

**Minutes of MQ Council & NQ Zone Meeting
Held on Saturday 25th October 2014
At the Ibis Hotel, Townsville**

Item 1 The meeting was opened at 11.15am by the Chair – Jim Feehely.

Status

Present: **J Feehely** (*MQ Board*)
R. Freeman (*MQ Board*)
B. Hando (*Charters Towers MCC*)
C. Bawden (*Charters Towers MCC*)
J. Allen (*FNQ Road Racing Club*)
D. Elphick (*FNQ Road Racing Club*)
J. Van Scherpenseel (*Ingham Dirt Bike Club*)
D. Melhuish (*Ravenshoe MCC*)
C. McCosh (*Ravenshoe MCC*)
T. Hewitt (*RRAT*)
K. Hewitt (*RRAT*)
T. Jensen (*Tully MCC*)
S. Rigato (*Tully MCC*)
T. Lowe (*Townsville MCC*)
S. Hall (*Townsville MCC*)
R. Salafia (*Cairns MCC*)
C. Thompson (*Cairns MCC*)
N. Matthews (*Mareeba MCC*)
M. Demaria (*Mareeba MCC*)
M. Franzmann (*NQ MX subcommittee delegate*)
T. Grinham (*NQ committee*)

Staff: Kim Rowcliffe

Visitors: C. Bradford, S. Hudson, B. Kruger, L. Plath, P. Gentle, D. Demaria and B. Poggioli.

Apologies: D. Rumble, A. Halley, R. Ferguson, Marty & Julie Rogerson, P. Valmadre and R. Wilson.

Item 2 Minutes of previous meetings
a) NQ Meeting 23.11.13
Moved: B. Hando Seconded: T. Hewitt

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Business Arising

Add Item to last year's minutes re: Workcover

All clubs should have a Workcover policy. Motorcycling Queensland will send out a fact sheet.

Moved: N. Matthews Seconded: T. Grinham

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b) MQ Council 16.11.13
Information only.

- Item 3 Report on Motorcycling Queensland activities 2014
J. Feehely reported on the following;
Some changes to MQ Board, GM resignation and appointment of new GM, MA has a new CEO and a new President, QMP operations, variety of ongoing projects – MQ Regulations.
- Item 4 Report on North Queensland club activities 2014
- Ravenshoe MCC – Chauntelle MCCosh
- Delayed start to season
 - New committee (proactive and positive)
 - Keen to see an increased spirit of cooperation between local NQ clubs
 - Vets and Masters supported Natural Terrain events
 - Calendar issues with club days
 - Strategies to keep costs down with QAS at events
- Mareeba MCC – Noel Matthews
- Similar issues to those of Ravenshoe
 - Rider numbers are down
 - Calendar clashes and issues are a problem
 - FNQ Development Series was a success
- Tully MCC - Toni Jensen
- A good year overall
 - Come & Try Day was a successful concept
 - Held annual Gumboot Classic
 - TNQ round attracted about 100 riders
 - FNQ Development Series round – well attended
 - Successful RACQ grant to purchase equipment
 - Have been active with other local grants
 - Track doesn't have mains power which is an issue
 - Ongoing Project – development of a Natural Terrain Track
- Cairns MCC – Rob Salafia
- Has experienced an increase in memberships
 - Currently upgrading Track
 - Lease changing from state government to local
 - Cubs must be run as a business
 - Club may be relocating in the next 4 years to a 'blank canvass'
- Ingham Dirt Bike – Joe Van Scherpenseel
- A number of calendar and event clash issues
 - NQ Games was unsuccessful
 - Riders are becoming 'too precsiuous' regarding track expectations
 - TNQ round keeps the club going
 - FNQ Development Series is a great idea – would like to be involved
 - Facebook is a double edged sword

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Townsville MCC

- Experiencing a new generation of parents who wont volunteer
- Some of the club's senior riders, now having kids, coming back and contributing to the club
- Some sound issues – club is conducting sound testing
- The club manages competing interests of members – MX, Dirt Track and Speedway
- Have only cancelled 2 meetings this year – the club policy is to cancel no later than the Wednesday before weekend event
- High instance of unemployment in the area
- Some difficulties with week on / week off rosters
- First aid costs are very high

