

**Minutes of MQ Council & CQ Zone Meeting
Held on Saturday 14th November 2015
At the Hotel Regent, Rockhampton**

- Item 1** The meeting was opened at 10:30am by the MQ President.
J. Feehely welcomed all in attendance acknowledging the travel that a number of attendees had undertaken to be here.

Present:

Jim Feehely (<i>MQ President</i>)	Allan Halley (<i>MQ Board</i>)
Peter Campbell (<i>Gladstone Dirt Riders</i>)	Julie Maeyke (<i>Gladstone Dirt Riders</i>)
Katrina Brown (<i>Gladstone Dirt Riders</i>)	Kelly Baxter (<i>Gladstone Dirt Riders</i>)
Grant Wary (<i>Biloela Dirt Riders</i>)	Cameron Pender (<i>Biloela Dirt Riders</i>)
Paul Warr (<i>Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club</i>)	Darcy Kupfer (<i>Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club</i>)
Alan Temperley (<i>CQ Vintage MX Club</i>)	Mark Stenhouse (<i>CQ Vintage MX Club</i>)
Jeremy Lupke (<i>Capricorn Dirt Riders</i>)	Skye La Carta (<i>Mackay Junior MX Club</i>)
Adam La Carta (<i>Mackay Junior MX Club</i>)	Ron Single (<i>VMX Whitsunday</i>)
Brett Oliver (<i>Pioneer Valley Enduro</i>)	Rodney Frank (<i>Pioneer Valley Enduro</i>)
Peter Dark (<i>Rockhampton District MX Club</i>)	Debbie Dark (<i>Rockhampton District MX Club</i>)
Nick Thomson (<i>Middlemount Junior MX</i>)	Lynn Thomson (<i>Middlemount Junior MX</i>)
Eric Batty (<i>CQ Trials Club</i>)	Ryan Cunningham (<i>Curtis Coast Trail Riders</i>)
Shane Wright (<i>Curtis Coast Trail Riders</i>)	Brett Bussey (<i>CQ Off Road Committee</i>)
Andrew Bussey (<i>Sugar City Dirt Riders</i>)	Lincoln Hinds
Julie Newsome (<i>MX subcommittee & CQMX committee</i>)	(<i>Junior subcommittee & CQMX committee</i>)
Debbie Douglas (<i>Qld Enduro subcommittee & CQ Off Road Committee</i>)	

MQ Staff: Rob Ferguson and Kim Rowcliffe.

- Item 2** Minutes of the previous CQ Zone Meeting held in Mackay on 29th November 2014.

Moved: J Newsome Seconded: L Thomson **CARRIED**

Business Arising Nil

- Item 3** Report on Motorcycling Queensland activities 2015

The Chair noted the following:

- The MQ Boards **strategic priority** is to provide ongoing assistance to **Clubs**, thereby making clubs increasingly sustainable and more successful
- **Ridernet** – licensing component is 'live', events component should be ready to roll out early in the new year. Regional training and support will be provided. There will be inevitable restrictions and issue with the new system – please report these to the MQ office
- MQ was recently granted long term **lease of land at Willowbank**. MQ will look to develop and plan a return on the investment. This will be largely funded via the sale of Tivoli property Moreton Districts Club will be relocated to Willowbank.
- There has been mass **changes at Motorcycling Australia** with the recent appointment of a new Board and CEO

- There continues to be moves towards a stronger **alliance between MA and State Controlling Bodies**, including; potential rationalisation of staff, MA and SCB staff integrated, rationalisation and simplification of the rules, standardization of training, new cost / revenue structure.
- **Discipline** – there is a growing and trend in the abuse of Officials. The MQ Board want to know so this practice can be stamped out.
- The Board would like to see an increased instance of **Interclub events** to help engender improved community / club spirit
- Encouraged clubs to seek advice from the **MQ office** – MQ to develop a database of clubs leases for facilities (start / finish dates) and unusual conditions.

