

Delegates Meeting April 21 2022

Members will recall that MNSW now has a new high powered Board and a new CEO in Daniel Rushworth. The new board was selected via a public call to action from MA which saw that MNSW was struggling to remain legal with the old board. Note despite the Interim board and MA not endorsing him, the previous CEO and PCRA member Dave Cooke was elected onto the new board, which recently received permission from member organisations to not have an annual election so soon after its appointment but to continue with its reforms until 2023.

Nonetheless the MNSW AGM is to be held on May 25th, in conjunction with a Strategic Planning exercise. Each member organisation is entitled to 3 Delegates, who are entitled to attend and vote.

April meeting highlights, inc from Feb and March general meetings

Members may recall the MNSW Board meets monthly, more often if need be, but the Delegates Council only meets every two months, so matters discussed can be well out of date by this time. This report in May is from the April meeting which was concerned with Board meetings from February and March on issues and actions of January and February. So its a clunky system but, hey, its **our** clunky system and no one seems intent on changing it. As one of your delegates, I see it as an approach that erodes oversight and may, just may, have been in part of the reason two previous boards were able to get away with activities leading to their removal! However, moves are afoot to release monthly minutes in a more timely manner.

* MA takeover of NSW Ridernet licencing. The Interim Board agreed, some say beyond its remit, for MA to centralise all Australian licensing by taking over this Ridernet function, and the income it produced. This was a good part of MNSW's income, the amount still under dispute. The 2019 published accounts said about \$1m came in, but the Board said it was about half that. Life member Ron Kivovitch continues to raise this issue, which the new Board is still reviewing. The argument was that explaining licence details was a non-core distraction for staff. Racers who otherwise might never have even heard of MNSW might differ. Next meeting, i.e. Board April, Members June, may resolve this difference but the deal looks done.

* Officials Courses have lapsed for a while and will be reviewed and more will be organised, possibly along the lines of current QLD courses.

* No progress yet on constitutional amendments though no major change seems warranted as per February's meeting where *"there are some issues with the constitution that needs to be looked at and a wholesale rewrite on the constitution will not be accepted."* Whatever that means. By March a Draft Terms of Reference had been drawn up for consultation with MA and Life Members. It remains unclear what role, if any, MNSW member organisations will be asked to have beyond final ratification.

* An investigator has been selected to look at the shenanigans of the previous board, with MA support.

* A Women's Academy to support women in racing is to be set up by Kate Peck leading.

* Horsley Park, a block of land upon which MNSW has hoped to set up junior motocross remains problematic as to capital works, maintenance and management, up to &70k so far. It may be that two local groups can run it, perhaps move it. Whether it is appropriate for MNSW to run a grassroots program seems to be the key issue, at least after costs.

* Nowra club, 'owned' by MNSW, and which sought to be the next NSW road race track but was defeated by local enviro issues after much expenditure, is being gradually handed over.

* Financials: MNSW has had \$639k income YTD and outgoings of \$322k. At March, net assets were at about \$9m and working capital about half that.

* Complaints about behaviour are piling up for the new Investigation Sub-Committee, which is working on standards and procedures. Allegations about the previous committee apparently are the single largest issue area.

* Race Pace: members may recall the previous board was sued for attempting to impose trading limitations on this organisation so as to limit its competitiveness with MNSW. Not surprisingly, a court settlement has been reached though the details, i.e. costs, have not been released to Members.

Sundry other matters relating to MX, country clubs, officials courses etc etc were raised. The continuing lack of road race tracks in NSW was one of relevance to PCRA, others less so.

MNSW AGM is to be held at Parramatta May 25. Your Delegates shall be in attendance to vote in your interests, and to participate in the Strategic Planning exercise ditto. Note with the extension of the current Board's tenure, there will be no voting for Board positions.

In summary, the shift in culture and level of professionalism since the previous board was shown the door is remarkable. There is much to do and the cultural change takes time, but Members should be assured that the new crew has been a shift up a couple of gears.

Club Delegate