apologies**

Hugh Howarth (Director)	Christine Tickner - Life Member	Ron Kivovitch – Life Member
Sydney Jackson – Life Member	Robert Smith – Bathurst Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club	Matt Pasin – Griffith Motorcycle Sports Club
Murray Jones – Holbrook Motorcycle Sports Club		

## Items

### 1. Chairpersons address and welcome

Chairperson Bowditch opened the meeting at 7.04pm and welcomed all attendees.

The CEO requested that attendees utilise the raise hand feature in Microsoft Teams when they wished to speak to ensure that the meeting runs smoothly. The CEO also requested that all attendees note in the chat their name and Club for an accurate recording of the minutes.

Chairperson Bowditch extended her thanks to Life Member Bob McGlinchy who joined the MNSW Board in June as an interim Director and will be completing his term on August 31, 2023.

### 2. Minutes – State Delegates Meeting 22 June 2023

Chairperson Bowditch advised that there was a minor change to the minutes from the Delegates meeting held on 22 June to reflect that Ms Claire Beech represents Cessnock Motocross Club.

***Moved – Brett Redman, Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club***

***Seconded – Martin Pryke, Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club***

The meeting minutes for the Delegates meeting held on 22 June 2023 were accepted via a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

### 3. Matters Arising

Regarding the MNSW Awards Night being changed due to a conflict with a late entry event in November, Chairperson Bowditch advised that unfortunately the MNSW Awards Night could not be moved to an alternate date or venue.

In regard to the Policies update from the Governance Committee, Chairperson Bowditch advised that the Life Membership Policy and the Club Regulations will be discussed further during the meeting.

In regard to the Historic Road Race item, Chairperson Bowditch confirmed that Mr Seiler has contacted MNSW regarding participation numbers and bike criteria.

### 4. Board Meeting Summaries

The Board meeting summary for 26 June 2023 were taken as read.

### 5. Financial Summary June 2023

Director Cheney advised that MNSW's working capital remains strong at \$4.3M and the balance sheet is showing a net asset just below \$11M. Revenue to date is strong and is aligned with budget. National Motorcycling Alliance is around 10% below budget. MNSW is also over budget on consultancy fees, computer software, steward expenses and track expenses. MNSW is tracking overall positive on track licencing and remains on track to deliver a neutral budget.

Brett Redman from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried the National Motorcycling Alliance performance. The CEO advised that the revenue from NMA is roughly 350K but this does fluctuate and is not of significant concern. The NMA is part of the MNSW Strategic Plan and this will be a matter of priority for the MNSW Board to investigate and pursue once the full Board has convened. Mr Redman

questioned whether these numbers were month to date or year to date. The CEO confirmed they were year to date numbers.

Life Member Keith Davies queried what the consultancy fees were for, which are currently over budget. Director Cheney advised that this was legal fees from the recent uplift of the MNSW Constitution, as well as legal fees in regard to the Nowra facility and historical investigations. Mr Davies advised that he was contacted by an investigator regarding the previous MNSW Board and due to the matter being four years old, this could be a waste of MNSW funds. Director Cheney advised that although it has been some time since the previous Board departed, there was a motion moved to investigate the circumstances that took place and that it is a legality for the Board to ensure this is completed. Director Bowditch confirmed that the Board are aware of the different views regarding the investigation into the former Board and are conscious of ensuring MNSW funds are applied in a proportionate manner.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried whether MNSW had a legal monthly retainer. Director Cheney advised that MNSW does not have a monthly retainer as there are matters that require specialised areas of law based on the matters and advice needed from different firms. MNSW did have a legal firm on a monthly retainer but this was changed in February 2022 due to conflicts of interest and the removal of the previous Board.

The financial summary for June 2023 was accepted.

## 6. Key items

### i. MNSW Board Director Update

Chairperson Bowditch advised that communications regarding the Board Director Update were sent to the community earlier this week. Under the MNSW Constitution, a Nominations Committee was formed to assist with the process of interviewing applicants and making recommendations to the Board. Chairperson Bowditch advised that pleasingly, there were a good amount of applications received. The Nominations Committee narrowed down the applications to six, five were interviewed and four were appointable. The new Directors are Nathan Hussey, Alison Wong, Ian Lieblich and Tanya Raffoul.

Chairperson Bowditch provided an overview of each Director's experience and is hopeful that the community will meet the new Directors at the October Delegates Meeting.

Chairperson Bowditch stated the length of tenure for each Director and explained that the terms are staggered to ensure there will not be multiple Directors finalising their terms at once. It was agreed by the Board that this would ensure stability for both the Board and the community.

