

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 7:00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Board

Madeleine Bowditch (Chair)	Chelsea Cheney (Deputy Chair)	Ian Lieblich (Director)
Nathan Hussey (Director)	Tanya Raffoul (Director)	

Life Members

Keith Davies	Bob McGlinchy	David Elliot
Chris Baker		

Delegates

Armidale MCC	Bankstown Wiley Park MCC	Classic & Enthusiasts MCC
Canobolas Motorcycle Club	Cessnock Motocross Club	Classic Motorcycle Racing Club
City of Penrith MCC	Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club	Dubbo Dirt Bike Club
Gunnedah MCC	Hastings Valley MCC	Kurri Kurri MCC
Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club	Lower Mountains MCC	Macleay District MCC
Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Sports Club	NSW Supermoto Riders Club	North Coast Road Racers Inc
Oakdale MCC	Panorama MCC	Post Classic Racing Association
Penrith Minibike Club	St George MCC	Shoalhaven Enduro Riders
South Grafton Ex Services MCC	Trials Club of Canberra	Vintage Trail Riders Inc
Wagga Wagga Motorcycle Sports Club	Young MCC	

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Jon Lefebvre – MNSW Staff
Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff	Michel Constantinou – Race Pace	

Apologies

There were no apologies noted.

Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome

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

Chairperson Bowditch advised that Director Wong had resigned from the MNSW Board due to family commitments.

2. Minutes – Delegates Meeting 22 February 2024

Max from Shoalhaven Enduro Riders Club confirmed that this club is newly formed and was not previously part of the now defunct AMA which was stated in the minutes from 22 February. The CEO advised that this amendment would be reflected in the 22 February 2024 Minutes.

Moved – Maree Kirby – Lower Mountains MCC

Seconded – Joel Di Blasio – South Grafton Ex Services MCC

3. Matters Arising

“MNSW Board to review request for hybrid December meeting instead of online only.” The CEO confirmed that the December meeting will be held in person and online. A meeting room at Sydney Olympic Park Sports House has been booked for the December 5 meeting. More details will be disclosed closer to the date.

“Sports Committee Appointments. Process to be updated to ensure that the Sports Committee’s be consulted prior to recommendations or appointments being made.” The CEO confirmed that moving forward, Sports Committees will be made aware of new appointments before they are publicised.

“CEO to investigate whether there is any training surrounding the new RPA guidelines.” The CEO advised that this matter will be discussed further in the meeting under General Business.

“CEO to investigate RPA Days suspended riders list.” The CEO advised that this is currently being worked on with MA and a process will be put in place once this is finalised.

“Ben from MNSW to raise the mobile phone issue with RiderNet to the development team.” Ben Williams from MNSW advised that this has been escalated to the RiderNet working group.

“MNSW undertook to investigate expanding the pilot to include State Titles.” The CEO advised that the pilot is ongoing until June and will be discussed in more detail throughout the meeting.

“CEO & Board to investigate the linkage of MNSW Venue Closure for State Title Hosts policy to bylaws.” The CEO advised that the Venue Closure for State Title Hosts Policy has been finalised by the Board and will be shared with the community in the coming days. This Policy will not be linked to the Bylaws as it applies to most disciplines and there is a clear separation between the two documents.

“CEO & Board to investigate other opportunities for community seminars.” The CEO advised that MNSW is investigating potential seminars, particularly surrounding permit usage. It was noted that the Risk Seminar held in February was a success and thanks was extended to those who attended.

“CEO to advise of the MNSW after-hours contact details.” The CEO advised that Dave Byron’s contact details will be included in the pack sent out to the community in the coming days. The CEO reiterated that it is preferable for the community to contact staff during business hours where possible.

“Constitution to be updated to reflect the motion – Directors must convene delegates meetings at a minimum of 3 times per year in a hybrid form”. Chairperson Bowditch advised that this matter is ongoing, and this will be included in the AGM as a special resolution. This will mean that there will be three Delegate meetings per year, with all three meetings being held in a hybrid format. This will allow for people to attend in person, and online.

“CEO to investigate the approval process of the automated supp regs.” The CEO advised that information will be released to the community in the coming days surrounding the supp regs updates and requirements. The CEO noted that there is a large discrepancy between what is required and what is submitted. This process will ensure that the full requirements are met.

4. Board Meeting Summaries

Board meeting summary – 18 March 2024

Chairperson Bowditch noted that the Board meeting summary from the 18 March 2024 was included in the Delegates pack.

