



MINUTES
South-East Queensland Clubs & Subcommittee Meeting
The Community Centre, Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Chermside
Saturday 31st October 2015

Start time 9.15 am

1. Attendance:

Mandi & John Castles (NBJMCC), Peter Bell, Alisha Bell & Barry Webb (Sunshine Coast MCC), Jamas Tolhoek, Lee Turner, Nicole Weaver (Kilcoy MCC), Guy Westerman & Colin Metcher (Brisbane MCC), John Tate, Lisa Fox & Kevin Mortimer (QVMX), John Gierke (Toowoomba MX), Tracey Tunstall (Kingaroy Jnr MCC Speedway), Kevin Dove & Dave Duncanson (MDMX), Terry Wellsteed (ORB), John Stark (Dirt Track), Jim Feehely (MQ President), Anne Polsoni (SEQ Jnr MX Series), Andrew Davis (QESC), David Wilkie (MQ Board), Rachelle Houterman (MQ Staff), Karly Hoger (MQ Staff), Shandelle Walk (MQ Staff), Eliza-Jane Mann (MQ Staff), Kim Rowcliffe (MQ Staff).

2. Apologies:

Rob Ferguson (MQ Manager), Michael Brown (MQ Staff), Mick Quinlan (SCJMCC).

3. Report on MQ's 2015 activities

Jim Feehely commented on MQ Priorities/Activities.

The Board's strategic policy – Club assessment/development.

The board would prefer suggestions rather than complaints.

Looking at assistance to clubs by the following: Automated documents, PLS, Accounting, template models of Club Constitution including adopted model rules to cover the essentials required by our clubs, template for a Strategic Plan.

MQ keen to encourage/assist with Interclub events for any discipline which DT, MX and SP would work.

Thanked MQ Staff for their work this year and past.

4. Report Club's 2015 activities

MORETON DISTRICTS MX – Dave Duncanson

There are few volunteers and the club need to pay for track preparation. The club have no equipment. His focus is to facilitate the new Willowbank facility up to an International standard.

The Club does not have a current Strategic Plan.

Would like to see a strategic approach to calendar – more practice days, need events to encourage people to attend practice days.

Tri-Series – advantageous to clubs.

TOOWOOMBA MX – John Gierke

The club has operated well the past couple of years.

Taking a more business like approach to running / managing the club.

The club does have a current strategic plan, W, H &S, Insurances.

Interclub Series with Chinchilla and Moreton Districts very successful, with riders travelling to each round.

Would like help from MQ with Sup Regs/Advertising/Emails.

Most clubs seem to be lax on paperwork.

The club works well with other neighbouring clubs.

QVMX – John Tate

Talked about upcoming 40th Anniversary Mountain Man event being held in conjunction with Toowoomba Motorcycle Club and Toowoomba MX Club running both vintage and modern bikes next weekend.

Next year looking at running a State of Origin with Heaven Club in NSW (Qld V NSW). Possibly MQ to donate a trophy.

The club are getting increasing members. New class Pre 95s which is cheap to buy, parts readily available.

The older bikes are harder to source parts etc. Conondale Cup helps promote the club – riders come from Victoria and NSW. MX TV did the video.

Looking at Oceania event – NZ V Australia. Facebook – 1100 followers.

The club does not have a current strategic plan.

SUNSHINE COAST MCC – Barry Webb

The club ran 3 rounds of grass track, 2 rounds of Husqvarna Sprint Series, 1 Practice, 2 Club GP rounds, Conondale Cup, Conondale Classic (QVMX), CD Classic Dirt.

Challenges for the club – community problems, Trustee of the land was sacked, Sunshine Coast council in charge, major problem – permits, paperwork.

Green Park has 12 events per year.

They have a Water Management Plan – Pump water from the creek, dust control, Environmental Planning – Noise, Dust, Entry/Exit.

SUNSHINE COAST MCC – Barry Webb cont'd

Need to organise better funding – advantage to local community groups – Kenilworth 1st Responders flag at their events and the Connondale P & C run the canteen.

They have received a grant for fencing for managing livestock to keep off the creek.

The club have been operating at venue for 38 years. The lease runs out in 2020. Possibly 2021 no bikes at Green Park.

All want to ride at the event, no one wants to work at events.

The venues Master Plan is 2 years out of date.

Strategic Plan – Out of date

Next year – 2016 round of MX Nations, CD – good money for the club, Connondale Classic and Connondale Cup. GP Series and possible International event.

BRISBANE MCC – Colin Metcher

Memberships have increased 50%, Qld Titles mid year, Blokes World filmed it.

Local firefighters run the flags. Issues are lack of accredited officials, issue with competing with QMP. Concerns with price of One Event National Licences.

Have a plan that could be possibly converted to a Strategic Plan.

KILCOY MCC – Jamas Toelhoek

A new committee on board, they need more officials, more courses.

The club have no machines so maintenance is a high cost.

Council have limits on dates – the club run 1 Club day, 1 Coaching day, 1 Practice day – they would like more concessions from the council.

Can MQ provide assistance with lease renewal to be able to get more dates.

The club does not have a current strategic plan.

NBJMCC – Mandi Castles

The club have a Strategic Plan, Venue Management Plan and have a Grants consultant. The club finds that these document helps give direction to the club.

The club would like to attract more officials.

The club do a letter drop to all local residents to give them free entry to events and to date no one has taken up the offer.

Their site tenure is one (1) noise free weekend a month.

The club have to have contacts listed on the facebook event so they can be contacted regarding any issues.

The club have obtained multiple grants.