### ii. MNSW Sport Committee Appointments

The CEO advised that most of the Sports Committees have had their first meetings. The appointments run from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024. The presentation deck will be emailed to the community and all are encouraged to explore the links and information contained within.

iii. **MNSW Strategic Plan and Scorecard**

The CEO spoke to the presentation deck and scorecard. An overview was provided on the five pillars –

1. Strong Respected Brand
2. Club Engagement Capacity Building
3. Consistent participant, Coach and Officials Development Frameworks
4. Strong Stakeholder Engagement
5. Access, Distribution and Access to Market.

Chairperson Bowditch explained that a critical part of the process of implementing a strategic plan was operationalising it. By providing an update on the scorecard at the Delegates meetings, the community are gaining an understanding of how MNSW is tracking in line with the vision and mission of the organisation. Chairperson Bowditch encouraged the community to provide comments or feedback so that the conversations surrounding the strategic plan and the scorecard can become the focus of the conversations at the Delegates meetings.

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

The CEO advised the MNSW Awards Night is being advertised and encouraged all to nominate and recognise their peers. Nominations are now open and will close on October 1. Finalists will be announced on 15 October, with winners to be announced at the November 11 Awards Night.

v. **MNSW Calendar Update**

There were no updates to the Calendar.

Ben Williams from MNSW advised that planning has begun for the 2024 calendar and MNSW will be collaborating with MA to ensure there were no clashes with events. A discussion took place with Matt Adamson, Michel Constantinou and Lindsey Rankmore regarding clashes in the calendar and what the timeline on the new calendar will be. Ben Williams advised that he is working closely with MA and there is currently no timeline in place. Director Cheney also advised that there have been changes to the calendar by MA after it has been released and this has been a concern throughout 2023. Roy Chamberlain from Trials Club Canberra (*also MA Chairperson*) advised he will look into this at MA as he was aware of the process beginning in September. With the nature of National Events and ensuring TV coverage, MA does contend with venue changes which then flow on to changes in the calendar. Director Cheney advised that although she understood this, it would be appreciated if there was a consultation prior to the calendar change so that MNSW could attempt to manage fallout and the impact it will have on the community.

vi. **MNSW RiderNet 2.0 Updates**

Ben Williams from MNSW advised there is work currently being done on linking one event licence to event registrations and refunds. There were also five bugs that were completed. Should anyone in the community require support with RiderNet, please contact the MNSW office to speak with Karen or Catherine.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried the one event licences and whether this would link with a rider who holds a licence but is suspended. Ben advised that this will be taken offline to investigate.

Claire Beech from Cessnock Motocross Club questioned whether there was a fortnightly update still being sent to the community. Ben advised that each fortnight on a Friday, the community is sent an update by the MNSW office. Ms Beech questioned whether the emails were sent to club contacts only and Ben advised that he will investigate this and ensure that race secretaries and officials were included in the email listings.

## **7. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update**

### **i. Governance and Policy Sub Committee**

- **Club Regulations**  
Chairperson Bowditch advised that there is an information session scheduled to discuss the Club Regulations on Thursday 31 August. The CEO and Director Howarth would be facilitating this session.
- **Life Membership Policy**  
Chairperson Bowditch advised that minor changes were made to the Life Membership Policy to ensure that it aligned with the updated MNSW Constitution.

### **iii. Investigations Sub Committee**

Chairperson Bowditch advised it has been business as usual for the Investigations Sub Committee and that there were no further updates.

Brett Redman from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried whether there was a timeline for the completion of the investigations. Chairperson Bowditch advised that the investigations are progressing well, whilst acknowledging the length of time it has taken. There were approximately twelve matters to investigate, and there has been significant progress over the last twelve months seeing many of these become resolved.

### **iv. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee**

Chairperson Cheney advised that the FRAP Committee have not met recently but continue to monitor the financials. There were meetings held to discuss key matters such as Nowra and the handling of outstanding debts and the key risks with debts. Nowra will be discussed further in General Business.

## **8. New Delegates**

The Chair welcomed Roy Chamberlain who has recently joined as a delegate from the Trials Club Canberra, Greg Epis who has recently joined St George Motorcycle Club, Lindsey Rankmore who has recently joined Dubbo Dirt Bike Club. Director Bowditch took an action for MNSW to investigate a new process for identifying new delegates for the next Delegates Meeting.

## **9. New Club Affiliations**

The CEO advised that Silver City Motorcycle Club (Broken Hill) was previously affiliated in 2021 and the club is now seeking reaffiliation with MNSW. The club focuses on the off-road discipline and has 102 members. The club recently funded a new club house and works in partnership with Broken Hill Speedway Club (another affiliate of MNSW) who also assists with officials and meeting requirements.

