

**Minutes of MQ Central Queensland Zone / Clubs Meeting
Held on Saturday 12th November 2016
At the Mayfair Tavern, Emerald**

- Item 1** The meeting was opened at 11am by the MQ President.
J. Feehely welcomed all in attendance acknowledging the travel that a number of attendees had undertaken to be here.
J. Feehely introduced the respective MQ board members (Lisa Fox and Andy Walmsley) and MQ General Manager (Kim Rowcliffe) who were also in attendance.

Present:

Jim Feehely (MQ President)	Lisa Fox (MQ Board)
Andy Walmsley (MQ Board)	Ron Single (VMX Whitsunday)
Peter Dark (Rockhampton Districts)	Debbie Dark (Rockhampton Districts)
Glen Gretton (Emerald Junior MX Club)	Christine Peisker (Emerald Junior MX Club)
Lindsay Dillon (Central Highlands Association)	Bec Smith (Central Highlands Association)
Peter Campbell (Gladstone District Dirt Riders)	Kelly Baxter (Gladstone District Dirt Riders)
Brad Purdon (Dysart Junior MX Club)	Jeremy Lupke (Capricorn Dirt Riders)
Paul Warr (Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club)	Barb Watson (Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club)
Linda Dullahide (Moranbah MCC)	Shery Halvorsen (Moranbah MCC)
Shane Bussey (Pioneer Valley Enduro)	Rodney Frank (Pioneer Valley Enduro)
Julie Maeyke (CQ Mini Moto & MQ Regional Consultant)	Debbi Douglas (Qld Enduro Subcommittee & MQ Regional Consultant)
Julie Newsome (Qld MX Subcommittee)	Brett Bussey (Visitor)

MQ Staff: Kim Rowcliffe (General Manager).

- Item 2** Minutes of the previous CQ Zone Meeting held in Rockhampton on 14th November 2015.
Noted.
Business Arising – Nil.

- Item 3** Report on Motorcycling Queensland activities 2016
The Chair noted the following:

- **Constitutional change** means that elections are no longer required for subcommittee positions, just board members.
Action item: MQ to source better candidate statements / achievements from prospective candidates to disseminate to clubs as part of the voting process. MQ to develop standard template.
- MQ has appointed a number of **MQ Regional Consultants** to assist with supporting a cluster of clubs, and ensuring constant connectivity to MQ. The aspiration is that this may one day lead to the employment of regional Development Officers for the sport.
CQ Regional Consultants at this stage are Julie Maeyke and Debbie Douglas.
- MQ would like to hear from clubs about any **regional QMP** opportunities that may exist throughout the state.
Whilst the first 5 years of QMP has generally been a success, it doesn't turn a great surplus due to capping restrictions applied by the lease holder (SEQ Council

of Mayors) and it isn't the trail bike 'nirvana' that the SEQ Council of Mayors thought it would be due to much of the country being unsatisfactory for family and beginner riders.

MQ is currently in negotiations to secure neighboring land belonging to SEQ Water which will assist with loop rotations and regeneration of country.

It was generally felt that a QMP equivalent in CQ was not a high priority at this stage as a number of the local area CQ clubs are 'already doing it tough'.

- MQ has been working on the **sale of Tivoli**, with much of the anticipated revenue from this sale needing to be redirected into the new **Willowbank project**. Willowbank will be a different entity to QMP – it will be more competition focused.
- The Brisbane City Council is keen to work with MQ on the **re-development / rehabilitation of the North Brisbane** (Raubers Rd facility) into a premier motorcycle facility with MQ running / managing the facility. This may be some years in the making.
- MQ will **prioritise legitimate interclub series events** above standalone club days in developing the 2017 events. MQ is advocating for a return to more club vs club activity, and to bring the **fun back to motorcycling**.
Action item: send reminder to clubs advising closing date to receive interclub series dates.
- A new **financial model is being developed by MA in conjunction with SCB's**. Essentially the model will see less up-front costs for participants to purchase an annual licence, with participants incurring costs on more of a 'pay to play' system. This will lead to a more open and transparent financial system for the organisation, therefore allowing all governance levels within the sport to clearly articulate where funds go. Essentially the organisation needs to collect additional funds to cover off on the minimum premium insurance payments, and have more funds to direct into development activities.
- MQ has scheduled a number of **constitutional workshops** to occur early in 2017, with the express purpose of assisting those clubs who haven't done so recently, to update their club constitution.
Action item: start promoting 2017 MQ constitutional workshops. Request clubs to complete constitutional questionnaire to establish 'current position'.
- Congratulations were extended to Debbie Douglas (Volunteer of the Year) and the 2016 Mackay Beach Races (Event of the Year) both of whom have been selected as **finalists for the 2016 QSports Awards**.
- MQ, on behalf of the entire organisation is working on the development of an **Officials App**, which will streamline workload for officials and enable significantly more accurate and prompt reporting (including accident data).

