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Board of Directors Report – July 2009

Report from the Board of Directors meeting held at the Motorcycling Australia, 147 Montague Street, South Melbourne on Wednesday, 15th July 2009 at 9.00am.

PRESENT: Ron Kivovitch President (Chairman)
Stephen Foody Vice President
Les Thomas Director
Lyal Allen Director
Beach Thomas Director
Ray Newland Director

In Attendance: David White Chief Executive Officer
Kipley Firth Administrator
David Parker Gillman Speedway
Ivan Golding Motorcycling South Australia President
Allan Halley Motorcycling Queensland President

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BR666	Welcome/Apologies	RK	The President welcomed those present and opened the meeting.	Received.	-	-	-
BR667	Confirmation of Minutes	RK	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th June 2009.	The minutes from the Board meeting held on 12 th June 2009 were read and received.	-	-	-
BR668	Business Arising: Safety Committee (EX4265)	BA	D. White provided a verbal update on A.Oberoi's meeting with CAMS in reference to a joint MA/CAMS Committee. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	It was stated that as A.Oberoi is no longer with MA, D. White is arranging a meeting with Graham Fountain to discuss this item. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	D. White also stated that in the meeting with Graham Fountain, circuit facilities are to be discussed. D. White also advised that a meeting with Bathurst Council is trying to be arranged.	CEO	18/8/09
BR669	Business Arising: Safety Vests for Officials (EX3771)	BA	D. White provided a verbal update following on from the State Manager's decision on 16 th December.	It was advised that this item was discussed at the State Managers Meeting in July. Arising from that meeting, D. Gatt is to provide what	-	CEO	18/8/09

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			<p>It was determined by the State Managers that A.Oberoi is to seek legal advice in regards to this matter.</p> <p>The advice was that high visibility vests should be worn by officials.</p> <p>A further update is to be provided at the next Board Meeting.</p>	<p>MNSW is currently doing in regards to the provision of safety vests.</p> <p>It was stated at the meeting that the colours of yellow and green can't be used for safety vests as they clash with the flags. It was noted that orange is a suitably recognisable colour vest.</p>			
BR670	Business Arising: Riders Rights Terms of Reference (EX4440)	BA	<p><u>Riders Rights Terms of Reference</u> A draft Terms of Reference for the MA Riders Rights Committee was circulated. The following feedback is to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggested name change of the committee, possibly "The Riders' Rights Committee", which would align with the AMA approach. • It was noted that the committee should be no larger than 5-7 people. This item is to be handled at the discretion of D.White. • With a reduced committee size, the committee should instead be required to consult widely with a specified number of organisations. • The document is not clear as to who or how the committee members are appointed. It was decided that the MA Board are to appoint the members of the Riders Rights Committee. The Chairman of the 	Information only. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	D. White advised that this item has not progressed and a further update will be provided at the next meeting.	CEO	18/8/09

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			committee is to coordinate nominations from organisations and referred to the Board for approval.				
BR671	Business Arising: Licensed Measurers (EX4304)	BA	The Board resolved that D. Rumble is to develop a practical test for Licensing Measurers. Following this a representative in each state is to be appointed to manage the accreditation of the test.	Information only. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	D. White advised that this item has not progressed and a further update will be provided at the next meeting.	CEO	18/8/09
BR672	Business Arising: Uniforms (EX4428)	BA	The Board agreed on the following: 1. The purchase of uniforms for officials was deferred for twelve months due to budgetary constraints. 2. Purchase of uniform clothing items is approved for MA staff only where necessary, and will be progressed by the CEO at his discretion. D. White advised that following on from the previous Board Meeting, he has had discussions with Kevin Williams who is considering supplying uniforms. Pending further developments on this, MA is to only supply staff with uniforms and hold off on supplying official's uniforms. D. White to arrange for staff uniforms.	A.Weiss provided a verbal update on this item. A.Weiss is to provide 3 quotes at the next meeting.	Information only.	OM	18/8/09
BR673	Business Arising: Report – Manager Finance and Administration (EX4517)	BA	In the report it is stated that Airfence is 12000 over budget, but in the detailed budget it is detailed that the Airfence is 12000 under budget. J. Nind to clarify the irregularity.	This item was addressed in the Manager – Finance and Administration Report for June.	-	-	-
BR674	Business Arising: Financial Reports	BA	D. White to follow-up and report to the Board on the pre-March \$27,000	This item has been actioned.	D. White advised that this item has been resolved and it will be paid in due course.	-	-