The CEO advised that the Board had reviewed the application to affiliate and welcomed any comments or concerns from the community regarding declining the affiliation. There were no comments raised and the CEO welcomed Silver City Motorcycle Club (Broken Hill) to the MNSW community.

#### **10. Private Promoter Affiliations**

The CEO advised that all event private promoters are now on agreements with MNSW rather than being affiliated. MNSW has a number of new private promoters that are operating across all levels of disciplines which is positive for the community through increased opportunities. Further to this, MNSW is currently working with the commercial coaches and drafting a suitable similar agreement.

Brett Redman from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried why coaches were being called coaching private promoter and why they require an agreement. The CEO explained that MNSW is ensuring that it has a formalised business relationship with these specific businesses as they operate within our framework and deliver services to the community under a MNSW/MA permit.

#### **11. Committee Reports**

- i. **Motocross** – Maree Kirby advised that the new Committee have met twice and are finalizing their proposal to the Board surrounding the State Titles for 2024. There was a good attendance at Darwin and the team did very well. The Committee is looking forward to 2024.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried how Shannon Corbett was aware of the contributions MNSW made towards trophies and thought that the committees were all operating the same across the Board. The CEO advised that depending on the discipline and whether MNSW plays the role as promoter, will determine the outcome. This is currently being investigated as well as the budgets for the sports committees. Work is also being done to align the committee's and to work with the committees to ensure that the events are not running at a loss.

Michel Constantinou extended his thanks to MNSW for having the opportunity to coach the NSW riders at the AJMX in Darwin. There were three Australian champions, and the riders did very well. Working alongside Aaron Rankmore and Lindsey Rankmore was a positive experience. Director Cheney echoed this sentiment and advised that she received great feedback from the AJMX event and was pleased to see the riders supported.

Carlie Roberts advised that as being a new representative on the Motocross Committee, she would like to see MNSW invest in the events and provide budgets. It was questioned when the budgets will be released and when MNSW will compensate the clubs that ran at a loss due to cancelled events. The CEO advised that work is being done with all the sports committees to ensure that cancellations and clubs running events at a loss do not reoccur through an improved tender and agreement process. A discussion took place with Claire Beech, Carlie Roberts and the CEO surrounding events that were cancelled and the ramification on the clubs.

- ii. **Speedway** – Matt Adamson advised that the Speedway Committee had their first meeting as a new committee. Three NSW riders recently competed at the Speedway World Championships in

Sweden and they had fantastic results. Round three of the Super Series was just completed at Tamworth and the next round is coming up at Albury Wodonga. Matt advised that due to many of the riders attending events overseas it would be beneficial to receive more recognition from MNSW.

- iii. **Minikhana** – Shannon Corbett advised that the State Cup is coming up on the Central Coast and attendance has been positive throughout the year, with up to 200 riders at each event. The committee wished to seek details surrounding trophies and MNSW's contribution towards the trophies, as this seems inconsistent across the disciplines. Ben Williams from MNSW will investigate this and respond offline with further details.
- iv. **Road Race** – Jean-Gabriel advised that he has recently joined the Committee. There is an upcoming event at Port Macquarie this weekend with one junior attending. Two riders from NSW will be representing Australia at the Supermoto Championships in Europe. Jean-Gabriel advised that he is keen to see how MNSW can nurture juniors so that they can continue to attend events overseas representing Australia.
- v. **Dirt Track** - No update provided.
- vi. **Enduro** - No update provided.
- vii. **Trial** - No update provided.
- viii. **Historic Road Race** – Ed Poucher advised that the Historic Road Race Committee had their first meeting as a new Committee and have submitted paperwork to MA for finalising the PC-7 proposal and are yet to hear back regarding this. The committee are looking forward to finding another club and track.

## 12. General Business

### i. **Club Risk Management & MAIL (Slips and Trips) Coverage**

The CEO advised that MA have released the MAIL Slips and Trips Insurance and encouraged clubs to investigate whether this opportunity was relevant to them and are engaging with it. Details surrounding the Slips and Trips Insurance has been circulated to the community and the feedback has been positive, especially surrounding the cost as it is cheaper than market rates. For any further information, please reach out to MA.

### ii. **Nowra and District Motorcycle Club Status**

The CEO advised that the Nowra Club is being constitutionally changed to a member club. The MNSW Board has worked through the process where they have advertised for personnel to express their interest to be implemented as the next Board. Nowra and District Motorcycle Club will be a club-based constitution and the Board are fulfilling their application to be accepted. The goal for the club will be to return to a member-based club for the community.

