

**Minutes of MQ North Queensland Zone & MQ Council Meeting**  
**Held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**At Rydges, Southbank, Townsville**

- Item 1** The meeting was opened at 11:55m 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 Allan Halley) MQ staff members (Kim Rowcliffe and Michael Brown) who were also in attendance.

Present:

<b>Jim Feehely</b> ( <i>MQ President</i> )	<b>Lisa Fox</b> ( <i>MQ Board</i> )
<b>Allan Halley</b> ( <i>MQ Board</i> )	<b>Gary Davey</b> ( <i>NQ Speedway Riders</i> )
<b>Lachlan McGowen</b> ( <i>Townsville Enduro Club</i> )	<b>Gary Mounsey</b> ( <i>Townsville Enduro Club</i> )
<b>Shannon Rigato</b> ( <i>Tully MCC</i> )	<b>Toni Jensen</b> ( <i>Tully MCC</i> )
<b>Jane Auer</b> ( <i>Ayr MCC</i> )	<b>Joseph Magatelli</b> ( <i>Tully MCC</i> )
<b>Bernie Kruger</b> ( <i>Charters Towers MCC</i> )	<b>Wesley Reiffel</b> ( <i>Charters Towers MCC</i> )
<b>Joe Van Scherpenseel</b> ( <i>Ingham Dirt Bike Club</i> )	<b>Kara Freestun</b> ( <i>Ingham Dirt Bike Club</i> )
<b>Angela Pannecassio</b> ( <i>Townsville MCC</i> )	<b>Tanya Lowe</b> ( <i>Townsville MCC</i> )
<b>Misty Wallace</b> ( <i>Mareeba MCC</i> )	<b>Tamara Grouthes</b> ( <i>Mareeba MCC</i> )
<b>Mick Clarke</b> ( <i>Cairns MCC</i> )	<b>Lea Plath</b> ( <i>Cairns MCC</i> )
<b>Drew Pemberton</b> ( <i>RRAT</i> )	<b>Christine Barton</b> ( <i>RRAT</i> )
<b>Tracey Grinham</b> ( <i>TNQMX Series Race Secretary</i> )	
<b>Jason Allen</b> ( <i>FNQ Road Race Club, Qld Supermoto subcommittee &amp; MQ Regional consultant</i> )	<b>Tim Hewitt</b> ( <i>Qld Road Race subcommittee &amp; MQ Regional consultant</i> )

**Staff:** Kim Rowcliffe (General Manager and Michael Brown (Operations Manager)

- Item 2** Minutes of the previous NQ Zone meeting held in Cairns on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 - Noted.  
Minutes of the previous MQ Council meeting held in Rockhampton on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – Noted.  
As no business was noted for the 2016 MQ Council meeting it was closed at 12pm.  
The NQ Zone / clubs meeting was then held.

- Item 3** Report on MQ activates.  
The Chair noted the following:
- Outline of **voting for MQ AGM**. Query surrounding the information for nominee's.
- i. Candidates for MQ Board to provide better candidate statements
  - ii. MQ to ensure AGM information is distributed and received
  - iii. More emphasis on the email to clubs to alleviate the club dismissing it as unimportant.
  - iv. MQ to request AGM dates from all clubs. MQ to add on the agenda item of MQ AGM nominations.
  - v. Critical dates calendar to clubs. – Club Calendar outlining AGM, Grants, Officials Courses
  - vi. Clubs to have 'generic' emails for clubs – NQ Consultants and MQ to chase up MQ to be a host / domain for emails. AGM dates to be saved and emails 'redirected' after AGM.

## **MQ Regional Consultants**

- vii. Explanation of MQ to strive for a large surplus to enable 'regional hubs' where clubs can have access to a full or part time MQ Staff member.
- viii. Joe Van Scherpenseel queried the advertisement of the disbandment of subcommittee's such as the NQ subcommittee. Item 3 of last year's minutes confirmed that the information was discussed and agreed.
- ix. Tim Hewitt outlined the role of regional consultants, highlighted that they are merely another point of contact for clubs to discuss or to be reminded about important issues. Further office support to be provided to the regional consultants.
- x. Jason Allen and Tim Hewitt are the current NQ Regional Consultants.