There was a general (lengthy) discussion regarding **MyLaps** including the pros and cons and issues associated with this system.

R. Ferguson advised that the take-up of riders purchasing MyLaps transponders has been significantly less than that what was indicated to MyLaps as part of the existing arrangement. This arrangement included the allowance for MQ to have a stock of transponder units (100 in total) hire to events / promoters for their events has now expired. This arrangement has not been extended to MQ by MyLaps beyond this year.

MyLaps clear preference is to see more riders purchasing outright their own transponders (not continuing to hire).

J. Newsome 'flagged' her concerns about there not being enough transponders available to satisfy all of the MX events that will require them in 2016 – Qld MX Champs, Sunshine State MX Series, CQM Series and Tropical NQMX.

Work to be done by MQ:

- major events need to ensure that riders are financially encouraged towards the benefits of purchasing own transponder (ie cost of hiring to increase)
- establish a 2016 projected timetable of events where transponders will be required including projected numbers
- ongoing negotiations to develop a 'pool' of transponders to be available

It was agreed that ultimately there would need to be a policy established outlining a timeline by which time riders attending major events needing to have purchased their own transponder eg for start of 2017, after this point costs to hire would be significantly higher.

Item 4 Report on Central Queensland club activities 2015

Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club – Paul Warr

- Cyclone in February caused damage to facilities
- Solid year re-building
- Largely a new committee on board
- Have lease in place till 2026
- Multi-purpose complex (Coastal Park Reserve) – MX, Enduro and coaching
- Recent junior coaching clinic was an outstanding success

Pioneer Valley Enduro Club – Brett Oliver

- Held two successful trail rides this year averaging about 500 riders each
- Ran a round of the 2015 CQ Off Road Series
- Held natural terrain MX event in October
- Previous history of bad blood between other clubs has been largely resolved
- Always happy to seek advice from the MQ office

VMX Whitsunday – Ron Single

- 2015 was an up and down year
- Assisted with promotion of the CQ Bulls, Bikes, Buggies & Bands event
- Successful Diamond Don Art Union Fundraiser
- Hoping for 2016 to be bigger and better

Gum Valley Veterans & Natural Terrain – Lincoln Hinds

- The 2016 Yamaha model launch was held at Gum Valley in 2016
- Steve Dinsdale Memorial MX

CQ Vintage MX Club – Allan Temperley and Mark Shepherdson

- The club was stagnant in 2015 – key people unavailable
- Working on land at The Caves to build track and run events
- Club would like to target 6 events annually

*CQ Vintage Club were encouraged to speak to representatives of other local motocross clubs who may be willing to host Vintage events at their tracks.

CQ Trials Club – Eric Batty

- Conduct events at Gladstone Moto Complex
- Four other venues also used
- Held 3 interclub events in 2015
- Hosted 2 rounds of the Qld Moto-Trials Series
- Small growth in membership
- Looking to hold a 3 Day Trial in 2016 based on the Scottish 6 Day Trial model

Curtis Coast Trail Riders – Shane Wright

- Solid membership base
- Held a CQ Off Road round in 015
- Charity Ride at the start of the year attracted 230 riders
- Lowmead Trail Ride attracted in excess of 600 riders
- Good relationship with local clubs – having combined Xmas Party this year with Capricorn Dirt Riders

Capricorn Dirt Riders – Jeremy Lupke

- Hold 3 major events annually – Barlows Trail Ride, Couttsies and round of CQ Off Road
- Confirmed to host round of CQ Off Road again in 2016
- Club wants to focus on youth and families participating together – then transitioning recreational riders into competition riders
- CQ Off Road class to encourage young Ladies class and hopefully Mum's adopting the attitude 'I can do this' then entering also
- Believe Enduro's advantage is better value for money
- MX and Enduro clubs should be encouraged to work together
- Concerns over Ambulance costs at events
- Can MQ investigate a coordinated 'whole of sport' approach to Government (QAS) for a better deal
- Noted new MQ requirements for sweep riders

