# Minutes of CQ Zone Meeting 29th November 2014

Item 1 The meeting was opened at 9.40am by the Vice President. Jim Feehley Jim welcomed all

to the meeting.

**J Feehely** (MQ Vice President) L Deleon (MQ Board) Present:

D Wilkie (MQ Board

J Newsome (Rockhampton & District MXC) M Kanahs (Gladstone District Dirt Riders) P Campbell (Gladstone District Dirt Riders) B Bussey (CQ Off Road Committee) **D Martorana** (Moranbah Junior MX Club)

J McFadyen (Pioneer Valley Enduro Club)

L Thompson (Womens Sub-committee)

L Dullahide (CQMX committee)

S Clark (CQ MX committee)

J Dillon (Clermont Junior MCC) **S Lucas** (Mackay & District MX Club) K Schwerin (Clermont Junior MCC) S Contor (Mackay & District MX Club) S Bray (Capricorn Dirt Riders)

L Hinds (Gum Valley)

N Thompson (Middlemount JMX) **H Wilson** (Middlemount JMX) **D Douglas** (Qld Enduro sommittee)

R Single (VMX Whitsunday)

J Hill (Emerald JMCC)

**B Murrary** (VMX Whitsunday)

Staff: Rob Ferguson

D Rumble Apologies:

Item 2 Minutes of the previous CQ Zone and MQ Council Meeting held November 16, 2013

> Seconded: L Hinds **CARRIED** Moved: J Newsome

Nil **Business Arising** 

Item 3 Report on Motorcycling Queensland activities 2014

> The Chair noted the upcoming change to the MQ Board with Derek Rumble stepping down from the Chair as of Jan 1, 2015 due to work commitments.

> He also spoke to the introduction of MyLaps timing and the opportunities that existed for CQ. Training for timers will be part of the program in early 2015.

> Changes at MA were also highlighted, indicating the feeling was positive for the sport with the appointment of the new CEO and national Chair.

> The GM touch on the introduction of Ridernet and where MQ is currently at with the roll-out of the system.

Item 4 Report on Central Queensland club activities 2013

# **CQMX** Committee

- It was noted that it is not always easy to keep all parties happy
- > Felt it was an excellent year for the zone and its activities
- Great committee, very cohesive.
- > The committee will take up MyLaps and look at obtaining extra transponder for There is a need to look at the price point in association with the riders. transponders etc.

#### Gladstone District Dirt Riders

- > Felt the year was good, very positive
- Good support for events

## Mackay & District Motocross Club

- Very good year with the re-establishment of the club and grounds
- Lease secured for an additional 20 yrs
- All feel the future is promising

Jim F added the Board would like all clubs to provide information on their tenure/leases so this can be captured in Ridernet. This will allow us to assist with ongoing stability and any issues that may arise over the same.

### **Emerald JMCC**

- Good year again
- Not a lot of change from previous years
- Good practice days

# Pioneer Valley Enduro Club

- Good year with events
- > The club is working on member development & associated club activities
- > Participation in annual event received a great response

## Clermont Junior Motorcycle Club

- Club re-establishing and back from the dead
- > '14 has been a good year
- Looking at purchasing MyLaps at this time

### Middlemount Junior Motocross Club

- > '14 has been a consolidation year for the club
- Canteen ahs been refurbished
- New track markers
- MyLaps purchased

# VMX Whitsunday

- Conducted a range of activities throughout a good year
- Have worked with clubs in Rockhampton, Townsville and Eyre

## Capricorn Dirt Riders

- > As they have no permanent location they now have mobile facilities
- ➢ It was noted the need to ensure insurance coverage for properties use (suggested they obtain Certificate of Currency recognizing an interest by the property being used)
- The possibility of a permanent venue is in discussion at this time
- Couple of issues with event clashes that needs to be noted
- Attracting additional females to the sport can be an issue

# Gum Valley Club

- Slow year for the club
- Activities were impacted by the wet season

### Moranbah Junior Motocross Club

- Good year, club is going well and viable
- Second half of the year is a bit quiet
- > A new canteen was built
- Club is cohesive but succession for the committee is important to note

## Item 5 CQ Elections

Nominations were received for Julie Newsome & Seana Clarke to fill the two positions available. Both Julie and Seana were declared elected.

### Item 6 CQ Representative on MX sub-committee

As this vacancy only arose just prior to the zone meeting, nominations were called from the floor. Julie Newsome was the only person to express interest and was therefore elected unopposed

### Item 7 Calendar

Feb 14/15 Des club event schedules

23 Aug is the proposed date for the Beach Race. Further discussion may be needed re this calendar date.

Come & Try – it was noted that there will be no set date in 2015. There will be some flexibility when clubs can conduct C & T.

It was agreed that the best period to conduct C & T's would be from the end of Jan '15 to the end of March. This will give some latitude in relation to climatic conditions.

It was noted the need to highlight what the purpose of each licence is in relation to activities conducted by the sport. Ridernet to some degree will provide and explanation, particularly as it relates to age

Communication and publicity re C & T will be important in '15 due to the flexibility in dates. Clubs are to follow up with MQ regarding their nominated date so we can assist in media and associated publicity.

In relation to calendar clashes particularly with club days, it was suggested, seeing clubs can conduct a range of club days from a few to like 10, that only 5 club days would be guaranteed without clashes and if clubs wanted more club days than that then there would be no guarantee clashes would not occur. This can be linked to the permit process.

## Item 8 Ridernet

A number of issues re the system were discussed with all being very positive about its introduction

Issues of note included:

- ➤ The ability of the system to not operate "live". The program will operate but payment will not be able to be made as this will rely on an internet connection so this will cause some issue ultimately in completing the registration of the individual
- ➤ It was requested to ensure the suspended riders list is accurate and up to date. Any rider that goes online to register will see if they are on a list. If this is the case and they have clearance that can be addressed immediately by contacting the MQ office
- ➤ Information regarding the level of licence required upon entering the sport is important. Ridernet will provide an explanation upon applying for al icence. This will also be controlled by age.

# **Item 9** MyLaps offer

As discussion on this topic had occurred earlier in the meeting no further comment was made at this time.

## Item10 Feature Events proposal

Jim F spoke to this proposal as per the handout provided at the meeting. While this is not available to the CQ zone at this time he encouraged all clubs to look at opportunities and prepare a proposal as they see fit moving forward.

### Item 11 General Business

The training and direction provided to Flag Marshalls was discussed as it related to liability. Many times Flaggies are seen as non member officials, but this does not remove the clubs responsibility under WHS to ensure they understand their role and what is expected of them out on the track.

It was agreed that there is a need for position descriptions for Flaggies and also Sweeps, although the issue of insurance for tour operators and hence coverage of sweeps is under investigation, as is the case of licencing sweeps.

Insurance was discussed, particularly as it related to when support kicked in after an injury occurred. The no claim period varied depending on the benefit being sought so it was difficult to address this matter clearly. It is important that contact is made with the insurer when an injury occurs along with examination of the benefits online as related to the MA cover.

It was felt that maybe MA could provide better information on insurance cover particularly in relation to volunteers and members

Comment re workcover also occurred, particularly as it relates to volunteers who may be seen as "working" for the club. Follow up on this is to occur at the State level so clubs can be better informed.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm. All were thanked for their time and input into what was a good positive meeting.