## **Venues**

- xi. The process of selling Tivoli was outlined to attendees.
- xii. The Willowbank Project was explained – this venue needs to turn a surplus to enable funds to be reinvested into the organisation.
- xiii. Outline of Brisbane City Council's plan to redevelop the Nth Brisbane venue.
- xiv. Request to outline what MQ facility NQ would like.
  - 1. Multi Discipline facility was the consensus.
  - 2. Drew Pemberton from RRAT outlined that 'Drive It NQ' are looking to create a venue. They have land from Council, no capital or buildings as yet. At a planning to building stage. This facility and the opportunity the facility has on the region was discussed at length.
  - 3. Concerns raised that a facility may flood the market with clubs potentially suffering as a result.
  - 4. Request was made to invest in a current facilities opposed to investing in new properties in close proximity.
  - 5. Plan to reinvest in the facilities of current clubs, toilets, lights was generally well received.
  - 6. The possibility of electric bikes for hire being an option for MQ and Clubs where urban sprawl may impact their operating hours. Concerns raised over the loss of noise equals loss of spectators and interest. This was countered with the statement that noise will hurt clubs/venues in the long run, spectators are secondary to an operating venue.
  - 7. Concerns raised over the NQ agreement limiting clubs to bring in recreational riders. Present club members acknowledged that the agreement may need changing or removing. NQ MX clubs to meet separately to discuss the restrictions the agreement poses.

## **Indigenous participation programs**

- xv. Outline provided of the early success of the Nambour Indigenous MX club
- xvi. Cairns MX approached an indigenous community to ride at the club. Required constant monitoring to maintain, MQ to provide grant applications provided by QLD Govt. and QLD Sport & Rec as well as the 'blue print' of work from Nambour Indigenous Club upon request.
- xvii. Open request for clubs to provide their attempts in any program or to provide ideas.

## **New Financial Model**

- xviii. Explanation of MA's current status and new CEO, Peter Doyle
- xix. Discussions of MA's position and the new financial model covering all states. The new financial system will be cheaper up front with a pay to play system incorporated into it, reference to car insurance being monthly payments.
- xx. Explanation that recreation rides will stay in the sport, competitors will be drop back or fall out of the sport.
- xxi. Explanation that the new model will be more transparent as there will be three areas of expense. That is Insurance, Admin and Sport Development.

#### Item 4

#### Report on North Queensland club activities 2016

##### **Townsville Enduro Club – Lachlan McGowen**

- Held a National Come & Try – Jnrs from the surrounding areas
- Interclub Series with Tablelands Enduro series – 4 rounds 2 each – 70 riders average
- 80 for the first Trail ride and just under 100 for second trail ride
- Looking to run Trail Rides again next year.
- First Aid costs are very high
- Response for Supp Regs to be quicker from MQ.

##### **Tully MCC – Shannon Rigato**

- No Gumboot Classic due to rain
- No TNQ due to the rain
- No club day this year but the KTM Development went ahead and provide the club with funds
- Volunteers are lacking
- No electricity, and canteen is in need of repairs
- Were in receipt of donated prizemoney from Lea Plath and Cairns and other clubs

##### **Ayr MCC – Jane Auer**

- 10 events plan 8 will run with the Sidecar Masters
- An increase of Div 1 and Div 2 this year
- Nominations went up in price to pay for volunteers.
- Keeping officials at the club troublesome
- Received grants to restore the venue

##### **Charters Towers MCC – Bernie Kruger**

- AGM was held late with 6 committee members
- Greg Moss school in February with the club benefitted out of this coaching school. Discounted the price for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> family members of half price
- No club days in 2016 due to lack of officials and loss of confidence of getting numbers to the club day with external factors contributing to the decision
- King of the Goldfields takes up club's time and effort. Riders may have suffered from the focus spent on the KOTGF
- TNQ's made a loss possibly due to canteen not operating at 100% due to riders and families leaving for the next round at Townsville. TNQ format to change so this may not factor in 2017.
- Query over ambulance fee's in the area of Charters Towers. A number of club representative's express similar concerns and offered advice and assistance in this area to the club.

##### **TNQ MX Series – Tracey Grinham**

- Queried that all series to have transponders and riders to have transponders included to licence cost. This would encourage riders to purchase the transponders as they will be used more and seen as money well spent.
- TNQ ran lower numbers than last years but the qualifying effected TNQ with riders who qualified in the CQ
- Refund policy to be transferred not refunded and unless 48 hours early or Dr certificate.
- TNQ to be a two-day event to match CQ series with the same cost
- \$2:50 levy was floated for TNQ clubs for the clubs to utilise this 'kitty' for any downfall or issues a club may face. Profit sharing was discussed as a substitute for the levy. Spectator and Canteen takings is solely the promoting clubs in the profit sharing model. Profiting clubs in SEQ acknowledge the 'perceived loss' of

profit sharing but has enable the clubs to work together in a series opposed to individually.

- Series cost sharing can be positive for the acquisition for first aid services.
- Tracey has invested in laptops, loops and radios for the TNQ series to remove any perceived 'foot print' on clubs as series race secretary.
- MQ to provide the clubs the forecast for next year's TNQ's based on the 2016 funds. Possibly 2015 due to cancellations or both.