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club queried what the proposed MA Constitutional Changes were. Chairperson Bowditch advised that one of the proposed changes was to increase the number of Directors on the MA Board from 7 to 9. There was also a proposed change to reduce the number of MA Council mandated meetings per year from 6 to 4.

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club queried why the Motocross Sports Committee was receiving support surrounding the AJMX. The CEO advised that the Motocross Sports Committee put forward a submission to the Board in relation to providing additional support to the AJMX team that will be heading to WA in 2024. This support relates to competition and pit fees. This is Board approved and will be provided for the riders that are fortunate enough to be selected in the State Team for 2024.

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club queried the details surrounding Western Sydney Parklands. The CEO advised that MNSW sent a letter to the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces late 2023. This was an attempt to obtain more information regarding the appointment of the new licensee at Speedway. MNSW has not received a reply, however progress has been made with Speedway and this will be discussed further in the meeting.

5. Financial Summary February 2024

Director Cheney advised that MNSW is tracking to budget, with working capital strong at \$4.3m. It was noted that there were some areas which were over budget in terms of revenue and other areas where MNSW is behind, such as track licencing. There will be some impact on the March revenue due to rearrangements of key events. There were also expenses incurred with the office relocation to Sydney Olympic Park. This will be offset by the rental return from Cooper Street, Smithfield. Director Cheney noted that the revenue was positive and tracking above budget.

There were no questions raised regarding the financial summary for February 2024.

6. Key items

i. MNSW Strategic Plan Scorecard

Chairperson Bowditch noted the Strategic Plan, Riding into the Future, which covers the period 2023 to 2025. Chairperson Bowditch noted the importance of implementing the plan to ensure that MNSW could measure success and progress.

Chairperson Bowditch noted that the plan sets out five strategic pillars:

- 1) Building a strong and respected brand
- 2) Increasing club engagement and capacity building
- 3) Developing our participants, coaches, and officials
- 4) Improving our engagement with key stakeholders
- 5) Enhancing access to motorcycling and to the broader motorcycling market.

A brief overview was provided by Chairperson Bowditch of the pillars focused on club engagement, development of riders and improving access. It was advised that the community will receive the full overview of the strategic plan in the coming days. The CEO encourage the community to provide feedback on the strategic plan.

ii. Self-Scrutineering Discussion Paper

The CEO advised that following changes in the MOMs, self-scrutineering is being trialled in NSW. From 18th April 2024, all clubs and promoters can trial the self-scrutineering process until 3 June 2024. Feedback and learnings are to be provided to MNSW so that a formal process is implemented. An instructional video has been released by MA and the CEO encouraged the community to view this and noted the applicable events in which self-scrutineering could apply. The CEO advised that this process is in line with MA's processes and noted that should a rider or parent not wish to complete the self-scrutineering process, they must present for scrutineering as per normal.

Sheree from Dagle Valley Motorcycle Club queried why senior riders were not being scrutineered. The CEO reiterated that Clubs and Promoters have the option to utilise normal scrutineering should they see fit. The CEO noted that there is a minimum amount of people to be self-scrutineered, however should there be concerns this provides opportunity to revert to normal scrutineering. The CEO confirmed that self-scrutineering could take place as soon as this weekend and welcomed the community to provide feedback.

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club queried whether participants will be required to complete a self-screening form as well as being scrutineered. The CEO advised that this is not necessary as MNSW understands that there are differing levels of experience which exist. Claire raised concerns surrounding bike liability and meeting the insurance requirements of MA. The CEO confirmed that there were no issues surrounding liability and that this was an opportunity for Clubs to trial self-scrutineering and provide feedback to MNSW prior to 3 June 2024.

iii. MNSW Office Relocation

The CEO reminded the community of the new address of the MNSW office. The CEO advised that the mail redirection is in place for the next four months and encouraged the community to update their address contacts and ensure that other club members were aware of the new details.

iv. MNSW RiderNet 2.0 Updates

Ben Williams advised that RiderNet 2.0 now provides Clubs with the capability to complete bulk member uploads via a CSV file, on the provision that the member holds a RiderNet ID. There is also a Team Entry function which allows teams to enter events, with one person able to complete the entry via one transaction. Ben encouraged the community to contact the MNSW office should they be experiencing any difficulties with RiderNet.

Narelle from North Coast Road Racers questioned whether the refund issues have been sorted with RiderNet, as clubs are being forced to use club monies to issue refunds. Ben advised that this issue is currently being worked through with the developers as a top priority, however the MNSW team will check on the progress of this.

Action 1 – MNSW team to follow up with the RiderNet developers/working group on the refunds issue.

