

MOTORCYCLING NSW STATE DELEGATES MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 5 December 2024 at 7:00pm

Location: Murray Meeting Room – Sports House Quad 1, Lv 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, and Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Board

Madeleine Bowditch	Nathan Hussey	Michael Miceli
Chelsea Cheney	Tim Robinson (Board Advisor and FRAP Chair)	

Life Members

Bob McGlinchy	Christine Tickner	Keith Davies
David Elliot		

Delegates

Armidale MCC	Annandale Leichhardt MCC	Bankstown Wiley Park MCC
Baulkham Hills JMTC	Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club	Dubbo Dirt Bike Club
Hastings Valley MCC	Hornsby Junior Dirt Bike Club	Hunter MCC
Junior Trials Dirt Bike Club	Lake Macquarie Motor Bike Club	Lower Mountains MCC
Macleay District MCC	Macarthur Districts Motorcycle Sports Club	Manly Warringah MCC
Nepean Motorsports Club	Oyster Bay MCC	Panorama MCC
Post Classic Racing Association	Shoalhaven Enduro Riders Inc	South Grafton Ex Services MCC
Trials Club of Canberra	Wagga Wagga MCC	Young MCC

Guests

Daniel Rushworth – MNSW Staff	Ben Williams – MNSW Staff	Jon Lefebvre – MNSW Staff
Wendy Haddad – MNSW Staff	Anthony Corby – Motocross Sports Committee	John Walker – Speedway Committee

Items

1. Chairpersons address and welcome

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

2. Apologies

Chairperson Bowditch noted the following apologies:

- Director Hegerman
- Director Barilaro
- Director Parrottino

- Claire Beech – Cessnock Motocross Club
- Chris Baker – Life Member
- Jarrod Moore – Lower Mountains MCC
- Ron Kivovitch – Life Member

Chairperson Bowditch extended a warm welcome to Katrina Corbett to the MNSW team. A warm welcome was also extended to Tim Robinson who is the Chair of FRAP and Advisor to the MNSW Board. Tim provided an introduction and overview of his professional background.

3. Minutes – Delegates Meeting 24 October 2024

No questions were raised on the minutes.

Moved – Christine Tickner, Life Member
Seconded – Bob McGlinchy, Life Member

4. Matters Arising

Chairperson Bowditch noted that there are no outstanding matters and confirmed that page numbers have been included in the Delegates pack.

5. Board Meeting Summaries 4 November 2024

Chairperson Bowditch noted that the November Board Summary was included in the Delegates pack. Regarding minutes being circulated between Delegate meetings, it was decided that the Board summary minutes will continue to be provided at Delegate meetings only. As Board meetings return to a bi-monthly schedule, the summary minutes will align with the Delegates meetings.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club noted page 4 of the Board summary minutes and queried what other roles might be suitable for the applicants who were unsuccessful in the Sport and Event Officer role. The CEO advised that MNSW had interviewed for a Program and Inclusion Officer earlier in 2024, however no suitable applicants were received at that time. Following the interviews for the Sport and Event Officer role, it was noted that there were potential applicants who might be suitable, and more details will be provided in due course.

6. Financial Summary October 2024

Tim spoke to slide 6 of the presentation deck and noted that there is \$4.3M in working capital.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried what the total cost for the removal of the Nowra tyres came to. Tim advised that it was approximately \$120k in total.

7. Key items

i. Board Strategy Day Update

Director Miceli advised that a Board Strategy Day was held in October. The MNSW Board worked on a "Plan on a Page," discussed key risks, how to best improve Delegate meetings and developing controls for the overall risk framework which will continue to be worked on over the next 6-12

months. The Board also discussed MNSW's financial and investment strategy. It was noted that a paper will be published on guiding clubs to access local member funding and grants. Director Miceli also noted that the risk and finance structure will be revisited in due course, as currently risk and finance are under one committee, it might be appropriate to separate this in the future.

ii. MNSW Strategic Scorecard

Director Hussey spoke to the Strategic Plan on a Page and slide 9 of the presentation deck. It was noted that the current MNSW Strategic Plan ends in 2025. The Board held discussions to prepare a new focus, and five key pillars were identified:

- Club Support
- Pathways and Programs
- Facilities and Advocacy
- People
- Finances

Director Hussey advised that the presentation deck will be provided to Delegates following the meeting.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried whether Board members were aligned with the pillars. Chairperson Bowditch advised that whilst individual Board members do not have responsibility for specific pillars, the Finance pillar aligns closely with the FRAP Committee, and Pathways and Programs pillar aligns closely with the Participation Committee.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried whether Clubs could have access to funds for things such as laptops. Sheree also noted that clubs need financial support and that it is not just facilities that need funds. Chairperson Bowditch advised that the MNSW Board is investing to receive a return and focusing on looking to the future. Life Member Bob McGlinchy noted that clubs have diverse needs. Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Club noted that in 12 years of volunteering for the Sport, she has not seen MNSW provide funds back to clubs. Chairperson Bowditch discussed that the MNSW Board is looking at the sport as a whole and how to best move forward with the Strategy.