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	(EX4523)		owing from Motorcycling NSW.				
BR675	Business Arising: Correspondence from David Parker (EX4530)	BA	The Board stated that David White is to respond to David Parker as follows: Item 1- This is a MSA issue and in these circumstances an application is to be made to MSA for a demonstration. Item 2- This item needs to be referred to MSA. However, should difficulties be encountered please contact the MA CEO. Item 3 – There will be no charge for non-competitive demonstrations. Item 4 & 5 – This is an administration issue and will be need to be addressed by the MA CEO.	This item has been actioned.	Information only.	-	-
BR676	Business Arising: E85 Fuel (EX4534)	BA	<u>E85 Fuel</u> The Board requested for Phil Tainton to test E85 Fuel. D. White is to arrange.	Information only. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	D. White advised that he has spoken to Phil Tainton regarding this. The delay has been acquiring some E85 fuel. However, Phil Tainton will conduct testing prior to the next meeting and communicate with the teams to ascertain alterations required to accommodate E85 fuel.	CEO	18/8/09
BR677	Meeting with David Parker and Ivan Golding	All	David Parker and Ivan Golding attending the Board Meeting to discuss issues addressed in previous correspondence with David Parker.	The Board agreed that David White respond to David Parker and thank him for his attendance. David Parker is to be encouraged to put forward a proposal pertaining to the future of Speedway. The letter is to be copied to the Speedway Commission and signed by the President. Arising from the discussion, the Speedway Forum Minutes are to be distributed in draft format prior to the end of the week.	-	RK CEO	ASAP 17/7/09
BR678	CEO Report	CEO	Verbal and written reports were provided.	<u>Liability Claim – Kadel</u> D. White provided an update on the Kadel Mediation.	Information only.	-	-

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				<p><u>A4DE</u> D. White provided an overview of the feedback regarding the conduct of this year's A4DE. A teleconference has been held with the Enduro Commission and a meeting is being arranged with the promoters to discuss these issues.</p> <p><u>FIM Strategic Plan</u> D. White will be attending the last of the FIM Strategic Plan meetings on the 4th and 5th August in Geneva.</p> <p><u>ACU-Insurance</u> D. White advised that on his last overseas trip a meeting was held with ACU. It was stated that there is a commitment for them to proceed with the captive. A further meeting is being scheduled to coincide with the FIM Strategic Plan Meetings.</p> <p><u>Historic Road Race Forum</u> The forum was recently conducted in Sydney which yielded positive results. A report from the meeting will be available shortly.</p> <p>It was stated that the intent of the forum reports is for the recommendations to go through the Commission process.</p> <p>Overall, a system needs to be devised so communication is optimum with the grass root level.</p> <p><u>J. Greedy Fatality</u> The report from the accident has been received and will be forwarded to the Tasmanian Coroner to form part of the police report.</p> <p><u>Light System</u> D. White advised that a Norwegian company has developed a LED based light system</p>			

