

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 7 December 2023 at 7:00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Board

Chelsea Cheney (Deputy Chair)	Ian Lieblich (Director)	Tanya Raffoul (Director)
Alison Wong (Director)		

Life Members

Keith Davies	David Elliot	Garry Thomas
Bob McGlinchy		

Delegates

Armidale MCC	Bankstown Wiley Park MCC	Baulkham Hills JMTC
Cessnock Motocross Club	Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club	Hastings Valley Motorcycle Club
Hunter MCC	Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club	Lower Mountains MCC
Macleay District MCC	Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Sports Club	Maitland District Motorcycling Club
North Coast Road Racers	NSW Supermoto Riders Club	Oakdale MCC
Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club	Post Classic Racing Association	South Grafton Ex Services MCC
St George Motorcycle Club	Trials Club of Canberra	Vincent HRD Owners Club
Vintage Trail Riders Club	Young MCC	

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff

Apologies

Madeleine Bowditch (Chair)	Nathan Hussey (Director)	Christine Tickner (Life Member)
Ron Kivovitch (Life Member)	Mark Donaldson (Vincent MCC)	Vinnie Bee (Ducati Owners Club of NSW)
Brett Swale (ACT Motorcycle Club)		

Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome

Deputy Chairperson Cheney opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed all attendees.

Deputy Chairperson Cheney paid respects to the acknowledgment of Country. It was noted that 2023 was the first year since 2020 that MNSW has been able to operate unimpacted by COVID and this has been positive for participation numbers across many clubs. Thanks was extended to the MNSW staff for their efforts in the recent MNSW Awards and Hall of Fame. Deputy Chairperson Cheney noted that the Awards evening was a wonderful event that celebrated the volunteers and the role they play in MNSW.

Deputy Chairperson Cheney welcomed the Life Members and acknowledged their ongoing support to MNSW.

2. Minutes – State Delegates Meeting 19 October 2023

There were no comments or questions raised on the minutes.

Moved – Life Member Keith Davies.

Seconded – Mel Brownlie – Young MCC.

3. Matters Arising

“MNSW Team to investigate when RiderNet will be able to log family entries”. The CEO confirmed that this will be covered in the RiderNet update further in the meeting agenda.

“MNSW Team to investigate utilising officials newsletter to distribute RiderNet Updates”. The CEO confirmed that this has been included in the official’s newsletter.

“Participation Sub Committee/MNSW Team to investigate improvements to the MNSW website to assist potential participants in accessing the participation and club network”. The CEO advised that this item is also ongoing. The Participation Sub Committee has only held one meeting recently and this item is tabled for the next meeting.

4. Board Meeting Summary

The Board meeting summary for 6 November 2023 was taken as read and noted.

There were no questions or concerns raised.

5. Financial Summary October 2023

Deputy Chairperson Cheney advised that the working capital remains strong at 4.3M. Organisation balance sheets shows net assets of 10.7M. It was also noted that the revenue is positive and MNSW has tracked above budget for licencing income by 39%. Track licencing is up 51% and rider levies and permits are up 22%. There is also an improvement in revenue coming in from the National Motorcycling Alliance, which was previously below budget.

The total revenue for 2023 has exceeded budget which is a key positive note. Consultancy fees and computer software fees are over budget, the key contributing factor was a need to upgrade security software that was previously not included in the budget allocation.

Steward and Track licencing expenses have exceeded budget and this was due to late submission of expense claims from 2022 that were not identified and accrued as part the budget process.

Life Member Keith Davies queried why steward and track expenses were over budget and whether these fees were to be paid by the clubs. The CEO explained that these invoices were for open events and were not issued for payment until March 2023. It was for approximately 9k and was against this year's budget.

6. Key items

i. 2024 Delegates Meeting Schedule

Deputy Chairperson Cheney noted the 2024 delegates meeting schedule and advised that the hybrid and online meetings will alternate again in 2024. Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried whether the December meeting could be a hybrid to allow the community to gather for a Christmas get together. Deputy Chairperson Cheney advised that this suggestion will be considered for 2024.