Life Member Christine Tickner noted disappointment on expressions of interest and lack of incentives offered for clubs to run State Titles.

Michel Constantinou from Wollongong Motorcycle Club noted that officials are exiting the sport, and not enough new officials are coming through. It was queried whether the MNSW Board would consider offering free uniforms to new officials. Chairperson Bowditch advised that this will be taken into consideration.

Action Item 1 – MNSW Board to consider incentives for officials.

iii. MNSW 2025 Club Regulations

Ben Williams spoke to slide 10 and confirmed that the Club Regulations have been updated and circulated to the community. Ben advised that from February 1, 2025, it will be compulsory to have a club membership through RiderNet. All MNSW affiliated clubs need to ensure that the Game Plan is completed by March 31, 2025.

Life Member Bob McGlinchy queried about the people joining clubs who do not wish to race and why they are required to join through RiderNet. Ben advised that this is for data and insurance purposes and that it is a compulsory condition of insurance.

Greg Peterson from Shoalhaven Enduro Riders Inc queried whether it was compulsory for every event to go through RiderNet, specifically the Motorcycle Council of NSW events. The CEO noted that the Motorcycle Council of NSW is affiliated with MA and does not come under the MA Club national network. It would be best to discuss this with MA.

Darren Saxon from Hunter Motorcycle Club queried what are clubs to do with people who attend events at the last minute. Following discussion, Chairperson Bowditch advised that this will be taken offline and discussed with MA.

Action Item 2 – Sport Development Manager to discuss with MA viable solutions for clubs who do not have access to RiderNet or internet connectivity on event days.

iv. RiderNet Update

Sport Development Manager Ben Williams spoke to slide 11 and noted that the developer is working towards finalising updates to the app before 31 December 2024. The working group are working with MA on the 2025 priority list and the MNSW office can be contacted if anyone requires assistance.

Michel Constantinou from Wollongong Motorcycle Club queried whether there was a way to limit people creating multiple profiles. Ben advised that there are parameters surrounding this and the MNSW office can merge profiles if required.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried whether the covid notices could be removed. Ben advised that this will be conveyed to the working group.

Action Item 3 – Ben to advise the RiderNet working group on the query to remove the covid notice from the app.

v. 2025 Calendar and Update

Sport Development Manager Ben Williams spoke to slide 12 and noted that the calendar was released earlier in the week. Clubs and private promoters are encouraged to submit date registration applications and open events. There are some events that have not yet been confirmed and once Motorcycling Australia confirms these, they will be added to the MNSW calendar.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club noted that there is a calendar clash with another SCB. Ben advised that there no were clashes once the MNSW calendar was released and will review the calendars.

Life Member Keith Davies noted concerns that the MA Calendar trumps the MNSW calendar and causes chaos. Ben advised that from this point forward, should there be any changes to the National calendar, MNSW will advocate for clubs and events.

Michel Constantinou from Wollongong Motorcycle Club queried whether it was possible for MNSW to discuss with MA the calendar process and whether MA can run the same dates each year. Chairperson Bowditch advised that this will be taken offline and discussed with MA.

Action Item 4 – CEO to raise with MA the calendar process and request that the same dates are run each year.

Joel di Blasio from South Grafton Ex Services Motorcycle Club queried whether it would be possible to have the draft calendar released earlier, as it was difficult to organise an event in early January. Chairperson Bowditch noted the difficulties faced by Clubs and advised that this issue occurs each year and unfortunately there is nothing else that MNSW can do to assist the situation.

The CEO noted that MNSW is suffering from the reality of participants wanting to attend and encouraged the community to email the MNSW office with any suggestions or concepts so that these can be taken to MA for discussion. The CEO requested that any feedback be emailed to the MNSW office prior to 20th December 2024.

Action Item 5 - Calendar feedback to be provided to MNSW by December 20.

vi. 2024 Participation Update

Ben Williams spoke to slide 13 and noted that October and November showed strong participation numbers and that it is an improvement from the same period in 2023.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried the decline in numbers and whether this related to events or riders. Ben advised that this this is a combination of the two but does not have the breakdown of the numbers. MNSW is expecting an increase in the numbers for the next reporting period.

Carlie Roberts from Baulkham Hills Junior Motorcycle Training Club queried the conversion rates and Ben advised that further breakdown of the data is needed and will provide this at the next delegates meeting.