Michel from Race Pace Promotions queried whether the Enduro team caption could now enter in the team on RiderNet. Ben confirmed that this is correct and now possible with RiderNet 2.0. Michel queried whether the bulk uploads also referred to back-end entries. Ben advised that this will be confirmed with the developers/working group.

Action 2 – MNSW team to confirm whether bulk uploads also include back-end entries.

Carlie from Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club queried whether the bulk uploads could be done for interclub events. Ben advised that this will be confirmed with the developers/working group.

Action 3 – MNSW team to confirm whether bulk uploads are possible for interclub events.

Gavin from Penrith Minibike Club queried where the user guides for RiderNet 2.0 were available, as the MNSW website does not provide any links to the MA website. It was noted that RiderNet 2.0 provides access to the user guides. Ben advised that this will be investigated and MNSW website updated to include access to the guides.

Action 4 – MNSW team to investigate the RiderNet user guides access via the website.

Lance Robertson from St George Motorcycle Club queried whether there was training available on how to use RiderNet. It was advised that there is no official training program, however the MNSW office would be able to assist with any training questions. Carlie Roberts from Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club noted that a quarterly demo of RiderNet would be beneficial.

Action 5 – MNSW to undertake quarterly educational RiderNet sessions.

v. 2024 MNSW Calendar Update

Ben Williams advised that the MNSW team is currently working on Rounds 3 and 4 of the Off-Road Series and details will be released in the coming days surrounding the Club and Venue information. The MNSW team will begin working with the sports committees in August for the 2025 planning.

vi. Western Sydney Speedway Update

The CEO advised that Sydney Speedway was returning, and work is still being done in this space. Meetings have been held with the operator and MNSW is currently working through the licencing process. MNSW will be working closely with the Speedway Committee in relation to test events.

Daniel Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycling Club queried whether there were plans to implement a shale track. The CEO advised that this is unknown. It was also queried whether the plans were to FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) specifications, and the CEO confirmed that it was, as this was part of the licencing process.

vii. MNSW Officials Review Panel

The CEO advised that the Officials Review Panel has now been appointed and includes individuals across different levels of accreditation, different disciplines, and coaches. The newly appointed panel members are:

- Terry Whalen
- Mark Nichols
- Daniel Morris
- Leigh Gainfort
- Greg Moss
- Don Ireland

The CEO advised that the panel would be holding a meeting in due course. Carlie from Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club noted that there was no female representation on the panel. The CEO advised that unfortunately, the Panel did not attract a high number of female applicants, and no applications were received from females not already on other committees or panels.

viii. MNSW Annual General Meeting and Timelines

The CEO advised that the information has been sent to the community surrounding the AGM timelines. The Notice of Motion and Life Membership Nominations close on 25th April. The CEO confirmed that the AGM would be held in a hybrid format, online and in person at Bankstown Sports Club, 7pm on Thursday 23 May.

Sheree from Dargle Valley Motorcycling Club noted that two recent Directors had resigned after a short period of time. It was queried what the MNSW Board were doing to ensure that the incoming Directors would serve their tenure. Chairperson Bowditch advised that the Nominations Committee do make it clear during the interview process that the role does require a significant time commitment; however, the sheer volume of work undertaken by the Board is significant. Director Bowditch also noted the issue of turnover in volunteer boards is an issue that is being faced across Australia.

ix. Podium

The CEO spoke to the slides and highlighted the following:

- ProMX – Rounds 1 and 2
- ASBK – Round 2
- AORC (Australia Off Road Championship) – Round 1 and 2
- Motorcycle Speedway return to Sydney International Speedway

Michel from Race Pace Promotions queried why NSW only had one round of ProMX, when other States had multiple rounds. The CEO advised that MA would be best placed to answer this and noted that it would involve significant work for a club to host. The CEO noted that certain infrastructure is required for this event. Michel also queried whether NSW would be hosting the AJMX in 2025. The CEO confirmed that NSW would not be hosting the AJMX and is currently working on an opportunity for the future.

Chairperson Bowditch advised that she attended Round 1 of the Motocross State Title at Lakes and noted the significant work and great effort the club put in for the event.

7. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

i. Governance Update

i. MNSW Venue Closure for State Title Hosts

Chairperson Bowditch advised that the Venue Closure for State Title Hosts Policy was finalised and will be shared with the community in the coming days.

The Governance Policy was also updated, along with the Nominations Subcommittee Charter. Chairperson Bowditch explained that the Nominations Charter will now be in line with forthcoming legislation that states a 40-40-20 composition for Boards. The CEO confirmed that this upcoming legislative change was at the MNSW Board and National Board level only and did not apply to Clubs.

ii. Investigations Sub Committee

Chairperson Bowditch advised that the investigation into the previous Board has been closed. The MNSW Board have contacted the complainants and notified them that this has been finalised.

