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**Annual General Meeting:**

You are reminded of the Annual General Meeting to be held over the weekend of 24 & 25 May 2008 in Nelson.

The AGM will be a weekend of activity starting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, evening with a casual meet and greet.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> will be Commission Workshops from 9am to 1pm and then 2pm to 5pm. A dinner for all attendees will be held on Saturday night starting at approximately 7.30pm.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March each club was sent information on booking accommodation and travel, we re-iterate this as follows:

**Accommodation:**

Contact the Rutherford Hotel – Matthew Hambly 03 546 3000 and advise you are booking for the MNZ AGM, this will get you the best possible rate. Accommodation is limited so please do not leave this until the last minute. Clubs are reminded the accommodation and meal costs of delegates are the responsibility of the Clubs (excluding Saturday evening dinner).

Other accommodation available: Palazzo Motor Lodge 03 545 8171  
Trailways Motor Inn 03 548 7049

**Travel:**

Please make your arrangements as soon as possible to receive the best deals. Travel must be paid by the Club and is later reimbursed by MNZ in line with the Constitution. Clubs may send one delegate per club, you are welcome to have as many observers as you want, however all costs are to be met by your club.

**Club Delegate Registration:**

Club delegate registration forms are to be returned as soon as possible, but no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

As per the Constitution your Club may wish to appoint a proxy to represent your Club, your proxy must be submitted as per 7.3 of the constitution. Proxy forms will be sent to all Clubs with the notice of meeting, voting forms and the annual report.

**Election of Board:**

Nominations for the Board have closed today. To help you understand the process from here, we have outlined as below:

- A voting pack will be sent to all MNZ Members
  - The voting pack will include notification of nominees for each position
  - Nominee background information
  - Voting forms for the vacant positions and instructions for the completing and filing of voting returns.
  - Details of the voting auditor for votes to be returned to.
  - Closing Date of votes.
  - All valid voting papers must be on the original forms provided by MNZ. Photocopies and non-originals will not be counted expect with the prior written consent of the CEO.
  
- The Voting Auditor shall count the votes and pass the certified results to the President prior to the AGM in time for the successful candidates to be notified to those present at the meeting.
  
- **Term of Election**
  - Group One
    - On Road Representative from the South Island
    - Off Road Representative from the North Island

This Group shall be subject to re-election at the end of the first year, to enable the alternating period, as per the Constitution.

**Group Two**

- On Road Representative from the North Island
- Off Road Representative from the South Island

This Group shall be elected for the period of two years, as per the Constitution.

**Permits for AGM Weekend:**

Motorcycling New Zealand advise as we would like to have all Clubs attend this event, Clubs will not be issued permits for this weekend unless they guarantee that they will have a delegate in attendance. Confirmation of this will be by way of Clubs completing the delegate registration form, or appointing a proxy.

**Proposed Rule Changes:**

We remind you that all proposed rule changes are placed on our website under Information/Proposed Rule Changes for your Club and any members to comment on. We welcome any feedback on proposed changes and urge you to check these regularly.

**Stewards Training:**

Enclosed is a separate circular outlining the first training seminar, we encourage you to partake in this training.

The response to previous advertising of these seminars has been very disappointing, please make the effort to respond confirming your attendance.

**Associate Membership:**

The MNZ Constitution allows for associate membership the Board of Motorcycling New Zealand have confirmed the benefits for these members.

Associate Membership will be in place from 1 July 2008, to coincide with the MNZ Membership year.

- Seasonal Membership 1 July to 30 June
- Full voting rights & ability to stand for official positions
- Access to Value Added Pack Offers
- 2 Free One Event Licences to be used at their nominated Club.

To become an associated member they must first be a member of a MNZ Affiliated Club, complete the appropriate application form and submit it along with the fee of \$55.

Once their application has been approved they will be sent an associate membership licence along with the two one event licences, which can be used at their nominated Club events.

These licences must be taken from the associate member at the time of signing on. They will be look different to a standard one event licence, an example of these will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

**On Line Licencing:**

We are progressing well on the On Line Licencing in which we hope to “go live” with in time for the new licence season. As with any new initiative there certainly have been challenges and we are still working through some of these challenges.

There will be some changes to the way the actual licence looks and also the processing of licences, as it is the on line option, Club Membership will be by honesty system only, however as per rule 5-2-1 “Every person so registered must be a financial member of a club affiliated to MNZ” at sign on you will need to check that the competitor has a current club membership card.

