

**Minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Motorcycling New Zealand held  
at the Rutherford Hotel, Nelson  
25<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

The 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Motorcycling New Zealand was opened by Mrs Sandra Perry at 10am.

Mrs Sandra Perry welcomed everyone to the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and invited Simon Routledge of Nelson Motorcycling Club, celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year, to speak.

Mr Simon Routledge spoke on Nelson Motorcycling Club. Simon made special mention of the work of Mr Ray Anderson, Secretary and Treasurer for over 50 years, Mr Bob Cook, a life member of Motorcycling New Zealand along with all the volunteers in the sport.

A vase was presented to Mr Simon Routledge of Nelson Motorcycling Club by Mrs Sandra Perry in celebration of 100 years.

Miss Vicky Simm conducted the Roll Call:

<b>PATRON</b>	-	Mr R Coleman	Apology
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	-	Mrs S Perry	
<b>BOARD</b>	-	Mr N Boyd	
	-	Mr D Morris	
	-	Mr A Cressey	
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	-	Mr P Pavletich	
<b>Operations Manager</b>	-	Miss V Simm	
<b>Administration Manager</b>	-	Mrs J deTheirry	
<b>Office Administrators</b>	-	Mrs J Curnow	
	-	Mrs B McHardy	
<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>	-	Mr K McCleary	
	-	Mr M Cleverley	Apology
	-	Mr R J Cooke	
	-	Mr J Doherty	
	-	Mr M Perry	
	-	Mr R Shearman MNZM	
	-	Mr E Conaghan	
	-	Mr T Gibbes	Apology
	-	Mr Hathaway	Apology
	-	Mr Mc Cabe	Apology
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>			
<b>ENDURO</b>	-	Mr G Powell	Apology
<b>ATV</b>	-	Mr R Kiely	
<b>TRAIL RIDING</b>	-		
<b>ROAD RACE</b>	-	Mr P Stewart	
<b>MOTOCROSS</b>	-	Mr M McLeod	

<b>JUNIOR AND MINI</b>	-	Mr B Davidson
<b>SPEEDWAY PANEL</b>	-	Mr D McKenzie
<b>TRIALS</b>	-	Mr W Laugesen
<b>STEWARDS PANEL</b>	-	Mr W New
<b>SAFETY</b>	-	Mr M Perry
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	-	Mr M Searle

**DELEGATES**

ASCOT LONGTRACK	-	
ASHBURTON	-	
AUCKLAND ATV	-	Craig Ridgley
AUCKLAND	-	Chris Costello
B.E.A.R.S	-	Apology
BUSH RIDERS	-	Murray Searle
CAMBRIDGE	-	Frank Kavermann
CANTERBURY ATV	-	Tim George
CANTERBURY M/C SPEEDWAY	-	Apology
CENTRAL HAWKES BAY	-	Robert Grover
CENTRAL OTAGO	-	Dave Craig
CHRISTCHURCH OFFROAD	-	Terry Sparks
CLASSIC ACTION	-	
FEILDING-OROUA	-	
FRANKLIN ATV	-	Apology
GISBOURNE	-	
GOLD COAST	-	Graeme Deans
GORE & DISTRICTS	-	
GREYMOUTH	-	
HAMILTON	-	Stephen Parker
HAWKES BAY	-	Dave Goodgame
HOROWHENUA	-	Attendance by proxy
HUTT VALLEY	-	Mike Mcleod
IXION	-	
KAPI MANA	-	Charles Colpman
MANAWATU ORION	-	Carmen Davidson
MARLBOROUGH	-	Dick Mol
MARTINBOROUGH	-	
MATAMATA	-	
MAUNGATUROTO	-	
MINI MX NORTH HARBOUR	-	
MOSGIEL	-	Gareth Bowen
MOTORCYLING CANTERBURY	-	Geoff Cain
NELSON	-	Jannine Pope
NZ POST CLASSIC RACING ASS.	-	Dione Robinson
NORTH KINGCOUNTRY	-	
NORTH OTAGO	-	
NZ CLASSIC M/C RACING REG.	-	Ken McGeady
NZ M/C YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	-	
NZ SIDECAR RACING ASS.	-	Chris Lawrence
OTAGO	-	Kevin Goddard
PACIFIC	-	Lyn Youren