Carlie from Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club queried what the findings were in the former Board investigation. Chairperson Bowditch explained that the MNSW Grievance Policy ensures privacy and confidentiality of investigations, so details cannot be disclosed. However, the ultimate outcome had already been achieved with the removal of the former Directors both from the Board and from the Sport. Chairperson Bowditch confirmed that there are processes in place to ensure that issues faced in the past cannot occur again in the future.

iii. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee

Director Cheney advised that the FRAP Committee met on 10 April 2024 and are currently reviewing the final audit before it is recommended to the MNSW Board. The FRAP Committee are also reviewing the Risk Matrix.

Director Cheney noted that the Nowra Club has been constituted and is now affiliated. MNSW will be working with the Nowra Club in the first few months to offer any assistance. Director Cheney noted that the Goanna Tracks facility is still being worked through, as the managing operator had to step aside due to personal matters.

iv. **Participation Sub Committee**

Director Hussey advised that the Participation Sub Committee has newly appointed members:

- Taylor Thompson
- Dylan Rose
- Aaron Rankmore
- Melanie Price
- Natalie Ferguson

Director Hussey advised that the Committee would start working towards the strategic pillars as outlined in the scorecard strategic plan.

8. **New Delegates**

The following delegates were welcomed to the community –

- Ryan, Wade and Bradlee from Temora Motorcycle Club
- Max and Greg from Shoalhaven Enduro Riders
- Aaron and Lance from St George Motorcycle Club

9. **New Club Affiliations**

The CEO advised that there are no new club affiliations.

10. **Committee Reports**

- Dirt Track** – No update provided.
- Enduro** – No update provided.
- Historic Road Race** – No update provided.
- Minikhana** – No update provided.
- Motocross** – Maree advised that the Round 1 of the State Titles was a successful event and extended thanks to the MNSW office and Chairperson Bowditch for their support. Round 2 will take place at Hastings Valley and Round 3 will be held at Wagga. The Committee is working with the MNSW Board on a proposal for the State Junior Team.
- Road Race**– No update provided.
- Speedway** – Matt Adamson reiterated the positive news with Sydney International Speedway. The Committee is looking forward to working with MNSW and Sydney International Speedway. There is a

Speedway Pairs event taking place on 27th April at Nepean Raceway. Matt wished the NSW riders luck who are heading to Germany and Poland for the World Championships.

- viii. Trial** – Bob McGlinchy advised that the Trials Club of Canberra are formatting their second round. Wollongong and Pacific Park rounds had to be rescheduled due to the weather. Work is being done for the 2024 Womens Trials Camp which is confirmed for 1 June at Pacific Park. This event will hopefully encourage more female participation and support of trials. This is being conducted under the Come and Try Permit.

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club suggested that the Committee reports be sent to MNSW prior to the delegates meeting if there are no delegates attending to provide committee updates.

Action 6 – CEO to liaise with Sport Committee Chairs to ensure there are reports from all disciplines at delegates meetings.

11. General Business

i. RPA Days – Version 3

The CEO strongly encouraged clubs and delegates to review Version 3 and ensure they are across the guidelines and limitations. The CEO noted that there is concern surrounding the lack of awareness throughout the community surrounding these guidelines as they differ to what they once were. The community is encouraged to contact the MNSW office if they have any questions surrounding this. The CEO noted that it was important for Clubs to be aware of these changes as it affects insurance and the type of permits which the Clubs can utilise.

ii. Tracks Compliance and Tyres

The CEO noted that tyres have historically been used on tracks for markers or various reasons. These have been considered inappropriate and a breach of 5.5 of the MA Public Liability Insurance Policy Dishonest and Reckless Acts. The CEO emphasised the need for all clubs to be well informed around the MA Track Standards and to ensure that there are no single use tyres on tracks. Tyres can only be utilised as per the Track Standards

Michel from Race Pace Promotions queried when the FAQ document from the Risk Seminar held in February would be released. The CEO advised that the FAQ document is being worked on and will be distributed once it is finalised.

Carlie from Lake Macquarie Motorbike Club queried what assistance would be offered to Clubs to remove the tyres, as tyre removal is quite costly. The CEO noted the significant expense involved in tyre removal and reiterated that this advice is in reference to the removal of single use tyres and that tyres can only be utilised as per the track standards. The CEO suggested that clubs could contact their local MP to obtain information and assistance to remove tyres through grant programs.