Strengths – Facebook – overseas visitors who contact to watch.

The Dust Hustle – one off event done under a Practice Permit is well received. There are some stipulations on bikes but increased spectators.

NBJMCC – Mandi Castles cont'd

EllesB run it and we help with officials. Majority purchase single recreational licences and are the happiest to pay this.

The club offered girls ride for free – but no take up. Suggestion is that we look at getting live racing (look at Fanschoice.Tv in America). Possibly MQ could help facilitate and share costs.

Ideal structure for club is Club Management with separate Event/Track Management.

KINGAROY JUNIOR MCC SPEEDWAY – Tracey Tunstall

Speedway seems to be the poor cousin.

The club formed in 2014 – so only relatively new.

Only one committee member has a child involved in the sport.

The club have held 4 club days (Macdonald Series – trophies supplied by McDonalds), 4 Come and Try days of which 10 have become licensed, and practice days. They have members travel from Ipswich, Brisbane and Maryborough.

The track is built inside the car track.

The club will be holding the Under 16s 125cc State Championships. The club have had members attend the official seminars and are currently working on upgrading their accreditations.

Club membership is \$5 and \$25 to ride.

There have been minimal overheads but next year they are being charged for all events next year.

The biggest expense for the club is the cost of the ambulance.

The club have received 3 grants – 1 for track, 1 for track extension and 1 for C & T days and officials.

The club have a strategic plan in place.

5. Ridernet

Karly Hoger (MQ Staff) gave a brief update on Sports Marketing Australia issues including:

- Online Licensing
- Online Event Management

6. 2016 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.

7. MQ Awards Night

Kim Rowcliffe briefed the meeting regarding changes to this year's event. An Awards Night Panel consisting of Chris Vermeulen, Ray Jonkers and Rod Jenner have been appointed to determine finalists / winners in some of the award categories.

8. Upcoming Courses / Seminars

Level 1 Coaching Course, Toowoomba – 5/6 December
Sound Control Seminar, Nth Brisbane – 21 or 28 November
U21s Training Camp, Brisbane 14th – 18th December
Online Generic Officials Seminar

9. Funding Opportunities

Kim Rowcliffe briefed the meeting regard current and upcoming funding opportunities available to clubs:

- Community Benefit Gambling Fund (round close 31st November)
- MQ Club Development Funding Program – draft provided to attendees, program to be released as of 1st January 2016.

10. Single Use Recreational Licences (SURL)

A number of club representatives raised the issue of the cost of Single Use Recreational Licences, particularly in relation to the deal that exists for users of QMP and the Dalby Moto Trail Ride Series.

The point was raised also that Haworth Park now gets increased riders now that riders do not purchase a day licence. As impractical as it may seem, some riders will drive further to 'save' money and possibly more want unstructured practice.

Jim Feehely advised the following:

- all licence pricing is covered in an MA Review currently being undertaken
- the QMP pricing arrangement was negotiated with the State Government and SEQ Council of Mayors
- QMP offers a service that many other clubs don't, that is they are always opened during the week, during business hours (providing a service)
- QMP should not be seen as a competitor to clubs, rather as a potential partner / promoter of the sport and clubs
- those purchasing a SURL are actually getting a god deal considering they drift 'in' and 'out' of the sport and yet receive all the same insurance benefits that riders who purchase an annual licence receive
- the introduction of online licencing means that the issuing of SURL's will potentially be one less things for clubs to have to worry about in the future

MQ does have concerns about Haworth Park operating as a 'grey' venue, ie sometimes permitted through MQ and sometimes not.

Dalby Moto Trail Rides receive a 'deal' on the price of issuing SURL's due to the sheer quantity of riders that participate in that Series on an annual basis.

11. After Hours MQ contact for Officials (Nth Brisbane)

North Brisbane raised the point that previous General Manager was always contactable by phone – no longer the case. Would like to see possibility of roster done that MQ staff members available who can be contacted in an emergency situation.

12. Current MQ subcommittee vacancies

The Constitution is currently being reviewed - subcommittee vacancies will no longer be done via voting – direct appointments.
Investigating the appointment of two panels – Promotions/Media/Publicity and Sup Regs Panel – improving content and attracting more women.

13. Current MA commissioner vacancies

Most disciplines have vacancies on MA commissions, details available from the MA Website.

14. 2016 Calendar

National Come & Try Day and associated benefits confirmed for 2016
Feature Events – MQ want to where possible apply the offices experience and expertise to events that may be considered 'feature'
MQ generated Interclub Series – discussion held on differences between club/interclub and open series. Why are some events being downgraded. Expectations of types of events.
Level 3 (Open events) must have Level 3 Officials, Electronic timing etc.
JF would like to see comparison of Permits issued over the past 5 years.

15. Points requiring further consideration / action:

- Request for consideration for payment plan for payment of annual licences
- Qld Moto Park: the park is not there to compete with clubs.
The Park cannot be closed because of local club events as it is a condition of the lease.
MQ recommend that clubs utilise QMP to promote SEQ clubs/Events – noticeboard, add to their Facebook page or consider using the facility to run an event
- MQ to produce a document highlighting the breakdown in the cost of licences
- MQ to produce an updated template constitution for clubs to consider adopting
- MQ to assist clubs with the production of a template Strategic Plan document

- MQ can develop a template 1 page P & L that clubs can utilise to publish at the end of an event highlighting the costs to clubs / promoters in putting on events
- Investigate live streaming at events
- MQ can assist/identify Land Tenure issues and other- please contact MQ for assistance
- MQ requested to investigate possibility of a bulk deal for booking of QAS for events.