



Motorcycling South Australia Inc

Board Meeting – Monday 14 October 2013

AGENDA

Meeting Opened At: 6.35pm

Present: Brenton Matters, Phil Turnbull, Mick Potter, Chris McArdle

Apologies: Kerry Marsh

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Board – Monday 12 August 2013 confirmed.

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Next Board Meeting to be held on Monday 11 November 2013 commencing at 6:30pm



Business Arising From Minutes:

BOARD MEMBERS ACTIVITY REPORTS

President:

General Manager: SAORC – Coonalpyn (drug testing), Motorcycle Road Safety Forum (SA Govt), National Manager's Meeting, Meeting with South Coast MX Club, TBMP – meet with SA Govt, South Coast MX/Minister for Rec and Sport, .

CHAIRMANS ITEMS

EX14.10.1. MA Council

President advised that Stuart Strickland has resigned from the MA Board. Very disappointing to lose someone like Stuart.

Overview of current process of Council (SCB Presidents) meeting to ensure all states are on common ground for dealings with MA.

EX14.10.2. MSA Board – Board appointed positions

Discussion on rotating Affiliation representative – Club President/Vice President or similar to join the Board for limited period. Similar to the industry representative concept.

Consensus was that 4 monthly would be a reasonable starting point, and would see a number of clubs able to contribute each year.

Recommended starting with approach to Keyneton, as 2012 Club of the Year.

Discussion on other board positions – current vacancy from Chris Kelly's resignation.

EX14.10.3. MSA Board – Director Responsibilities

Discussion had on Directors using Facebook and making general statements in public. It was reinforced that it is unacceptable for Directors to be engaging in Facebook banter that may reflect badly on the association.

Incident of Director comments of Tailem Bend Council were raised.

Numerous previous facebook incidents have been raised with Director. President to discuss with Director and provide final warning on such actions.

EX14.10.4. Portfolio Reports

Kerry Marsh is currently in hospital following an accident, suffering a severe broken leg.

Reports provided:

Mick Potter – Facilities

Overview of current facility related issues/initiatives.

- Potential new facilities

Phil Turnbull – Officials, Environment, Speedway

Speedway – supporting Committee, and assisting Sidewinders with Supp Reg development

EX14.10.5. TBMP

Board reaffirmed its commitment to the offer made to TBMP of \$250k, on a purchase price of \$900k, for a 50% share in the property.

Discussion on submission put forward by TBMP/CPG to purchase the property based on a \$1M bid, with input from other partners.

EX14.10.6. Junior Coaching Program Steve Foody, MA.

Proposition from

J.C.P. which comprises Stephen Gall (representing the coaching Committee, Rod Jenner, Paul Caslick and himself) Stephen Foody, Bob Kershaw, Daniel Gatt, Kim Rowcliffe and assisted by Bronwyn Sorensen and Laurence Miller.

Following recent meetings of the National Coaching Committee and the Junior Coaching Program Committee it has been determined that what is required to achieve a truly National and effective coaching program is to employ a full time National Coaching Director. The recommended way to provide the resources for this position is to have the States to contribute to the salary and operational expenses by way of cost sharing. This would be done by the usual method of MA contributing 20% with each States percentage based on licence numbers. This position will have significant interaction with all SCBs.

The Committees acknowledge that this is a significant departure from our current coaching structure but feel it is warranted if we are to achieve the outcomes viewed as vital if we are to grow our sport. A Terms of Reference for the position is being established, and in the first instance a request for Expressions of Interest would be sent out to all level 2 coaches. The Committees would then assess the suitability of the applicants and provide a recommendation to the MA board.

The Committees are well aware of the logistics etc. surrounding this proposal, and all Committee members are confident that following the discussions to date around appropriate reporting requirements, financial controls, communication channels and administrative lines of control, the position can make a serious contribution to the growth of the sport right across Australia.

It is anticipated that the terms of reference will in place and sent to states on the 11th of Oct. or before

I would ask yourself and your board to consider the above and if you agree with this positive step forward for our sport and our future could you please forward, after you have received the TOR's, your States in principal agreement to both the position and funding agreement to Bronwyn and we can move forward with discussion at the Strategic Planning meeting.

GM Raised that he has not been involved with any discussion on this matter, with request sent direct to Presidents.

Decision that Board supports the concept of a National Director of Coaching in principle; however it does not support the proposed funding model.

- President to respond once further detail is provided, ie terms of reference etc.
- GM to consider and present ideas on funding, with consideration of MA's existing funding from states and the ASC.

