



Board meeting summary – April '15

AUDIT REPORT

Neil Harding of Harding Martin, the sports Auditors attended the Board meeting to report on the 2014 Audit prior to the AGM in May.

Neil addressed any issues or questions the Board had in relation to the completed audit and in doing so added that the finances of MQ are in good standing,

BUSINESS ARISING

AGM – the GM indicated that the Annual Report was close to completion and would include the audited financials once they were signed off at the current meeting.

Upwards of 20 clubs had passed their votes to MQ at this time, but indications of attendance at the AGM were slow.

Jim Feehely gave the Board an update on the MA Whole of Sport Review but the draft report due to be present to MA Council on May 18. The Board also is interested in looking at potential candidates for the MA Board to be elected late July '15.

FINANCE

Financially MQ is doing well at this time, running ahead of budget expectations. Licencing is up against 2014 as is permits.

The Board would like to see the sport continue to improve its financial base through improved surpluses via the gaining on new income from sponsorship and other associated activities.

QMP continues to run at a small surplus. Expenditure has remained constant for the same period last year.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Ridernet moves closer to implementation with the amended go live date being late May. The new MQ website will also go live around this time if not sooner.

Licences, permits and the like are being turned around in 24-48 hrs of receipt

Come and Try days have continued to receive positive feedback as have a number of Trial rides already conducted this year.

The 2015 Featured Events program is looking promising with up to 4 events now being assisted through the MQ office.

AGM planning has been finalised with the Annual Report going to the printers in the later part of April

QMP planning and associated activities continue to be addressed as required.

ORB

The ORB commented on the recent number of complaints being received from officials and individuals. A process has been put in place to address the same.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Board discussed at length the need for clubs to ensure when scheduling events, they do so in a manner that will ensure they can effectively complete their event in the allotted time frame.

The Board expect all sup regs to be accompanied by an event runsheet/schedule so an assessment can be made as to the likelihood or otherwise of an event not being able to be completed in the time available.

Commentary also occurred in relation to 7-9 yr old riders riding in championship events, especially when this appears to contribute to offensive ultra-competitive behaviour from many of the parents. Further investigation of this will occur, especially as it relates to the national junior sports policy and its associated recommendations.

Concern was also expressed by the Board regarding what appears to be a deteriorating relationship between competitors and officials. This clearly is off issue at present and believes improvement at all levels of the sport needs to occur.

The Operations Manager put some proposals to the Board as part of our review of the Awards Night. It was agreed that we should continue to look at improving the night as a showcase for the sport and those involved.

The issue of affiliate clubs being involved with unendorsed sporting activities was raised. While the Board has no desire to fetter a clubs right to be involved in such activities, it is important that the Club and its members investigate any insurance coverage offered diligently as the MA insurance we are all use to will not apply under such circumstances.

SPORT COMMITTEES

There was nothing to report on the sub-committees at this time.

The next meeting of the Board is on May 19, 2015.