Action Item 6 – Ben to provide a breakdown of the participation data at the next Delegates meeting.

vii. Podium

Operations Manager Jon spoke to slides 18 to 22 and highlighted the following:

- MNSW Awards Night
- Australian Supercross Championship
- Australian Flat Track Nationals
- Australian Junior Dirt Track Championships

8. MNSW Board Sub Committee Update

i. Governance Update

The Chair advised that the Club Regulations have been discussed earlier in the meeting.

ii. Investigations Sub Committee

Chairperson Bowditch advised that there is no update.

iii. Finance, Risk, Audit & Properties Sub Committee

a. 2025 Budget

FRAP Chair, Tim Robinson discussed the 2025 budget and the goal to invest and grow a pool of money that MNSW can invest back into the community in future. It was noted that any reinvestment, including if this were in the form of a facility, will take time and require Government support. Tim spoke to slide 25 and noted that for this financial year MNSW is expecting a loss of \$120k. It was noted that NMA is undergoing an automation project which will assist in growing the business and in generating revenue.

Tim discussed the work that has undergone on the 2025 budget and noted that revenue and expenses were being focussed on to ensure that MNSW is in the best financial position possible to meet the requirements to provide further investment to the sport.

Life Member Keith Davies queried the status of Cooper Street, Smithfield. Tim advised that recent valuations were pleasing, and the property is likely to be used for further investments and continues to be rented.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried the anticipated timeframe for any future investment, including if it were in a facility. Tim advised that this is part of a 7+ year plan and further conversations will be had closer to the time regarding this.

b. Permit and Rider Levies

Tim discussed slides 26 and 27 of the presentation deck and noted that affiliations have streamlined for all clubs and there is an \$8 increase. Tim advised that the MNSW Rider Levies and Permit Schedule will commence from 1 January 2025 and further details will be provided to the community.

Sheree Morris from Dargle Valley Motorcycle Club queried where sponsorships will come into account. The CEO advised that any funds from partnerships are classified as a bonus, as most partnerships are based on contract agreements which provide savings. Operations Manager Jon Lefebvre noted that partnerships need to be built out further.

c. Investment Strategy

Tim advised that the MNSW Board has engaged with two investment houses for MNSW's long term investment strategy. This is currently awaiting Board approval and further details will be advised in due course.

Darren Saxon from Hunter Motorcycle Club queried track licensing and why there is a license fee payable on each track variation. The CEO advised that if each track has its own identity, then individual fees will be payable. The CEO requested that any further queries on track licensing be directed to the MNSW office.

iv. Participation Sub Committee

Director Hussey advised that the Committee is focused on aligning with the three pillars from the Strategy on a Page – entry and performance pathways, rider and volunteer programs and facilities. The Committee has been formed with a mixture of the MNSW Board and the community and are now working through the documentation associated with each of those pillars. The Committee is also working on key relationships with the NSW Government which will assist with advocacy on the facility aspect.

v. Officials Review Panel

Daniel Morris, Deputy Chair of ORP advised that there is a meeting scheduled in the next week and the Committee are continuing to work through applications for renewal and upgrade.

9. New Delegates

Chairperson Bowditch welcomed new delegates –

- City of Penrith Motorcycle Club – Bjorn Hojberg and Neville Kennedy
- Macleay Valley Enduro Riders – Greg Mowle and Matt Gray
- Mudgee District Motorcycle Club – Andrew Boydell, Ashleigh Large and Kelly Pilley
- Narrabri Dirt Bike Club – Michael McDougall, William Roach, and Diane McDougall

10. New Club Affiliations

Chairperson Bowditch advised that there were no new club affiliations.

11. Committee Reports

i. Dirt Track – No update.

ii. Enduro – No update.

iii. Historic Road Race – No update.

iv. Minikhana – No update.

v. Motocross – Sheree Morris advised that the Committee is looking forward to 2025 and will be making team selections for AJMX. The Committee is working towards supp regs.

- vi. Speedway** – John Walker advised that the Committee have met recently to discuss the championships at Nepean. The Committee also met with MNSW CEO and Sport Development Manager regarding challenges surrounding Speedway, particularly surrounding participation, and the need for more commercial tracks. A FIM top level Speedway coaching event will be held in Adelaide on 22-24 January.
- vii. Trial** – Life Member Bob McGlinchy advised that Trials has a full Calendar for 2025 and will be once again running the women’s camp in 2025. The Australian Championships in June will be in Qld and the Committee is looking forward to 2025.

12. General Business

i. Permit Conditions

CEO advised that this will be distributed to the community shortly.

ii. Delegates Meetings and AGM 2025

The CEO advised that the following dates are scheduled for 2025:

- March 20
- May 22 (AGM)
- July 24
- November 27

iii. One Raceway

John Simms from Classic Motorcycle Racing Club provided an overview of a four-day meeting which was run at One Raceway.

13. Meeting Close

Chairperson Bowditch thanked attendees for their contribution to the meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:55pm.

Action summary table:

Item No	Action arising	Date raised	Status
1	MNSW Board to consider incentives for officials	5 Dec 24	Ongoing
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