GENERAL MANAGERS ITEMS

EX14.10.7. Report

- South Coast MX – Southern Metro Facility
 - Letter on affiliation – request for re-affiliation
 - **Board Approved waiver of administration/application fee**
 - Look forward to having South Coast back as an affiliate once paperwork received.
 - Grant funding proposal to ORS for facility has been submitted today – final copy to be sent to Board for information.
- Motorcycle Road Safety Committee
 - GM provided update on involvement in the SA Government's Road Safety Committee.
- Drug Testing – SAORC/Dirt Track
 - Some drug testing has occurred recently, with a clarification statement made to riders with regard to 'positive' results, likely to be attributed to passive ingestion of cannabis. MSA's position will be that a positive result for cannabis, irrespective of the reason will result in exclusion from the event.
- National Manager's meeting – MA
 - Insurance – Track Safety
 - A key issue has been identified following high claims (likely to be in excess of \$2M for the first time) in relation to compliance with track guidelines
 - MA to introduce improved communication with Track Inspectors, with priority in short term to focus on:
 - Track Width
 - Neutral Zones
 - Tyres – as track edge markers etc
 - Workcover – QLD
 - A case was highlighted that could see all workers, if receiving a benefit (discounted entry/membership) being within work cover requirements. MA seeking legal advice on impact to all clubs/SCB's
- Office re-fit
 - Has been finalised, appears to be working OK.
- Staff Appointment – Steven Matthews
 - Probationary period of 3 months
 - Full merit based public process applied.
 - Some great candidates applied.
 - Steven has strong training development and delivery back ground and extensive management experience.

EX14.10.8. National Database

The Committee of SCB/MA representatives has provided a recommendation to the MA Board of its preferred supplier for a new database.

MA has provided approval, with conditions, that it seeks MSA's response.

MSA's response approved –to accept committees recommendation. General Manager to provide to MA.

Will result in an upfront payment next year, and ongoing licence /support fees ongoing.

EX14.10.9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Noted

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Gawler MCC letter – ACUSA Park, Insurance**
 - Noted
 - GM advised that issue with Insurance, relating to clarification of property owner liability wording is being addressed with AON to seek a resolution.

GENERAL BUSINESS

EX14.10.10. Rider – Quad/Sidecar

To discuss Quad/Sidecar on track at same time.

Rider presented to the Board that he felt his treatment in this matter, and the letter from the GM to be inappropriate and harsh.

Numerous details discussed, including MSA expectations of persons in formal positions within MSA and MA, position on different machine types on track at same time.

GM provided advice from MA that the intent of the rules referenced by the rider are to avoid different machine types being on the track at the same time.

Finke, Safari and similar events were discussed, however in MSA's view these are distinctly different than closed circuit MX tracks.

Discussion on risk based assessment. MSA advised that the decision on machine types and competition is an MA decision.

MSA re-affirmed it would not allow different machine types to participate in any permitted event unless approved by MA.

MSA further advised that it will be taking steps with MA to ensure clarity around the matter is achieved.

MSA Board considered the riders request and comments on the letter and found it not to be inappropriate nor harsh.

EX14.10.11. ORS Action Plan

Draft Action plan attached for discussion

Approved for submission to ORS.

To be discussed with Strategic Plan at next General Meeting

EX14.10.12. Club Membership

MA advice to clubs was discussed
Need to clarify situation – to be raised with MA at Strategic Forum
Feedback, resoundingly opposed to dropping of membership

EX14.10.13. Timing Services for SA

Discussion points attached on current situation:

All other states utilise MyLaps as their timing partner.

GM provided overview of SA, and current low cost model that supports Enduro, Reliability Trial and the Revolution Timing agreement for MX and DT and its use by RR. In SA it may not be possible to achieve a one size fits all solution, given reliability trials unique requirements, and the low cost option currently used by SAORC.

GM proposes:

- an extension of the current timing service provision in SA.
- extension of the agreement with Revolution Timing for a further 12 months, with conditions on service standards and expectations of providers and users (clubs).
- engagement with clubs/riders to inform future decisions on timing.

Decision: Board approved GM proposal for 12 month extension and review with clubs/

EX14.10.14. Reliability Trials – Junior Sidecar Passenger (10 minutes)

MA has expressed concern at the recently approved By-Law.

MA contend that the approval of such a By-law is outside of the MoMS provisions for the SCB to approve. It requests its rescission.

GM disagrees with position of MA, however recommends that at this point in time it is best to rescind to ensure ongoing compliance.

Decision: Board approved the rescission of the Junior Sidecar Passenger – Reliability Trials By-Law

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Closed: 10.35pm