Deputy Chairperson Cheney noted that the AGM is scheduled for 23rd May 2024, as well as the Awards Night for 16th November 2024. There are currently no clashes with the Awards Night date.

Action Item 1: MNSW Board to review request for hybrid December meeting instead of online only.

ii. 2024 MNSW Calendar and Key Dates

Sport Development Manager, Ben Williams noted that the draft calendar was released to the community earlier in the day. The MNSW team will begin populating the calendar on to MNSW website early next week and all clubs and private promoters are encouraged to continue submitting any date registration applications for open events in 2024. The Speedway dates and venues are still being confirmed, as well as the venue for the NSW Off Road Series.

Action Item 2: MNSW to update community regularly with calendar updates – including finalisation of Off Road & Speedway series.

iii. 2024 MNSW Permit and Levies

The CEO noted that a memo was sent to the community advising that there will be no change to the MNSW Permit and Levies fees for 2024. The CEO acknowledged the challenges the community are currently facing in terms of participation and the associated costs.

iv. MNSW Office Closure (Holiday Period)

The CEO advised that the MNSW office closure will begin 5pm on Wednesday 20th December and reopen on 9am Thursday 4th January 2024. It was requested that any permits for the weekend of the 6th January to be activated prior to the 20th December.

v. Nowra and District Motorcycle Club Update

The CEO advised that the Constitution for Nowra and District MCC has been finalised following feedback received from the Nowra personnel. MNSW are currently working with the Nowra personnel to ensure that they are aligned and to transition the club to its new Board. The club can then move through the process of becoming affiliated and this will hopefully take place in February 2024.

Claire Beech from Cessnock Motocross Club queried who the Nowra personnel were and why the process was taking a length of time. The CEO explained that until the Nowra Board were appointed, it wouldn't be appropriate to name who they are. They are currently local community members based in Nowra. The CEO explained that the Constitution was worked on as the Nowra Board would need to agree on a constitution in order to affiliate with MNSW.

Claire Beech from Cessnock Motocross Club queried the current Nowra Board and whether it was a conflict of interest that the CEO and two listed Directors of MNSW were listed as Directors at Nowra. Deputy Chairperson Cheney and the CEO explained the situation at Nowra, outlining that the current Nowra club is not an affiliated club to MNSW and therefore there is no conflict of interest. It was also explained that legal advice was sought on this matter to ensure that the correct process is followed, as well as assisting and guiding the new Nowra Board towards a suitable constitution for their club and setting them up for a successful future.

vi. Officials Risk Management Seminar

The CEO advised that a seminar will be held in the first quarter of 2024, and this would be aimed at Officials within our sport. It is surrounding mitigating negligence and will consist of an informative seminar with the opportunity to ask questions and collaborate afterwards. The sessions will run for approximately 30-45minutes and more information will be sent to the community in the coming weeks. The CEO strongly encouraged officials to attend the seminars, advising that a schedule will be released to attempt to capture as many attendees as possible.

Action Item 3: CEO to provide schedule for Officials Risk Management Seminars in January 2024.

vii. MNSW RiderNet 2.0 Updates

Ben Williams advised that final testing is taking place for linking one event licence to event registrations and refunding. This is a positive change for members as they now can register for an event and have their one event licence all in one place on the system. The developers are also working on a communications tool enhancement for mass distribution of EDMs and emails. If anyone in the community is experiencing any issues, please ensure to contact Catherine or Karen at the MNSW office.

Jean-Gabriel Laine from Supermoto advised that cash entries are an issue with RiderNet and queried whether there were plans to improve this process. Ben Williams requested that Jean-Gabriel email through to him directly more information surrounding this so that it could be investigated with the MNSW office and RiderNet team.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried whether there will be a backup of RiderNet while the office is closed over the Christmas period. The CEO advised that Dave Byron is available to assist over the break, along with Ben Williams and himself.

viii. Eastern Creek Speedway Update

The CEO advised that he has been working with Western Sydney Parklands to obtain further details but there is no substantial update at this time. There are rumours circulating about another entity and a tender process. This is a crucial piece of infrastructure for the Speedway Community and updates will be provided as they arise. John Walker from the Speedway Committee noted that it would transform Speedway in NSW should the facility become accessible.

ix. Podium

The CEO advised that this section begun at the October 2023 Delegates meeting and is pleased to have this on each agenda moving forward as it celebrates the successes of those in the community.