The Licence will be a credit card size licence, which will fit into a plastic pocket in the log book cover, as the log book will still need to be produced at every MNZ permitted event.

Each member will be sent a User Name and Password to be able to log onto the system. Temporary licences will not be sent out this year, competitors will need to ensure they send their licence's in or register on line before the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

In the coming weeks we will be setting up a FAQ's list to be posted on the website and circulated to clubs.

**Noise Testing:**

The noise meters have arrived and now we wait the tachometers; each club will be sent a noise meter; a tachometer and instructions on how to use the meters. We hope that you have already been communicating with your members about noise testing and the limit of 96dBA that will be effective from 1 June 2008.

MNZ has been carrying out testing at events, with mixed results however, this has been seen as an education process and competitors that have been at these events are certainly aware of the pending changes and know they need to do some work to lower their noise emissions.

It is not the intention that every bike at every event be tested.

**Volunteer Recognition:**

MNZ is on a nationwide search to reward volunteers. Countless hours are put in by volunteers throughout the country, volunteers give their time not only directly to MNZ but also to our affiliated Clubs.

MNZ are asking you to nominate a volunteer in your club that donates time to the running of events or works behind the scenes to make things happen. Each month we will select one volunteer from the applications received. The lucky recipient will receive a voucher to the value of \$100. All nominees will be acknowledged on our website.

Please download the form from our website [www.mnz.co.nz](http://www.mnz.co.nz) and return it to us by the end of each calendar month.

All volunteers deserve to be stars, so nominate your volunteers today.

**Suspensions:**

It is an unfortunate part of our sport that from time to time incidents are brought before the Board of Motorcycling New Zealand for disciplinary action.

**Tim Curr** has been suspended from Motorcycling New Zealand for his actions at the final round of the New Zealand Motocross Championship held in New Plymouth in November 2007.

Tim has been suspended for 2 years effective 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007, after that time his membership may be reinstated but his competition licence will be partially suspended for 1 year in that he will only be allowed to compete in club events during this period ("the Probationary period").

For clarity he will not be allowed to compete in any International, National or Island Championship, the New Zealand Grand Prix or any major event as defined by the MNZ Manual of Motorcycle Sport. After the Probationary period, Tim's full competition licence may be reinstated provided that he (1) has not been the subject of any further disciplinary action, and (2) produces a letter from the Committee of the Marlborough Motorcycle Club (or whatever other Club he holds his MNZ licence through) attesting to his good character and conduct during the Probationary period.

***Note: Tim has appealed this decision through the NZ Sports Disputes Tribunal, to which the hearing has not yet been held.***

Clubs and officials will be advised of the outcome after the hearing.

**Craig Smith** has been suspended from Motorcycling New Zealand for a period of Three Months, however after hearing the mitigating circumstances the penalty was reduced to One Month effective 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**New Commissioners:**

Motorcycling New Zealand welcomes on board three new Commissioners. Murray Searle has been appointed the Cross Country Commissioner for some time now, and more recently Warren New has been appointed as the Stewards Commissioner and Gary Powell as the Enduro Commissioner.

For their contact information please refer to our website.

**Office Hours AGM:**

The MNZ Office will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May as all staff are attending the Annual General Meeting.

**Stewards Grading:**

Enclosed please find the updated Stewards Grading Matrix, please destroy any other copies of this you may have and replace with the enclosed.

**FIM World Junior Motocross:**

MNZ is proud to announce that in conjunction with the Taupo Motorcycle Club we have been granted the 2009 World Junior Motocross Championship.

Please find enclosed separate information on an elite squad for this event, each eligible rider in the country has been sent an invite to apply for the squad. We encourage your club to support your riders as much as possible.

**2007-08 Licence Applications:**

The fee for a full competition licence has been reduced as follows; from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008, these licence's expire at the end of the season (30<sup>th</sup> June 2008).

Full Senior Competition Licence	\$60.00
Full Junior Competition Licence	\$60.00
Full Mini MX Competition Licence	\$47.50

We remind you that there are no longer confirmations and have not been for some 12 months although some Clubs are still advising competitors to phone us for a confirmation. Competitors must have their licence with them, or purchase a one event licence. Competitors must apply for their licence at least 14 days in advance of the competition they wish to attend.

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