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club queried what assistance MNSW would offer with track inspections. The CEO noted that there are no significant changes in relation to what the club requirements are for track standards. Claire suggested that MNSW hold a Track Licencing

Seminar which track crews could attend. The CEO advised that if any delegates are unsure or have concerns surrounding the track standards, to contact the MNSW office for further clarification.

Lindsey from Dubbo Dirt Bike Club advised that the Club recently had someone who mulched the tyres down. The CEO requested Lindsey share the details of this provider to the MNSW office and if appropriate they could be shared with the community. Lindsey queried how clubs were running kickstarts and endorsements under the RPA days. The CEO advised that kickstarts are not noted in the RPA Guidelines and therefore not permitted on RPA Days. Kickstarts have a separate permit and it is essential that clubs review the RPA Guidelines.

iii. State Title Events

Matt Adamson from City of Penrith Motorcycle Club queried whether the MNSW funding to State Title Hosts, which was previously \$2k, was still being made available for other disciplines. The CEO advised that this is no longer available across the board; however, the MNSW Strategic Plan does include financial viability for state title hosts. This is being managed on a case-by-case basis with the MNSW Board. Matt also queried what the process was should the Speedway Committee have certain questions for MA. The CEO advised that this would be dealt with at MNSW level and if required, he will liaise with MA.

iv. RPA Days

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club questioned how the permits are checked by the operational staff to ensure compliance within the RPA Guidelines. It was also questioned what could be done under a Practice Day Permit and whether there were guidelines being released surrounding this. The CEO advised that there is work being done now surrounding permit conditions and allowances. This will allow clubs to view the most appropriate permits for their club and include the permissions within each of the products. This is being worked on now and will be released in due course.

v. Track Standards/Tyres

Gavin from Penrith Minibike Club noted that the GCRs (General Competition Rules) for Minikhana require use of car tyres for markers in certain events. Gavin noted that this is in contradiction to the track standards and queried which guidelines should be followed. The CEO advised that he would obtain further details surrounding this. Daniel Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club also noted contradictions to tyres as they are mentioned in the track standards as requiring to be stacked three tyres high on the inside of corners. The CEO advised that this will also be taken offline and investigated by the CEO.

Action 7 – CEO to obtain further information surrounding the Minikhana GCRs using car tyres for markers.

Action 8 – CEO to obtain further information regarding the use of tyres in the track standards.

vi. Supp Regs/MQ Announcement

Claire from Cessnock Motocross Club questioned whether there was any update on the announcement from Motorcycling Queensland. Chairperson Bowditch advised that the Supp Regs are being uplifted and there will be clear communication with the community surrounding this process, including a presentation at an upcoming Delegates meeting. The MNSW Board is aware of the recent announcement regarding Motorcycling Queensland.

12. Meeting Close

Chairperson Bowditch thanked attendees for their contribution to the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 9pm.

Action summary table:

Item No	Action arising	Date raised	Resolved
6iv	CEO to investigate whether there is any training surrounding the new RPA guidelines.	22 Feb	Completed
	CEO to investigate RPA Days suspended riders list.	22 Feb	Ongoing
6vi	Ben from MNSW to raise the mobile phone issue with RiderNet to the development team.	22 Feb	Completed
7 i iii	MNSW Venue Closure for State Title Hosts CEO & Board to investigate the linkage of policy to bylaws	22 Feb	Completed
7 iii	Risk Seminar CEO & Board to investigate other opportunities for community seminars.	22 Feb	Completed
11 iv	Constitution to be updated to reflect the motion – Directors must convene delegates meetings at a minimum of 3 times per year in a hybrid form.	22 Feb	Completed
11 v (22 Feb)	CEO to investigate the approval process of the automated supp regs.	22 Feb	Ongoing
6 iv (17 Apr)	MNSW team to follow up with the RiderNet developers/working group on the refunds issue. MNSW team to confirm whether bulk uploads also include back-end entries. MNSW team to confirm whether bulk uploads are possible for interclub events.	17 Apr	Ongoing

	<p>MNSW team to investigate the RiderNet user guides access via the website.</p> <p>MNSW to undertake quarterly educational RiderNet sessions.</p>		
10	CEO to liaise with Sport Committee Chairs to ensure there are reports from all Disciplines at delegate meetings.	17 Apr	Ongoing
11 v (17 Apr)	<p>CEO to obtain further information surrounding the Minikhana GCRs using car tyres for markers.</p> <p>CEO to obtain further information regarding the use of tyres in the track standards.</p>	17 Apr	Ongoing