



**Motorcycling South Australia Inc**

**Board Meeting – Monday 9 December 2013**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Opened At: 6.10pm**  
**Present: Phil Turnbull (Chair), Kerry Marsh, Daniel Marsh, Mick Potter, Brenton Matters (arrived 6.30pm)**  
**Apologies: Minutes of Previous Meeting: Board – Monday 18 November 2013 confirmed.**

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**Next Board Meeting to be held on Monday 10 February 2014 commencing at 6:30pm**  
**Planning meeting: 20 January 2014**



## Business Arising From Minutes:

### **BOARD MEMBERS ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Phil provided welcome to Daniel as new Board Members. Reminder provided of confidentiality and decision making being a Board responsibility.

#### **EX09.12.1. Portfolio Reports**

##### ***Kerry Marsh – Sport Development***

Discussed process for engaging with Sports Manager's and the relevant discipline direction. Proposed to have a Sports Manager meeting, with at least some Board members early in the New Year.

##### ***Phil Turnbull – Speedway/Officials***

Provided report and discussed various aspects.

Opportunities for officials was discussed, ie ensuring options for people who want to do higher level officiating, are provided with chance to be Trainee

#### **EX09.12.2. CHAIRMANS ITEMS**

#### **EX09.12.3. TBMP**

Brenton provided an overview of discussions with Peregrine group, in particular the offer/request for MSA to continue to operate TBMP for an unknown period.

Equipment removed from site, GM coordinating handover to Council.

Offer of purchase

Financial matters currently being finalised, with wind up expenses still expected to be met by MSA.

Payout of entitlements need to be made to staff. Issue of contract/employment status of Bill Matheson.

Board membership of CPG and TBMP determined to be Brenton and Dan, with other board members to resign (Tim Siebert has resigned from 30 November) once finalised.

#### **EX09.12.4. MSA Board**

Discussion on Club/Industry Delegate

Following confirmation at the General Meeting that positions held with a club, do not constitute a position of the association, the Board is able to proceed with the concept of a rolling Club President (or Executive) Directorship. Term to be 4 months. Issues to be resolved include management of confidential information, and need to amend Sec 39 (e) to enable more than one Director from any one affiliated body. This matter is slightly blurred due to many people being members of more than one club.

Discussion on potential industry rep from nominations for Director Role. Board determined that it would prefer to try the Club representative option, and let the election take its natural course.

# GENERAL MANAGERS ITEMS

## EX09.12.5. Report

- Awards Night – Cancellation
  - Disappointing not being able to host the awards night
  - All Discipline Gala night in 2014 proposed – intend to establish a small Committee involving volunteers from various clubs/disciplines to look at best method to celebrate champions and MSA award winners.
  - Hall of Fame – As a means of further instilling some prestige into the event, the concept of a Hall of Fame was raised. This will have the additional benefit of providing recognition for achievement, leaving Life membership to be for true contribution to the sport and association.
  - Year Book – GM proposed the establishment of a year book, similar to that done many years ago. It could provide pictorial and textual summary of the year. Also proposed to engage with each club to see if club summary/award winners could be included.
- Sports Festival – wrap up
  - Very little general public
  - Great support from the riders who attended
- Elite Rider Camp
  - Excellent job by Kate Pitt, Development Officer to pull it all together.
  - Riders were exposed to significant amounts of information from various providers
  - Feedback so far has been great.
- Motorcycling Road Safety
  - GM provided update on some Road Safety meetings with SA Government
- ORS – Program Grant applications submitted Monday 9 December
  - Minikhana – 3 year program
  - Elite Rider Program – 3 year program
  - Club Development Seminar – 3 year program

## EX09.12.6. FINANCIAL REPORT

As presented to General Meeting

## EX09.12.7. 2014 Budget

Proposed Budget attached for your approval

**Decision: 2014 Budget approved**

# CORRESPONDENCE

# GENERAL BUSINESS

## EX09.12.8. Licencing of non-affiliated club tracks

In recent years, and it is understood in years previous, MSA has licensed, through normal inspection processes, non affiliated clubs tracks.

This has primarily serviced MX Sidecars and Quads, to assist them in having tracks to run on, given many affiliated clubs do not like quads in particular on their track.

The unfortunate side effect is that such a process provides hire fees to non affiliated clubs, and indeed some profile, as events are promoted generally including the location of the event.

Feedback was sought from ASA, SA Quad Club and QRASA on whether this practice should cease, or continue. See below comments,

#### ASA

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this: Firstly, I am sure you understand that the ASA is a club that is restricted by its membership, because of the nature of our facet of the sport involving sidecars. A couple of years ago we became involved with the quad people purely as a financial aspect to ensure our continued existence and the ability to run events without consideration of a financial loss. At times this relationship has been tested, however I can honestly say the relationship both clubs have is now very good, with a mutual respect of each other.

My comments are based only on a ASA Perspective and are without any consideration of the Quads.