FNQ Road Racing – Jason Allen

- Come & Try was cancelled due to weather issues- new date scheduled
- Hosted RD2 Qld Supermoto Champs
- Some internal club issues, but being dealt with
- Club is in a financially stable position
- Improvements to Dirt section at Mako Trac
- Junior are progressing
- Road Race number are down compared to Supermoto racers
- Very good working relationships with RRAT

Charters Towers MCC – Brent Hando

- Calendar issues as per a number of other clubs
- Five club days planned, none run
- More riders attending practice
- King of the Goldfields event attracted in excess of 200 riders
- Grant funding - \$125k for lights and \$35k for canteen
- Looking at track changes for 2015
- Keen to get volunteers to upcoming Officials Training Seminars

RRAT – Tim Hewitt

- 3 Road Race clubs located in NQ area (900kms) – great working relationship between all three
- Good interclub Series
- 30% of club members from the 3 NQ Road Race clubs support one another's events
- Limited access to grants for Road Race clubs
- Static membership
- Expensive sport to be involved in
- Feature Event – Townsville Tourist Trophy

MX subcommittee – Mark Franzmann

- Some changes to MX subcommittee personnel
- Meet monthly to review Supp Regs, Stewards Reports, rider gradings and plan MX major events calendar

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- NQ delegates role is to keep SEQ & CQ informed of what's happening the north
- Changes to 2014 major MX events – electronic timing, Series Race Secretary and Series Coordinator
- Similar issues throughout the state
- Overall MX numbers throughout the state are down
- Acknowledged EOI received from Ravenshoe to host 2015 Qld Natural Terrain MX Championships

Junior subcommittee – Chauntelle McCosh

- Junior s/c responsible for junior MX gradings
- Select Qld MX Team to compete at Australian Junior MX champs
- Promotion of SEQ Junior MX Series
- Allocation of funds from the Junior Development Fund
- Consideration should be given by TNQMX Series for equal distribution of profits (as per system used by Shell MX Series and SEQ Junior MX Series)
- Development of a schools Safety & Awareness Program
- Driving the introduction of Minikhana
- Looking to schedule 'sand specific' coaching schools in 2015 in preparation for Aussie Juniors in WA

Item 5 Committee Elections

a) North Queensland Committee

Darrel Ace and Rob Salafia were elected unopposed.

b) North Queensland Dirt Track Committee member

No nominations received.

c) North Queensland Motocross Subcommittee member

Nominations received from Mark Franzmann and Rob Salafia. Rob Salafia withdrew his nomination.

Mark Franzmann was elected unopposed.

d) North Queensland Enduro Subcommittee member

Danielle Melhuish was elected unopposed.

e) North Queensland Junior Subcommittee member

Chauntelle McCosh was elected unopposed.

f) North Queensland Supermoto Subcommittee member

Jason Allen was elected unopposed.

g) North Queensland Road Race subcommittee member

Tim Hewitt was elected unopposed.

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h) North Queensland Speedway subcommittee member

No nominations received.

i) North Queensland Womens subcommittee member

Rob Salafia was elected unopposed.

Item 6

Calendar

K. Rowcliffe provided meeting with proposed 2015 Qld MX Champs and Sunshine State MX Series proposed dates and national MX dates.

Tracey Grinham currently working with host clubs re: format, schedule etc of 2015 TNQMX Series.

NQ MX clubs to contribute to the development of a policy regarding MX club day event clashes in NQ.

Item 7

Ridernet

K. Rowcliffe spoke about the implementation of the Ridernet system.

Clubs enthusiastic, keep information flow coming.

Training will be provided.

Item 8

MyLaps

J. Feehely spoke regarding the current 'deal' available to MQ clubs to purchase the MyLaps system which expires as of 31st December 2014.

Encouraged clubs to make contact with MyLaps representative asap regarding their clubs requirements.

Item 9

Feature Events

J. Feehely spoke regarding the MQ Feature Events proposal.

The proposal encourages clubs to think about doing things differently and being profitable.

Item 10

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.00pm