Rockhampton District MX Club – Peter Dark

- Busy start to the year (Ocean to Motion Interclub Series)
- Cyclone Marcia hit, leaving the club 5 weeks to prepare for Qld MX Champs
- Volunteers got involved to help clean up and club was able to hold Qld MX Champs
- Held 6 club Days in 2015 averaging 100 riders per event culminating with a double header that had feature events, sprint events, Minikhana and Barrel Races – which everyone loved
- Emphasis on trying to do things differently
- Held final round of CQMX Series – again an enjoyable event
- Been approached to host round of Go Girls Interclub MX Series in 2016
- Keen to develop Interclub events in 2016
- Some club riders achieving good results at Qld MX Champs

Sugar City Dirt Riders – Andrew Bussey

- Newly affiliated in 2016
- Promote Kungurri Hill Climb
- Involved with promotion of CQ Bulls, Bikes, Buggies and Bands
- In 2016 looking to conduct Sprint Races, Trail Rides – develop and maintain good working relationships with other clubs
- We help other clubs by providing officials, some of those clubs then try to ‘rail road’ our officials into doing things ‘there way’
- Club is investigating possibility of promoting Adventure Rides

Gladstone District Dirt Riders – Peter Campbell

- Minimal injuries in 2015, track has stood up well
- Julie Maeyke very active on behalf of the club in the grants market
- Gladstone area clubs are communicating and getting on well with one another, not just motorcycling clubs
- Won't be holding standalone Club Days in 2016 – everything will be Interclub
- Club Champion will be based on points accumulated at Gladstone rounds of Interclub events
- Looking at new 2 day Pony Xpres Series in 2016
- Investigating cost of sourcing power to run lights to enable riding at night
- Town water now supplied to venue
- Purpose built Divvy track has been built to accommodate younger junior riders
- The club has adopted a ‘no nonsense’ approach to social media breaches by members

R. Ferguson highlighted Julie Maeyke's efforts in being chosen as a finalist in the Sports Administrator of the Year category of the QSport Awards – a fantastic achievement.

Mackay Junior MX Club – Skye La Carta

- Up and down year
- Weather issues led to cancellation of CQMX round
- Issues with break-ins
- Upgraded equipment and facilities
- Have secured 10 year lease till 2026
- Working towards grants for power
- Finding officials is difficult – currently sourcing from other clubs
- Want to get more practice supervisors accredited to enable them to open track for practice

Middlemount Junior MX Club – Nick Thomson

- Successful sign-on at the start of the year
- Club is growing, slowly
- Two day practice worked well – spit roast at night = 80 riders
- Good number of riders at round of CQMX and Central Highlands Series
- Conducted 2 x coaching days – Glenn McDonald and Chris Urquhart
- Have sourced a sponsor for next year's round of the CQMX - \$6,500
- Successful Gambling Fund Grant for refurbishment of Scorers Hut
- Disappointed to cancel Come & Try Day due to lack of interest
- Most members live outside of Middlemount
- MyLaps is a huge success – works well, even under duress
- 2016 will be a struggle for officials
- Ambition to have night riding at the track

Biloela Dirt Riders – Cameron Pender

- The club receives strong support from Gladstone
- Biloela has lights
- In 2016 hoping to host a round of the CQMX Series
- Plenty to be done as the club was dormant for a long time
- A small number of people do the majority of the work

CQMX Series – Julie Newsome

- 6 rounds in 2015, average of 174 riders per round
- Adopted equal distribution of profits, all promoting clubs received \$9,500
- Transponders introduced – good purchase take up by CQ riders
- Some struggles finding officials at some rounds
- 2015 MX des CQ was successful – Mackay in 2015
- From a MX subcommittee perspective – important that riders understand that a grading from the MX subcommittee applies throughout the state

CQ Off Road Series – Brett Bussey

- Five rounds planned, only 3 actually run
- Targeting 5 rounds again 2016
- Successful CQ Coaching clinic

Item 5 CQ Elections

MQ subcommittees:

Enduro – Debbie Douglas elected

Motocross – Julie Newsome elected

Junior – Julie Newsome elected

Womens – Kelly Baxter elected

Supermoto – MQ to inquire if Tony Jones wishes to continue on subcommittee

CQ committees:

CQMX - Cameron Pender, Lincoln Hinds and Skye La Carta – elected

Item 6 2016 Club Affiliation

Clubs are reminded of the due date to return 2016 Club Affiliation being Wednesday 16th December (all paperwork and payment).