Item 4

Report on Central Queensland club activities 2016

Rockhampton Districts MX Club – Peter Dark

- Membership levels have remained constant from 2015
- Aiming to be open more regularly to cater to shift workers
- Ran 6 club days in 2016 and a Go Girls round
- Wet weather has been an issue – spoilt Michael Byrne riding school and Beef to Reef Series

- The club hosted the first round of the CQMX Series – great number of entries
- The club has participated in the Ocean to Motion interclub series
- 1 new Practice Supervisor accredited
- The club has been able to offer regular coaching via Aaron Hutton
- Planning a Rockhampton fundraising event – liaise with MQ re: permitting

Emerald Junior MX Club – Glen Gretton

- Rain outs of events has been an issue
- 6 club days were run in 2016
- Round of Central Highlands Series was wet
- Membership levels at about 140 / 150
- All things considered not a bad year

Central Highlands MX interclub series – Lindsay Dillon

- 2016 series ran well
- Divvy 1 classes were particularly strong throughout the series, keen to maintain for 2017

Gladstone District Dirt Riders – Peter Campbell

- Involvement in a variety of interclub series is proving successful
- Purchase of new equipment to assist with better track preparation
- The licensing of a new / separate Divvy 1 track has been a success
- The club offers mid-week coaching
- The club has run Minikhana events – reasonably successful
- Always keen to bring the fun / social element back to the sport
- In 2017 the club is aiming to have ‘powered’ camping sites

Dysart Junior MX Club – Brad Purdon

- Held one round of the Central Highlands interclub MX series
- Available to be open every day for practice, and have dropped membership fee price as a consequence
- Currently developing a venue business plan
- Have successfully sourced a (cheaper) alternative to QAS for first aid services

Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club – Paul Warr

- Generally speaking, 2016 was a good year
- In 2016 we have 225 members, which is an increase from 2015
- Women only classes have been offered at events as a strategy to accommodate more female participants
- Have rebuilt club days back up to about 100 riders
- Will soon have mains power at the track
- More volunteers / officials are being trained
- Keen for the organisation to have a system of recognition for young coaches who complete all of the necessary coaching accreditation requirements and assist at coaching events and activities – ‘Trainee Coaches’ / ‘Cadet Official’ – MQ Action Item.
- Have had success recently with grants for equipment upgrades
- Trying to work collaboratively with neighboring clubs
- Targeting diversity in service – held a CQ Off Road round
- 7 club days plus Yeppoon EnduroX

- Keen to host a junior development weekend in 2017
- Had a break-in during 2017 – very disappointing
- Participated in the Yeppoon Tropical Pinefest

Moranbah MCC – Shery Halvorsen

- Not a great year, marred by internal committee issues
- Financially struggling
- Struggled through round of the CQMX Series
- 21 current members, majority of whom are all on the same shift
- 2017 keen to run interclub events
- Attempting to re-engage with old / former members

VMX Whitsunday – Ron Single

- Pretty quite year in 2016
- Looking at obtaining some additional land
- Diamond Don run and won

Pioneer Valley Enduro Club – Shane Bussey

- A number of new family members
- Assisted Gum Valley to run the Queensland 2 Day
- Round of CQ Pony Xpress – 102 competitors
- A good Come & Try Day
- Attracting more families, therefore more juniors
- Trying to incorporate coaching as part of Trail Rides
- Held a females only coaching day
- Aiming to keep Trail Rides affordable for families
- The club requires participants at their events to be a member of a local area club – trying to help support other local area clubs