The CEO spoke to slides 18 to 24 in the slide deck and highlighted the Australian Postie Bike GP, International Six Days Enduro, Australian Superbike Championship, Australian Historic Road Race Championship, Australian Supercross Championship and the 2023 Awards Night and Hall of Fame.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club queried how the nominations are decided for Hall of Fame. The CEO explained that there is a nomination process and a Hall of Fame Criteria that must be met. The community are welcome to submit a nomination and details are available on the MNSW website.

Action Item 4: CEO to provide MNSW Hall of Fame Nomination Links.

7. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

i. Governance Update

i. MNSW Bylaws

The CEO advised that the MNSW Bylaws are repealed as this was identified as a double up of documents which also conflicted with the Constitution.

ii. Discipline Bylaws

The CEO advised that the Discipline Bylaws are currently being reviewed by the Sports Committee's and feedback is due on 12 December. Once these are updated, they will be available on the MNSW website. The CEO extended thanks to the Sports Committee's for their assistance in the review of these documents.

iii. Club Regulations

The CEO extended thanks to the clubs who submitted feedback and assisted in shaping the Club Regulations. The feedback received was implemented in the Club Regulations and these will come into effect on 1 January, 2024.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried why the club financials needed to be provided to MNSW under the new Club Regulations. The CEO and Deputy Chair explained that this is for due diligence and for MNSW to be able to offer assistance and guidance should Clubs require it. The information provided to MNSW would be similar to that of what is provided to

members as part of a clubs annual report. It was discussed that this was a requirement under the Constitution and was also a requirement for affiliation.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club noted that she is a member of multiple clubs in NSW and has not received any clubs annual reports. The CEO noted that this was a governance issue that is yet to be implemented.

Director Raffoul reiterated that this was not for MNSW to take control or be involved in the running of Clubs, but more to be able to advocate on behalf of clubs, including strategic planning for the future and also to offer assistance with loans should the need arise.

Action Item 5: CEO to take this query offline and clarify for the Delegates what is required to be provided to MNSW in terms of annual report or financial documents under the Club Regulations.

iv. Working with Children Check

The CEO advised that a number of links in the Working with Children Check Policy were updated by the Office of the Childrens Guardian. These links have been updated in the MNSW Working with Children Check Policy. It was also advised by the Office of the Childrens Guardian that MNSW is only able to undertake a check on an individual person if they are a direct employee of MNSW. The CEO encouraged clubs to check this section of the updated Policy as it will affect them moving forward.

Claire Beech from Cessnock Motocross Club queried how this would affect stewards. The CEO explained that it will be the Clubs responsibility to undertake the Working with Children Check as they would be deemed as the employer of the steward except for where MNSW appoints the Steward.

The CEO and the Deputy Chair both explained that MNSW does not agree with this change and is currently lobbying the local Government for a change to these rules.

ii. Investigations Sub Committee

The CEO advised that the two remaining historical matters are close to being finalised and more details will be disclosed prior to the February 2024 delegates meeting.

iii. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee

Deputy Chairperson Cheney advised that the FRAP Committee met on 27 November and the key topic of focus was the 2024 budget. It was noted that the Committee and Board recognise the pressure that clubs have been under surrounding the cost of living. Work has begun with the Auditor in readiness for the AGM in May 2024. The Committee is looking to make investments in line with the Strategic Plan, particularly in areas of member support and program support.

iv. Participation Sub Committee

Deputy Chairperson Cheney noted that the Participation Committee had held one meeting so far and were currently working through the key areas of focus. This included a discussion surrounding

community involvement. Deputy Chairperson Cheney spoke to slides 32 to 34 of the slide deck, which showed graphs detailing participation data.