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				<p>which would replace flag marshals.</p> <p><u>Honda Broadford Bike Bonanza</u> Honda have confirmed their sponsorship for the event in 2010 and the event will proceed at Easter following discussion with the promoters of the Barry Sheene Memorial Trophy.</p> <p><u>Classic Motocross Championship</u> There have been discussions on having this Championship the following weekend after the HB3. Arrangements are currently being made for camping facilities on the days in between the two events to allow for long distance travellers to camp at Broadford. Discussions are continuing with the Classic Scramble Club.</p> <p><u>MotoGP Support Activity</u> Negotiations have commenced with the Australian Grand Prix Corporation to have a demonstration lap with an electric bike. Zero who supplied MA's Off-Road bike are prepared to freight a road bike to Australia specifically for the Grand Prix.</p>			
BR679	Report – Manager Finance and Administration	MFA	Written report provided.	<p>Received.</p> <p>D. White stated that attempts are being made to increase income through a Minikhana promotion through the dealerships.</p>	Information only.	-	-
BR680	Report – Manager Riders Division	MRD	Written report provided.	<p>Received.</p> <p>The Board would like to see a plan of how the Riders Division intends to achieve the desired targets.</p> <p>D. White stated that M. Bennett is to write a report on the Riders Division prior to becoming a staff member.</p>	Information only.	MRD	18/8/09

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				R. Newland raised several ideas for the Riders Division. Ray Newland is to compile a paper and present at a future meeting.		RN	18/8/09
BR681	Report – Operations Manager	OM	A.Weiss attended the meeting and provided a verbal update.	Information only.	An overview on the following issues was provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting Pulse • Uniforms • Staffing • Event Attendance • World Junior Motocross • ISDE 	-	-
BR682	Report – Commissions and Committees Manager	CCM	As R. Martin is currently away on Annual Leave, no monthly report has been provided.	Information only.	-	-	-
BR683	Report – Manager Risk & Compliance	RCM	Written report provided.	Received.	Information only.	-	-
BR684	Staff Report	CEO	CEO provided a verbal report on current staffing.	Received.	Information only.	-	-
BR685	Financial Reports	MFA	The following reports were submitted to the Board for review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit & Loss with Budget Analysis to 30 June 2009. • Profit & Loss with Budget Analysis 2009 • Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2009. Accounts Payable/ Receivables as at 30 June 2009.	Received.	Information only.	-	-

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BR686	MA Insurance Limited	CEO	The following reports were submitted to the Board for review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Statement Mail June 2009 Management Accounts June 2009 	Information only.	-	-	-
BR687	Licence Statistics	OM	Licence Statistics for June 2009 were provided.	Received.	Information only.	-	-
BR688	Strategic Plan	OM	An update on the Strategic Plan was not provided for June due to A.Weiss being on leave.	A.Weiss attended the meeting and advised that a meeting has been scheduled to go through the Strategic Plan.	Information only.	-	-
BR689	Item for Decision: Australian MX Championship for Electric Powered Motorcycles	CEO	It is recommended that the Board approved an Australian Motocross Championship for Electric Powered Motorcycles.	The Board have endorsed this recommendation subject to Commission approval.	-	CCM	ASAP
BR690	Item for Decision: Noise Control Officer – Training and Rule Changes	LA	L. Allen presented the current Operations Manual for the Noise Control Officer. It is recommended that the Board discuss this item and decide on a way forward.	The Board have endorsed for the document to be forwarded to the Officials Committee.	-	CCM	ASAP

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BR691	Item for Decision: Licence Declarations	MNSW	<p>It is recommended that Licence Declarations be amended to state:</p> <p><i>“Omissions and/or falsifications filled out by the Licence Holder on this document will be seen as a breach of GCR4.3.1.1 b) which acts in a manner which is prejudicial to the sport.”</i></p> <p>It is also recommended that the GCR's include the following after GCR 3.1.1.9 b):</p> <p><i>“Omissions and/or falsifications will be seen as a breach of GCR's.”</i></p>	This recommendation has not been endorsed by the Board as this has already been covered under GCR 4.3.1.1 f).	-	-	-
BR692	Item for Decision: Rule Interpretation GCR 12.16.1.1 b)	CEO	It is recommended that the Loncin/Ducar BFD-150cc Dirt Bike be included in the 80-160cc 4 stroke dirt/trail bike class.	This item has been referred to the Commission for approval.	-	CCM	ASAP
BR693	Item for Decision: Contractors for National Off-Road Championship Events	MWA	<p>MWA recommended the following:</p> <p>a) Board review all contracts for all Championships.</p> <p>b) Contracts to be negotiated for all championships that currently have none.</p> <p>c) All contracts are performance based.</p>	This item is already being considered and the Board have requested that D. White respond to R. Gill.	-	CEO	18/8/09
BR694	General Business	All	General Business items were discussed.	<p><u>Terry O'Neill</u></p> <p>D. White advised a meeting was held with Terry O'Neil and no agreement was reached. The Board agreed for the following to be offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write-off current debt • No fees this year • MA pay half of the prize money. <p>Rule Deletion of 12.16.0.3 e)</p>	Information only.	-	-