#### **Ingham Dirt Bike Club – Joe Van Scherpenseel**

- Made a profit out of the first round of the TNQ
- 5 to 10 riders for practice days, no one takes up the clubs offer to have a practice when offered.
- Natural Terrain ran well with a barrel race with a horse and bike which outlined the need to run events differently.
- Ran a Enduro Sprint in September with 75 riders
- Tractor to be resurrected for the club.
- The club has received grants for a burnout pad to attract additional income to the club, Ingham to contact MQ regarding the process of working with outside organisations at their venue.
- Expressed interests to be a part of the KTM Development series for 2017

#### **Townsville MCC – Angela Pannecassio**

- Committee resignations hurt the clubs progress in the year. New committee are committed to bring the club up to speed.
- Hayden Pittman, TNQ and QLD Dirt Track were a success for 2016 with the club Looking forward to next year

#### **Mareeba MCC – Misty Wallace**

- A good year with low numbers for the Sid Carucci Memorial
- Looking to place practice days before or after the 'main event' to increase attendance.
- Grant for new fencing and shade sails installed. This is partly due to the new committee elected with strategies in place to improve the facility including tracks
- Calendar is congested allowing only 2 rounds of club days. Late rescheduling resulted in a great final round.
- Sponsorship covered prize money and trophies enabling the club to make the most out of the events. This was shared to encourage other clubs to follow this lead.
- Partnered with a first aid business to reduce costs and have formed a good working relationship, this was shared to encourage other clubs to follow this lead.
- Practice days can be difficult with limited practice supervisors but they have been more than previous years.
- Multiple coaching schools at the venue over the year with Greg Moss and Macca coaching schools. 3 x Kick start programs and have 3 coaches working towards a level 2 accreditation.

#### **Cairns MCC – Lea Plath**

- Council provided the clubs \$100k grant to reduce illegal riding in the streets
- Bob Cat and Shade Shelters acquired by previous President.
- Communication was good between the clubs, with Cairns

#### **RRAT – Drew Pemberton**

- Committee carried over from the AGM which was commented to be a great result.
- Practice and Come & Try day – 2 new juniors and 3 new seniors, Competed in the Interclub with 2 other clubs. Had a class of 26 which is the full allotment for

the track licence. Club ran the Tourist Trophy with the QLD Short Course event. Rider numbers down but a profit was made.

- Road Race coaching day with Leo Cash and Gary McCoy. Club development grant used to run the coaching day - \$750. The coaching has improved noticeably the riders skills, times and 'racing craft'
- Club purchased 5 junior bikes through the Gambling Benefit Fund. 1 extra bike was purchased for the JCC.
- JCC is where a bike is given to a junior for the year which the bike is looked after. Another grant is being investigated to receive more bikes. Old bikes from previous JCC have been donated back to the club by sponsors. The bikes are used for new junior members.
- Completed 3 out of 4 club rounds
- Club Coach has attained his Level 1 coaching levels. Members have attended officials courses and are close to be signed off for their respective levels.
- Relationship formed with the restored motorcycles club and they are used for Flag marshals.
- Different events to be scheduled for next year with a regulatory event to be included.

#### **NQ Speedway Riders Assoc – Gary Davey**

- No venue to run and with no success from other clubs. Pioneer Park has been purchased with lease arrangements being done.
- A lot of work to do to bring the park back up to scratch with 60 members keen to ride this workload should be shared and achievable.
- Acquisition of Pioneer Park should not impact on the Speedway of Ayr

#### **FNQRRC – Jason Allen**

- Good year with regular club days
- Hosted the Aust. Supermoto Champs which was successful
- Two volunteers gain experience and are waiting to apply for their accreditation. Coal Coast riders handling the flag marshal points.
- Holding another Come & Try in December

#### **RR Subcommittee rep – Tim Hewitt**

- NQ RR clubs working well
- Costs of ambulance and entry fee is high for RR. Up to \$130 to enter.

### **Item 5      General Business**

- Clubs asked to consider their existing club constitutions. MQ to develop a schedule of workshops to assist clubs with updating existing constitutions.
- Clerk of Course reports to be included or at least to be signed off by the Clerk of Course as part of Steward's Reporting. Clerks need to be able to 'sign off' on the information.
- Discussion over refund policies for events. Strong agreeance that 48/24-time limit should be in place for events.
- Jason Allen to assist with production of an Officials App.
- Large number of clubs wanting their 4 club days but there is only one interclub MX series in NQ. Example of the Gladstone & District club highlighted to clubs that club championships points can be scored in an interclub event.

**Item 6**      The meeting closed at 5.15pm. All were thanked for their time and input into what was a good positive meeting.