8. New Delegates

The following delegates were welcomed to the community –

- Amy Dover – Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club
- Geoff Watson – City of Penrith Motorcycle Club
- Chris McLnerney – Young Motorcycle Club

9. New Club Affiliations

The CEO reiterated that there were no new club affiliations as Nowra was not yet ready to affiliate with MNSW.

10. Committee Reports

i. Dirt Track – no update provided.

ii. Enduro – No update provided.

iii. Historic Road Race – Ed Poucher advised that the Australian Nationals were recently held in Tasmania however there was low attendance, likely due to the cost of travel to the island. MA have allotted the Historic Motorcycle Championships to NSW. The Club has not yet run a meeting and also does not have access to a track. A meeting is scheduled for next week with the MNSW CEO to discuss this further.

iv. Minikhana – No update provided.

v. Motocross – Maree Kirby advised that the last meeting was held on 6th December. The committee is currently finalising the supp regs for the state titles. Round one will be at Lake Macquarie in March. Round two will be at Port Macquarie in April. Round three will be at Wagga Wagga in June. Maree extended her thanks to the MNSW office, CEO and Board for their support over the last 12 months and looks forward to 2024.

vi. Road Race – Jean-Gabriel Laine advised that from road racing point of view, there are no updates. One meeting was held in November to discuss the next steps for road racing in NSW. The grading system was a topic of discussion and the committee is awaiting on further details from MA surrounding this. In regard to Supermoto, there is no grading system. It would be pleasing if there was unifying grading system between supermoto and road racing so that riders could be allocated to their appropriate grading. There were three individuals who finished 10th in the World Supermoto Championships which is an amazing outcome and achievement. There have been discussions with the MNSW office surrounding coaching and engagement, and the committee would like to focus on bringing coaching and training more riders to coach themselves to become trainers for the future generations.

vii. Speedway – John Walker advised that Speedway riders have had a successful year in Grand Prix. Jack Holder was a serious contender for Grand Prix champion. The Committee has been encouraging local riders and assisting with coaching so they can progress to championships in Europe. There were four

rounds of NSW Speedway in Tamworth, Woodstock, Nepean and Albury Wadonga. More speedway tracks are needed. Mick Holder and Craig Boyce have been running the Speedway Experience at Nepean.

viii. Trial – No update provided.

11. General Business

i. Wakefield Park

The CEO advised that there is no update on this matter. Work is continuing at the facility and MNSW is attempting to facilitate an outcome.

ii. Officials Harmonisation Update

Ben Williams from MNSW advised that MA is currently 85% complete with the updated new training material with the aim to distribute the material to SCBs in early 2024. MNSW is continuing to work with MA to ensure a smooth transition which is anticipated to be between January and March. The transition will include updated official renewal and upgrade process, and officials to utilise MA event forms and reports. Clubs are to continue utilising the MNSW forms in the meantime, as during the first quarter of 2024 there will be a streamline of which forms are used for events.

Claire Beech from Cessnock Motocross Club queried why there was a discrepancy in regard to which forms clubs were to utilise. Ben Williams advised that it was confirmed by MA this morning that there will be a streamline of which forms are to be used in the first quarter of 2024.

12. Meeting Close

Chairperson Cheney thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and wished the community a safe and happy Christmas.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:44pm.

Action summary table:

Item No	Action arising	Date raised	Resolved
10.6.1	MNSW team to investigate when RiderNet will be able to log family entries.	19 Oct 23	7 Dec 23
10.6.2	MNSW team to investigate utilising officials' newsletter to distribute RiderNet Update.	19 Oct	7 Dec 23
10.11.1	Participation Sub Committee/MNSW team to investigate improvements to the MNSW Website to assist potential participants in accessing the participation and club network.	19 Oct	Ongoing
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12.6.3	CEO to provide schedule for Officials Risk Management Seminars in January 2024.	7 Dec	

12.6.4	CEO to provide MNSW Hall of Fame Nomination Links.	7 Dec	
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