John Walker from the Speedway Committee advised that he may be moving to the Nowra vicinity in the near future and queried whether there was a Speedway track in the Nowra area.



The CEO confirmed that there is a Speedway track and encouraged Mr Walker to join the Nowra and District Motorcycle Club.

Greg Harris from Hastings Valley MCC queried who owned the Nowra facility. The CEO advised that Yerriyong is crown land.

**iii. Insurance Changes – Gross Negligence Clause**

The CEO advised that there will be changes coming prior to November to the gross negligence clause. MNSW is unable to advise on what these changes will be, however once details are released by MA there will be information sessions held for the community.

**iv. Uniform Update**

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried whether there was an update on uniforms as they were due in mid-August. The CEO advised that the jackets are due in soon and an update will be provided to the community in the coming days.

**v. Wakefield Park Update**

Ed Poucher from Post Classic Racing Association queried where there were any updates in relation to Wakefield Park. The CEO advised that there are significant works being undertaken at Wakefield Park to increase the rises and the hills around the side of the facility to create banks to minimise noise. There are also other works being undertaken and there is anticipation that there is going to be greater use of the facility in April or May 2024. No formal advice has been received as to what this will look like for MNSW. Further updates will be communicated to the community as they arise.

**vi. Harmonisation/Officials Accreditation**

Claire Beech from Cessnock Motocross Club queried whether there was an update on the harmonisation on officials and coaches accreditation. Ben Williams from MNSW advised that MA have put together a working group with members across each State and are working on a curriculum to be consolidated and ensuring that there is a consistent approach across the nation. Ms Beech also questioned whether the Board had taken any consideration to adopting the national framework as it is a national accreditation. The CEO advised that the approach that has been provided is what MNSW is currently following to ensure complete consistency before implementing anything different. This will be communicated to the community as it evolves. Ms Beech stated concerns surrounding being covered by MA's insurance if not properly accredited. The CEO advised that MA is aware of the current process and there has not been any perceived risks flagged. Ms Beech stated that Queensland and Victoria are following the national framework and is of the opinion that it is a useful tool. A discussion took place with Daniel Morris from Dargle Valley, Director Cheney and Ms Beech surrounding the utilisation of the national framework accreditation. It was decided that this be taken offline by the CEO and Ben Williams from MNSW will take an action to investigate further and provide clarity on the process of the accreditations at the October Delegates meeting.

**vii. Long Term MNSW Strategic Direction**

Greg Epis from St George Motorcycle Club queried whether the Strategic Plan had longer term goals to develop NSW athletes, and why the strategic plan was only for a three-year time



horizon. Chairperson Bowditch explained that when developing the Strategic Plan the Board wished to set the direction of MNSW in the short-to-medium term, which will assist with the establishment of longer-term goals in future iterations. It is realistic to revisit the plan every few years to ensure that the organisation is well placed, rather than implementing a high-level plan for 5-10 years which will not assist with direction and planning. The CEO explained that the Strategic Plan includes establishment of clear pathways which will allow MNSW to develop more high-level pathway opportunities that extend beyond just a few disciplines. The CEO and Mr Epis discussed the pathway opportunities and the possibility of a sub-Committee to assist junior riders. The CEO advised that there is a Participation Sub-Committee and encouraged Mr Epis to join the committee due to his interest in developing junior riders.

**viii. Officials Check List**

Matt Adamson from the Speedway Committee advised that it would be beneficial for officials to have a check list when signing off on upcoming officials.

In regard to the Participation Committee, Matt Adamson expressed his interest to join, but was of the opinion that pathways and identifying talented junior riders should be kept separate.

**13. Meeting Close**

Chairperson Bowditch thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:13pm.

**Action summary table:**

Item No	Action arising	Date raised	Resolved
6ii)	Presentation deck from the Delegates meeting to be circulated to the community	24 Aug 23	
6v)	Roy Chamberlain to investigate the calendar timeline with MA	24 Aug 23	
6vi)	BW to follow up on the email listing for the RiderNet fortnightly updates to ensure that officials and race secretaries were included.	24 Aug 23	
8	MNSW to investigate and incorporate new process for welcoming new Delegates to the bi-monthly Delegates meetings	24 Aug 23	
11iii)	BW to investigate the trophies allowance to clubs	24 Aug 23	
12iv)	MNSW office to advise of the uniform update	24 Aug 23	
12v)	CEO to provide update on Wakefield Park as they arise	24 Aug 23	
12vi)	BW and CEO to investigate official's accreditation framework	24 Aug 23	