PATETONGA	-	Craig Cameron
PAIKO TRAIL & ATV	-	
PIONEER	-	
PUKEKOHE	-	Michelle Mc Donald
RAGLAN	-	
RODNEY	-	David Yardly
ROTURUA	-	Darrin Palmer
SOUTH CANTERBURY	-	Chris Broadhead
SOUTH OTAGO	-	Donald Michie
SOUTH WAIKATO	-	Robin Atkins
SOUTHLAND	-	Peter Ramage
TARANAKI	-	
TAUMARUNUI	-	
TAUPO	-	
TAURANGA	-	
TE AWAMUTU	-	
TE PUKE	-	John Gibbons
THAMES VALLEY	-	
VICTORIA	-	Shirley McNabb
WAIRARAPA	-	
WAITEMATA	-	Darren Stockman
WANGANUI	-	Neil Ritchie
WELLINGTON TRAIL	-	
WESTLAND	-	Phil Smith
WHANGAREI	-	

Mr Jim Tuckerman was concerned that Motorcycling New Zealand should acknowledge the members at the Annual General Meeting as being present, and requested this be noted. Mrs Sandra Perry assured that the observers are noted.

#### **Obituaries and one minute silence**

One minute's silence was held for Members, friends and associates who passed away in the last year

Mrs Sandra Perry asked for it to be noted that Neil Ritchie, Wanganui delegate, had been missed from the roll call.

#### **Minutes of the previous AGM**

Mr Ray Shearman moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be opened for discussion, seconded by Ms Carmen Davidson.

No matters were arising. Mrs Sandra Perry moved the minutes of the "89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting" to be accepted, seconded by Mr Guy Merewether.

**CARRIED**

### **Minutes of the Special General Meeting**

Mr Alan Cressey moved that the minutes of the Special General Meeting to discuss the Motorcycling New Zealand Inc. Constitution be opened for discussion, seconded by Chris Costello of Auckland Motorcycling Club.

Ms Carmen Davidson requested clarification of the Associate membership and when this was coming online. Mr Paul Pavletich responded that the online membership was progressing and is due to go live on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Mr David Yardly queried how the online licence application would be confirmed regarding club membership. Mr Paul Pavletich responded the membership card would be presented to the official on the day. Mr Paul Searancke commented that this could be an imposition on the stewards, to which Mr Pavletich replied that the benefits of the online licensing outweighed the disadvantages.

Mr Neil Ritchie moved that the minutes of the Special General Meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Mr Jim Doherty.

**CARRIED**

### **Annual Report of the Governance Board**

Mr Paul Pavletich moved that the Report be opened for discussion, seconded by Mr Chris Costello.

Matters Arising from the 2007 Annual Report:

Mr Paul Searancke expressed concern about the TV coverage of the Auckland Supercross, such as showing injuries, that he felt presented the sport in a negative way. Mr Paul Pavletich explained that the TV was contracted by a promotor and was not done in association with Motorcycling New Zealand. Mr Pavletich had previously contacted the promoter to express how he felt about it and an official investigation and a preliminary hearing is now underway. Mr Pavletich continued on a positive note highlighting the increased TV coverage (18 hours) for Road Racing and Motocross rounds through Chongs Clippings Service.

Mr Jim Tuckerman, member of Motorcycling New Zealand proposed the removal of the word 'month' in the following passage, in 'Celebrating of Success', under 'Media' as this was not accurate.

"You will have noticed the massive increased in media exposure in the past 12 months. Motorcycle sports news appears hundreds of times a month nationwide in the press. This has been no accident as we have used the services of Andy Mc Gechan to generate articles and raise the profile of all disciplines"

Mrs Sandra Perry agreed and advised this will be amended accordingly.

Mr Neil Ritchie expressed his praise on the choice of images on the front of the Report.

Mr Neil Ritchie moved the Report to be ratified, seconded by Mr Alan Cressey.

Mr Simon Routledge raised items to be discussed as General Business.

Mr Bob Cook moved to present the Presidents Report, seconded by Mr Jim Tuckerman.

Mrs Sandra Perry moved the Report to be accepted, seconded by Mr Neil Boyd.

## **CARRIED**

### **Affiliation of New Zealand Post Classic Racing Association.**

Mr Ray Shearman moved that the affiliation of the New Zealand Post Classic Racing Association be ratified, seconded by Mr Chris Costello. When put to the vote, the majority responded in favour.

Mr Lindsay Pinker of New Zealand Post Classic Racing Association expressed his thanks, and made special mention of the assistance of Auckland Motorcycle Club.

### **Audited Financial Statements of Motorcycling New Zealand**

Ms Jannine Pope requested verification of the impact of the rider levies being dropped and the increased on licence fees on the total revenue.

Mr Paul Pavletich reported that the membership numbers are similar at this stage and there has been no reduction of members since the increase on licence fees. Mr Neil Boyd acknowledged the difficulty of keeping track as the levies and the correct numbers of riders at meetings are not always reported.