Gum Valley Veterans & Natural Terrain

- Shane Bussey read a letter as provided by Gum Valley outlining their activities for 2016
- Two major events in 2016 – Qld 2 Day Enduro Champs and Grasstree Beach Races
- Grasstree Beach Races was a major success – has been selected as a finalist in the QSport awards for 'Event of the Year'

Capricorn Dirt Riders – Jeremy Lupke

- Four events held in 2016, 2 Trail Rides
- 420 participants at Barlow's Trail Ride, included a family loop
- Malborough event was tough
- Would like to incorporate the 'Dalby Moto Trail Ride' streamlined event registration / licence process for their rides
- Coutsies participant numbers were down
- Always targeting recruitment of new young Enduro riders and looking at providing opportunities for them to 'have a go' / or just 'ride around'

Julie Maeyke – CQ Regional Consultant

- Has established a 'Julie Maeyke Regional Consultant' Facebook page with lots of great resources / information for clubs

Debbie Douglas – CQ Regional Consultant / Queensland Enduro subcommittee

- Has a lot of dealings with new riders – clubs need to invest more time this process, suggest incorporating a 'membership officer' as part of their set-up, ie be more accessible
- Coaches are one of clubs greatest asset – support them
- MQ will assist with investing and resourcing the 2017 Mackay Sports Expo
- The 2017 A4DE will be held in Toowoomba
- Strategies to keep 16-18 year olds involved and engaged in the sport
- Assists with running local area CQ Development Camps

Action Item: MQ to investigate how we can be more involved in the process of following up participants at CQ Development Camps, Come & Try Days, etc to 'recruitment' them to as permanent members

Julie Newsome – Qld MX subcommittee

- 6 rounds of the CQMX Series held in 2016, average 198 riders / round
- Entry prices for CQMX Series haven't gone up for 3 years
- Equal profit sharing system for the CQMX Series is good, clubs still able to source local area / round sponsors
- Media coverage for each round is managed by individual promoting clubs
- Scheduling of CQ events in 2016 was good
- Reliability issues with new MyLaps Transponder
- Difficulty with hiring is the associated subscription
- MQ to consider tying purchase of transponder with licence

Item 5

General Business

5.1 Ridernet

MQ taking a more active roll in the development and roll-out of the events module for Ridernet for implementation in 2017.

5.2 Panel of Officials / mentors

MQ to (re) publish panel of officials who are available to be contacted as 'officials mentors', along with the suggested officials penalties list.

5.3 Contactability of MQ

MQ to ensure that the MQ office is contactable on weekends for event promoters, particularly in the instance of fatalities and the like.

5.4 Self scrutineering

Moto-Trials have already implemented a system of self-scrutineering for certain events. A question was asked if a similar system could be adopted for certain events in CQ?

Action item: MQ to develop and circulate a proposal to MQ subcommittees to consider the adoption of self-scrutineering.

5.5 Practice Supervisor Seminar

The MQ ORB are asked to consider making the Practice Supervisor Seminar available once again as a stand-alone Seminar.

Action item: investigate the adoption of the Practice Supervisor Seminar as an online option.

5.6 Female recognition

Clubs / series were asked consider strategies to regularly recognise female achievements / participation in the sport, eg maintain a separate points scoring system for female riders within a series / event.

5.7 Qualification for Queensland Motocross Championships

MQ representatives confirmed that qualification would once again be a requirement for riders wishing to participate at the 2017 Queensland Motocross Championships.

5.8 Reciprocal rights

A common theme of the meeting was clubs looking to adopt a reciprocal rights type system with other local area clubs, therefore reducing the requirement for riders to be a member of multiple clubs. This is not an issue that MQ can manage, clubs however were encouraged to think about strategies to accommodate this idea, eg Club by-laws, etc.

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The meeting closed at 4.25pm. All were thanked for their time and input into what was a good positive meeting.

Summary of key action items from CQ Zone meeting:

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Action item: send reminder to clubs advising closing date to receive interclub series dates for 2017.

Action item: start promoting 2017 MQ constitutional workshops. Request clubs to complete constitutional questionnaire to establish 'current position'.

Action item: MQ to work on the development and roll-out of an officials App.

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Action item: investigate the (re) adoption of the Practice Supervisor Seminar as a stand alone Seminar – possibly even as an online option.

Action item: MQ to (re) publish panel of officials who are available to be contacted as 'officials mentors', along with the suggested officials penalties list.