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				<p>MWA have sent a letter to MA recommending the deletion of rule 12.16.0.3 e) based on the rules uncertainty and consequent interpretations.</p> <p>The Board is not prepared to make a decision on this item and refer this item to the Junior and Motocross Commission to be handled in the usual rule change procedure.</p> <p><u>Judd Greedy Perpetual Trophy</u> A letter from Rod Lamb at Sun State Racing was circulated to the Board. The letter proposes that the Judd Greedy Perpetual trophy will be awarded at the yearend ceremony each year to the leading Privateer Supersport rider. The rider will be entitled to use the number 99 for the following season in the Supersport category and will have possession of the Perpetual Trophy until the end of the following season.</p> <p>The Board have endorsed this proposal for a period of five years and it will be reviewed at the conclusion of the fifth year pending a submission from Sun State Racing.</p> <p><u>FCAI Motorcycle Group – National Sales Report</u> R. Newland distributed the sales reported for the January – June 2009 period.</p> <p>It was noted that these statistics are for public information.</p> <p><u>Rule Interpretation – Off Road Bikes</u> This item is to be referred to the Commission for a decision.</p> <p><u>Ray Newland Retirement</u> R. Newland advised that he is retiring in September 2009.</p>		-	-
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				<p>R. Newland formally put it to the Board to discuss his position on the Board.</p> <p>At present the FCAI are determining candidates for the position of motorcycle manager. A candidate will be appointed within the next 4-6 weeks.</p> <p><u>Agenda Papers</u> R. Newland raised the use of paper in the Agendas. The agenda would be preferred electronically.</p> <p>This is to be considered and a response by the next meeting.</p>		CCM	ASAP
	Next Meeting	All	The next meeting will be held on 18 th and 19 th August 2009.	Information only.	Received.	-	-

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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ACTION LIST
BOARD MEETING – 15th JULY 2009

Item No.	Action Item	Description	Responsible Officer	Date Raised	Date Due	Update
EX4537	Business Arising: Safety Committee (EX4265)	It was stated that as A.Oberoi is no longer with MA, D. White is arranging a meeting with Graham Fountain to discuss this item. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4538	Business Arising: Safety Vests for Officials (EX3771)	<p>It was advised that this item was discussed at the State Managers Meeting in July. Arising from that meeting, D. Gatt is to provide what MNSW is currently doing in regards to the provision of safety vests.</p> <p>It was stated at the meeting that the colours of yellow and green can't be used for safety vests as they clash with the flags. It was noted that orange is a suitably recognisable colour vest.</p>	D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09	