- The ASA have ridden on two tracks in 2013 that belong to clubs not affiliated with MSA. Naracoorte and Kadina.
- The ASA have ridden on the Naracoorte Track on many occasions, and on most occasions have been the club licensing the track.
- The Kadina track was licensed by the Quads in 2013 and some sidecars supported their event, however the general consensus is that the Kadina track is not the best for Sidecars and we doubt if we will ever ride there again.
- Naracoorte has two tracks. We have four ASA Members who live down the southeast, and the Naracoorte club, although very small in membership, allowed the ASA to construct a track on their land that is designed with Sidecars in mind, and although solos can ride on it, they seem to rather ride their club track rather than the one constructed, licensed and used by the ASA. (That is why we try to ride there each year).
- The Quads have lic. Naracoorte in the past, and that was as a result of the agreement between the two clubs when planning events, relating to who will run each event and receive the \$\$\$\$\$
- The ASA believes ALL clubs/promoters SHOULD be affiliated with MSA and black event should be treated accordingly.
- If MSA are considering its position in relation to the licensing of unaffiliated club's MX tracks, then the consideration should be given to ALL disciplines of the sport.
- Where as the ASA is aware, enduro, road trial and observe trial tracks do not need to be lic. Our beliefs are that if MSA are to consider this approach relating to motocross tracks, because the owners/custodians of the land are not affiliated with MSA, how does this differ from the owners/custodians of the land where enduro's, road trials and observe trials are held. Do they have to be affiliated with MSA.
- Due Consideration should also be given to Major events such as SA Long Track at Kapunda Trotting Track, Super Cross events at Wayville and the Entertainment Centre, or classic motocross events held previously on natural terrain track, marked out on sides of the hills. All these are events where tracks are licensed but not on land where the owners/custodians are affiliated with MSA.

In closing, the ASA is supportive that in a perfect world that all Motorcycle Clubs and tracks should be affiliated with MSA or MA – However, it is both my belief and that of the ASA, that any decision made by MSA relating to the licensing of tracks owned/cared for by non affiliated clubs, should be consistent and fair to all involved within the sport of motorcycling. If this decision is adopted relating to motocross tracks, then it MUST apply to all facets of our sport which therefore will create a problem. It is the view of the ASA that so long as a track is being licensed AND complies with the venue/track inspection guidelines, that the issue of who owns the land/track should not be of concern. The concern should be that the event, promoter, riders and officials are all in compliance with the GCR's and the safety of all concerned is paramount.

#### SA Quad Club

Firstly I was under the impression that part of Motorcycling South Australia's duties is to assist clubs and members rather than place hurdles in front of them.

As you are all well aware there are getting less and less tracks available for all disciplines and with a large number of licensed tracks not allowing Quads and or sidecars our disciplines have an even greater issue of finding suitable venues. One of the opportunities we saw and has been available was to utilise tracks that have not been licensed in the past for various reasons. This allows our sports to run as well as continue to grow as part of MSA, it provides the non affiliated clubs an insight into a MSA run events which in turn promotes the use of MSA.

These events are always promoted as MSA events, they allow the clubs and MSA to profit from the events not only financially but also as a promotional tool to show the non affiliated clubs how it can be done.

By allowing these tracks to be licensed by MSA affiliated clubs it does not promote the running of the so called "Black event or Black Club" it is the exact opposite, it promotes the use of MSA and MSA affiliated clubs.

By making it more difficult to run events this will not in any way force the non affiliated clubs to become affiliated, this is best done gently and by showing them MSA are not to be afraid of and not the big bullies trying to force them to do something they dont want to. This will just create a bigger barrier.

I have mentioned the issue previously about the use of such tracks as Gillman, my understanding is this track is leased to MSA by the Office of Sport and rec. for the use of **all** members, this includes Quads. We have been told a number of times that Quads are not allowed on this track. These issues would be better dealt with to allow access to more tracks rather than trying to illuminate the use of other tracks which are currently utilised.

A couple of other points would be the thin line between allowing private non affiliated track owners and private promoters to utilise MSA licensing on **some** of their events, whilst still running other events without MSA, and not allowing private non affiliated clubs the same benefit? The question also comes to how will this effect private land owners that allow us th use their property for endure type events whilst other time allowing non affiliated groups to also use their land, will this also apply to them?

There appears to be no gain in not licensing non affiliated club tracks as it will only turn them away further, it will not force them to affiliate and the clubs and MSA that have utilised these tracks previously will be disadvantaged, as the old saying goes why cut off your nose to spite your face.

**Decision:** *All tracks, if compliant, are eligible to be licenced, irrespective of whether privately owned, or by an affiliated club or not. Track Licence benefits will only take effect if permitted use by an affiliated club. Non-affiliated track inspections to be charged full cost recovery for inspection.*

## OTHER BUSINESS

### EX09.12.9. Quads

Brenton raised the need to have a full discussion, via agenda item on Board Meeting early 2014, about Quad motorcycling, access to tracks, and how to progress in SA.

Meeting Close: 805pm