MQ to provide free National licence to those clubs who finalise 2016 affiliation on time (as was done for 2015 affiliation) – this can be used by clubs as part of a fundraising initiative.

Item 7 Grants Programs

The meeting was briefed re: current and upcoming funding opportunities available to clubs:

- Community Benefit Gambling Fund (round close 31st November)
- Dept Social Services Volunteers Grant (closes 9th December)
- MQ Club Development Funding Program – program to be released as of 1st January 2016.

The MQ office is available to assist.

Item 8 U21s Training Program

K. Rowcliffe reminded clubs re: 2015 U21s Elite Training Camp. Nominations close Friday 20th November 2015.

Item 9 Officials Training Seminars / Level 1 Coaching Course

Discussion about the availability and scheduling of Officials Training Seminars.

P. Dark & P. Warr recommended the organisation consider developing a coaching course aimed at older junior riders who frequently assist at coaching days, but aren't old enough to attend Level 1 Coaching Course and obtain a Coaches Licence (eg ages 12yrs – 17yrs).

Item 10 Calendar

K. Rowcliffe tabled the draft 2016 events calendar – with unanimous acceptance of dates / events currently listed.

The finalised version will be released shortly after the NQ Zone meeting (Saturday 21st November), at which time clubs and promoters will be invited to submit dates for club days and other events not currently listed.

Item 11 Constitution Amendments

MOTION 1: J. Feehely proposed that the notice of meeting be amended to state that the MQ Council meeting is to be held in Rockhampton at the Quality Regent Hotel, Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on Saturday 14 November 2015 commencing at 10:30am. **Carried unanimously.**

MOTION 2: J. Feehely proposed that the Motorcycling Queensland Constitution is amended in accordance with the marked-up amended copy of the constitution circulated to all affiliated clubs by email on 25th September 2015, a copy of which is attached to this motion. **Carried unanimously.**

Item 12 Club Governance and Management

R. Ferguson presented a short session on key club governance and management topics including: succession planning, finance and budgeting, AGM's and meeting procedures. All clubs represented were provided with a USB with various templates on these topics.

Item 13 General Business

13.1 2016 Queensland MX Championships

Discussion about the three main MX Series (Sunshine State, CQMX and Tropical NQMX) acting as qualifiers for the 2016 Qld MX Championships.

13.2 Supplementary Regulations

Need to be approved and 'turned around' in a more timely fashion – new MQ Supp Regs Panel may assist with this.

13.3 Promotion of events

P. Warr asked that MQ be more active in promoting events on behalf of clubs and promoters. MQ to promote a 'bucket list' of events for competitors to come to Queensland and participate in. MQ to develop checklist / timeline for promoting 'significant events'.

Item 14 The meeting closed at 5.05pm. All were thanked for their time and input into what was a good positive meeting.

Summary of key action items from CQ Zone meeting:

Investigate feasibility of introduction of a coaching course / training seminar aimed specifically at older juniors (eg 12yrs – 17ys) who traditionally fill the role as 'demo rider'

Produce document outlining the distribution of income received from a licence – eg percentage to MA, percentage

Assist CQ clubs with the development of a 'pool' of local area transponders

Establish timeline, including deadline, for the requirement for riders to provide their own transponders as a condition of entry to Zone and Open events eg 1st January 2017. To enable an increase in the instance of riders purchasing their own transponders

MQ to develop a database of clubs leases for facilities (start / finish dates) and unusual conditions