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EX4539	Business Arising: Riders Rights Terms of Reference (EX4440)	<p><u>Riders Rights Terms of Reference</u> A draft Terms of Reference for the MA Riders Rights Committee was circulated. The following feedback is to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggested name change of the committee, possibly “The Riders’ Rights Committee”, which would align with the AMA approach. • It was noted that the committee should be no larger than 5-7 people. This item is to be handled at the discretion of D.White. • With a reduced committee size, the committee should instead be required to consult widely with a specified number of organisations. • The document is not clear as to who or how the committee members are appointed. It was decided that the MA Board are to appoint the members of the Riders Rights Committee. The Chairman of the committee is to coordinate nominations from organisations and referred to the Board for approval. <p>Information only. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4540	Business Arising: Licensed Measurers (EX4304)	<p>The Board resolved that D. Rumble is to develop a practical test for Licensing Measurers. Following this a representative in each state is to be appointed to manage the accreditation of the test.</p> <p>Information only. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4541	Business Arising: Uniforms (EX4428)	<p>A.Weiss provided a verbal update on this item. A.Weiss is to provide 3 quotes at the next meeting.</p>	A.Weiss	15/7/09	19/8/09	

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EX4545	Business Arising: E85 Fuel (EX4534)	<u>E85 Fuel</u> The Board requested for Phil Tainton to test E85 Fuel. D. White is to arrange. Information only. A further update is to be provided at the next meeting.	D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4546	Meeting with David Parker and Ivan Golding	The Board agreed that David White respond to David Parker and thank him for his attendance. David Parker is to be encouraged to put forward a proposal pertaining to the future of Speedway. The letter is to be copied to the Speedway Commission and signed by the President. Arising from the discussion, the Speedway Forum Minutes are to be distributed in draft format prior to the end of the week.	R.Kivovitch D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09 17/7/09	
EX4549	Report – Manager Riders Division	The Board would like to see a plan of how the Riders Division intends to achieve the desired targets. D. White stated that M. Bennett is to write a report on the Riders Division prior to becoming a staff member. R. Newland raised several ideas for the Riders Division. Ray Newland is to compile a paper and present at a future meeting.	D. Rotman R. Newland	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4558	Item for Decision: Australian MX Championship for Electric Powered Motorcycles	It is recommended that the Board approved an Australian Motocross Championship for Electric Powered Motorcycles. The Board have endorsed this recommendation subject to Commission approval.	R. Martin	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4559	Item for Decision: Noise Control Officer – Training and Rule Changes	L. Allen presented the current Operations Manual for the Noise Control Officer. It is recommended that the Board discuss this	R. Martin	15/7/09	19/8/09	

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		<p>item and decide on a way forward.</p> <p>The Board have endorsed for the document to be forwarded to the Officials Committee.</p>				
EX4561	Item for Decision: Rule Interpretation GCR 12.16.1.1 b)	<p>It is recommended that the Loncin/Ducar BFD-150cc Dirt Bike be included in the 80-160cc 4 stroke dirt/trail bike class.</p> <p>This item has been referred to the Commission for approval.</p>	R. Martin	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4562	Item for Decision: Contractors for National Off-Road Championship Events	<p>MWA recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Board review all contracts for all Championships. e) Contracts to be negotiated for all championships that currently have none. f) All contracts are performance based. <p>This item is already being considered and the Board have requested that D. White respond to R. Gill.</p>	D. White	15/7/09	19/8/09	
EX4563	General Business	<p><u>Rule Deletion of 12.16.0.3 e)</u> MWA have sent a letter to MA recommending the deletion of rule 12.16.0.3 e) based on the rules uncertainty and consequent interpretations.</p> <p>The Board is not prepared to make a decision on this item and refer this item to the Junior and Motocross Commission to be handled in the usual rule change procedure.</p> <p><u>Judd Greedy Perpetual Trophy</u> A letter from Rod Lamb at Sun State Racing was circulated to the Board. The letter proposes that the Judd Greedy Perpetual trophy will be awarded at the yearend ceremony each year to the leading Privateer Supersport rider. The rider will be entitled to use the number 99 for the following season in the Supersport category and</p>	<p>R. Martin</p> <p>D. White</p>	15/7/09	19/8/09	

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		<p>will have possession of the Perpetual Trophy until the end of the following season.</p> <p>The Board have endorsed this proposal for a period of five years and it will be reviewed at the conclusion of the fifth year pending a submission from Sun State Racing.</p>				