Mr Paul Stewart reported that he is awaiting the confirmation of a letter of queries. Mrs Sandra Perry responded that this is being addressed and the ledger from the auditor has been requested.

Mr Jim Tuckerman queried the \$ 19,000 financial loss reported. Miss V Simm replied that Motorcycling New Zealand put \$10,000 into the Road Race Championship as agreed with the Commission and this will be shown as a loss. Furthermore, some issues with transponders last year had to be covered, and the ledger from the auditor is still being waited for.

Ms Janine Pope requested the value of the Motorcycling New Zealand Building. Ms V Simm responded that the valuation that will be done is for insurance purposes only and is roughly \$250,000.

Mr Paul Stewart requested that all Commissioners get the report of their discipline at the Commissioners meeting so that it can be queried before the AGM and then answers given by the Board at the AGM. Mrs Sandra Perry agreed that budgets and expenses should be presented to them.

Mr P Searancke queried the location of the \$3,820 funding. Mr P Pavletich responded that it has been incorporated into other areas.

Mr G Mereweather commented that it shouldn't cost the club to run championships. Mr P Pavletich replied that clubs are paid to host championships and also for TV coverage. If no sponsors are found then TV will not be covered this year.

Mr J Tuckerman queried whether the vehicles are owned or leased. Mr P Pavletich responded that one is owned and one is being paid off.

Mr Neil Boyd moved that the financial accounts be accepted and approved, seconded by Mr Ray Shearman.

Mr P Searancke lodged 4 votes against the Audit accounts being accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **Appointment of Auditor and Voting Auditor**

Mrs Sandra Perry moved that Nicola Staples of J and N Staples Ltd be appointed for 2009 in the role of Voting Auditor, seconded by Mr Ray Shearman.

**CARRIED**

Mr Robin Atkins raised a Point of Order with the Chair, asking applicants to speak up so that they could be heard by all.

Mrs Sandra Perry moved that Ian Orr Accounting be appointed to Motorcycling New Zealand Auditor, seconded by Mr Chris Costello. The voting resulted in the majority in favour. Mr Paul Searancke voted against.

**CARRIED**

#### **Confirmation from the Board of subscriptions for members for the ensuing year**

Mr P Pavletich reported the associate fee will be \$55 from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

#### **Election results of MNZ Officers for the ensuing term**

Mrs Sandra Perry announced the results of the elections:

Off Road Representative North Island-      Alan Creese      Unopposed

Off Road Representative South Island-	Dave Craig	Unopposed
On Road Representative North Island-	Trevor Heaphy	56 votes
	Jim Tuckerman	40 votes
On Road Representative South Island-	Dave Morris	53 votes
	Kevin Goddard	50 votes

Mrs Sandra Perry reported that there were 2 invalid votes and 5 votes that were post-dated after 15<sup>th</sup> May deadline.

Mr Warren New moved that the Nicola Stables voting documents be removed and destroyed, seconded by Mr Chris Costello.

**CARRIED**

### **Presentation to Mr Neil Boyd**

Mrs Sandra Perry gave thanks to Mr Neil Boyd who, having been a member for 10 years, is now leaving the Board. Mrs Sandra Perry presented Mr Boyd with a token of appreciation.

Mr Simon Routledge expressed concerns over the low percentage of voting by Motorcycle New Zealand members.

Mr Dennis Philips commented that people only vote on one discipline.

Mr Alan Cressey agreed with Mr Routledge and commented that voting needs to be made easier, and this is being addressed by trying to offer simple online voting. These ideas will be presented in the coming weeks and may increased voting numbers.

Mr David Yardly agreed and suggested easy online voting would help ease the problem of the difficulty of the voting process for members.

Mr P Pavletich agreed it was frustrating seeing only small numbers voting and highlighted that as the Off Road portions were unopposed this could indicate less interest from these members which make up 8% of the membership. A significant proportion of racers are not voting.

Mr Lindsay Pinker added that this is reflective of the number of people helping at events, as it's the same small group of people who do all the work at Club level.

Mr Dave Morris commented that it is possible to vote on different section- Off road or On Road.

Mrs Sandra Perry added that the change in the Constitution may have affected the voting, as people in the North Island only vote for the North Island and vice versa, which may be reflected in the voting.

Mrs Sandra Perry adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes for presentation photos to be taken.

### **General Business**

i) Removal of a rule in the current rulebook:

Mr Paul Searanke explained that rule 6.21.17, the non- Motorcycling New Zealand Rule, states that no other association or competition entrance is allowed with organisations other than Motorcycling New Zealand, if this occurs it will result in disqualification or suspension.

6.21.17 “Any person who shall promote, enter for, ride in or officiate at, or in any manner whatsoever take part in a competition not organised or held in accordance in all respects with these rules, or who shall become disqualified or suspended by the governing body of any sport recognised by MNZ shall be disqualified or suspended.”

Mr Jim Doherty raised a Point of Order to the Chair, questioning the need for a mover and seconder. Mrs Sandra Perry explained that this was not a vote, just an indication of general feeling and that it will be put up on the website for further discussion by all the members, and if agreed will be effective from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Mr David Yardly asked when the last time someone had been disciplined under that rule, to which Mrs Sandra Perry responded that she was not aware of anyone.

Mr Jim Tuckerman expressed concern over the cost of this rule changing. Mrs Sandra Perry advised that she had consulted the Motorcycling New Zealand Solicitor for advice. Mr Tuckerman raised concerns over the soundness of the solicitors advice due to previous comments of bad advice and Mrs Perry replied that it was a different solicitor and there was a Q.C in Wellington which was used.

Mr Murray Perry and Mr Simon Routledge both expressed their support for the removal of this rule.

A show of hands indicated that the majority want this rule to be removed.

ii) Moving of premises:

Mr Paul Searancke stated that the members see no benefit if Motorcycling New Zealand move to Hampton Downs.

Mr Dave Morris replied that several options were being considered and feasibility studies were underway.

Mr P Searancke suggested Wellington.

Mr Simon Routledge on behalf of Nelson Motorcycling Club commented that his members saw no benefit to having an expensive office as Motorcycling New Zealand is here to serve the members and stated it is not justifiable.

Mr Dave Morris confirmed that the members will be consulted before they go ahead with any decision.

Mrs Sandra Perry stated that the premises in Huntly have made a profit and that feasibility studies are underway.

Mr Paul Pavletich explained that whilst these concerns were noted, the present building is old and too small and highlighted the need to present a professional image to sponsors. Paul added that Hampton Downs has the benefits of being both a business park and a motorcycle park.

Mrs Sandra Perry reassured that any major decision will come back to the members to sign off.

iii) Coaching Coaches and training opportunities

Mr Paul Searancke requested a national protocol for Coaching for Coaches format, stating it will help with parents who are concerned about their children riding and it assists with procuring funding.

Mrs Sandra Perry agreed this was a good idea and commented that Junior Development is a big area. Mrs Perry suggested putting it to the Board and working with the Operational Team to develop. Mr P Pavletich also voiced his support for this idea and stated that it was encouraged.

Mr Geoff Cain pointed out that he had asked Motorcycling New Zealand for a programme to Coach Coaches and had no response. Mrs Perry advised that the Board will address this.

iv) Establishment of a disciplinary panel

Mr Paul Searancke expressed concern that all the time spent on disciplinary matters detracts from the task of furthering the sport. Mrs Sandra Perry agreed and admitted that there were many disciplinary matters the previous year and Mr Paul Pavletich commented it does not add any value to the work and conflict has arisen as people become accountable.

Mr Alan Cressey stated that a working party has been established for the establishment of a disciplinary panel, with tiers set up under the Board. This is being assisted by Mr Chris Costello, Ms Vicky Simm, Mr Murray Perry and Mr Warren New.

Mrs Sandra Perry invited the Commissioners to give an overview of their Workshops:

Road Racing	Paul Stewart
Senior Motocross	Mike McLeod
Mini & Junior	Brian Davidson
ATV	Ross Kiely
Cross Country	Murray Searle
Health and Safety	Murray Perry
Stewards Panel	Warren New
Speedway	Dave McKenzie

Mrs Sandra Perry introduced and welcomed Dr Claire Fisher, FIA and FIM appointed doctor, to Motorcycling New Zealand.

Mrs Sandra Perry invited Jim Doherty to give an overview on the Road Race Sidecar situation.

**Presentations:**

Ken Duncan Memorial Trophy presented by Mrs Sandra Perry  
-Southland Motorcycle Club

NZ Motorcycle News Cup presented to “Administrator of the Year” by Mrs Sandra Perry  
-North King Country Motorcycle Club  
(Accepted by Bryan Davidson on their behalf)

MNZ Innovation and Technology award presented by Mr Neil Ritchie  
- North King Country Motorcycle Club  
(Accepted by Bryan Davidson on their behalf)

**Meeting closed at 12.55pm.**

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**President**

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**Date**