

MOTORCYCLING NEW ZEALAND
STEWARDS, OFFICIALS AND HEALTH & SAFETY WORKSHOP
Friday 20th May 2011 4.15pm – 6.00pm

Facilitators : Del Morgan, Lyn Youren & Jim Tuckerman

Noted by: Bonnie McHardy

Present:

Ray Shearman MNZM
Robyn Atkins-Life Member
Francis Scammell
Bruce Scammell
Grant Ramage
Steve Winteringham
Craig Hyde
Peter Ramage
Paul Stewart
Kevin Goddard
Greg Rule
Margaret Grover
Robert Grover
Nigel Armstrong
Andrew Presant
Leigh Presant
Todd Mountfort
Ross Campbell
Mike Fletcher
Tim Blackman
Bryan Davidson
Terry Sparks
Rochelle Henwood
Wade Taylor
Chris Hyland
Brian Deadman
Craig Douglas
Russell Fairhall
Gerald Dyer
Bob Cooke
Murray Searle
Wade Wilson
John Ravenscroft
Errol Conaghan
Chris Costello
Charles Colpman
Andrew Meisner
Alan Chant
Greg Percival
Neil Ritchie
John Hecker

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Mr Jim Tuckerman opened the meeting at 4.15pm and introduced the Steward's Commissioner – Del Morgan and the Health & Safety Commissioner – Lyn Youren.

Jim gave an overview, by power point presentation, of the 'Officials Training' seminars that have been run throughout the country. More have been scheduled for this coming year and are listed on the MNZ website. Jim emphasized the importance of Stewards & Officials being informed about their accountability for 'duty of care'. Level of liability legally, would be gauged by the official's level of expertise. The higher the Grade, the more 'duty of care' expected.

NOTED OUTCOMES

Stewarding

Del Morgan welcomed all attending the meeting.

- Del introduced Bob Cooke (Life Member), who has offered to review the MNZ Rule Book over the coming year which will see next year's printed issue up to date with the changes that need to be done. In the meantime, Bob has created a 'quick reference index' to help Steward's navigate their way through the Rule Book.

- The aim in the seminars is to achieve ‘consistency’ throughout the country. This will help manage issues that arise from riders breaching certain rules, due to a lack of continuity.
- The Grading structure for Stewards is changing. With the goal of building our expertise, mentoring is going to be an effective way to raise the level of knowledge for the new Stewards coming through.
Grade 1 & 2 will be club stewards. To go up to Grade 3, the Steward will be required to sit the test papers, be mentored by a higher grade Steward, District Steward or Regional Coordinator. These mentors will complete two assessments for the Steward going up to Grade 3 – to be considered by the Steward Commissioner.
- It has become apparent that there are a certain number of riders who are going out the night before an event, entering the next morning still under the influence of drugs or alcohol – there are breathalysers that the Drug Free Sport can use. Stewards are encouraged to point these testers in the right direction – this is something that we need to regulate.
- Charles Colpman questioned when Official’s could expect to receive their vests. Del Morgan informed that the vests had just arrived at MNZ office and would be sent out as soon as possible. The Clerk of Course vests are orange & the Steward’s vests are yellow.
- Del Morgan talked about the need to clarify to riders at briefing about the no jumping & no passing on a yellow flag, suggesting that maybe clubs could make sure they have a lead rider for the look lap.
- Del Morgan spoke about the new Rule Book format, that it would be printed in ring binder style. Amendments to these rules would be sent out in a different colour to distinguish them in the binder.
- Terry Sparks asked if the date could be added to any amendments that replace a rule or add to a rule on the MNZ website. Del Morgan will direct this to happen.

Outcome: Date is to be added to any addition to or amendment to any rules on the website.

Health & Safety

Lyn Youren welcomed all attending the meeting.

- Opened with discussion about checking helmets for compliance. Pointing out that this can be difficult at times due to riders cleaning helmets after racing, sometimes meant there is no standard approved sticker. This is very hard to discern without anything to identify compliance, so encourage riders to fill out the front page of their licence so helmet details can be referenced if needed. Also clubs need to be educating their riders how to check for helmet compression after an accident.
- John Hecker offered that the onus should be put on the rider.
Moved by **Scott Wilkins** – that the onus be on the rider
Seconded **John Hecker**
- Del Morgan points out that helmet check is in the rule book and as duty of care, the Steward is obliged to follow the rule book.

Outcome: Riders need to ensure when they purchase a helmet, it meets the MNZ/FIM required standards.

- Chris Costello suggests that MNZ approval stickers be re-introduced, that once a helmet has been checked, the sticker remains for future checks.
- Kevin Grey pointed out that with the volume of parallel importing that the 'Duty of Care' for helmet standards be placed on the importers / trade.
- Terry Sparks talked about the Australian AS1698 sticker and how the importers of the helmets, put the sticker on.
- Peter Ramage proposed introducing a barcode plan.

Outcome: Lyn Youren will look into Motorcycling Australia's process for helmet standard approval.

Lyn Youren suggests educating at club level to explain helmet compression.

Injured Riders

- Lyn Youren advised that it needs to be mandatory that a rider stops in a race for any serious injured rider that has had an accident. Explaining that Steward's would look at reinstating the stopped rider to their placing in the race prior to stopping to help. We must not have Supplementary Regulations stating "it is moral obligation" – it must be 'mandatory'.
- Not as important at Motocross events with flag marshals and spectators trackside.
- Sue Dalton would like to see that this be announced at rider's briefing.
- Grant Ramage recommends that a First Aid Course be a condition to licencing for all members.

Outcomes: It is New Zealand law to stop at an accident. This is essential at Cross Country / Enduro type off road events & placing or points at point of assisting an injured rider, will be reinstated. Health & Safety Commission to propose a rule change for mandatory stop for injured riders.

Club Membership

- There is an issue where clubs are issuing membership cards with no expiry date. This needs to be addressed with a note to clubs to be aware of the requirements for a current club membership to be validated.

Outcome: Clubs to be informed of their obligation to include the expiry date of their membership cards.

Environment

- Tear offs have become an environmental problem for some venues. Discussion included options to support banning them altogether. It was decided that clubs are handling this option by informing riders on their entry forms & supplementary regulations and checking riders at starts.

Outcome: Clubs to inform riders of the exclusion of tear offs for their event by including in the entry form & supplementary regulations.

Protective Gear

- Robyn Atkins asked for definition and what classifies as 'body armor'. Del Morgan agreed that there is a need to define the standard required.

- Errol McConaghan recommended a revision of all protective clothing requirements currently in the rule book.
- Lyn Youren & Del Morgan agreed to do this.

Outcome: Lyn Youren & Del Morgan to revise protective clothing requirements in the rule book.

Event Organising

- Del Morgan introduced Craig Douglas from Marlborough MCC. Craig reported on the NZ Junior MX Championship his club hosted in 2010. Craig talked about the importance of rider's briefing and how it can help a meeting run smoothly.
 - Inform the riders what is expected of them
 - Warn riders about conduct that is not going to be accepted
 - Mention to riders outcomes for infringements
 - Do a random 'roll call' to ensure riders attend briefing
 - Use the most suited officials for the right jobs

By addressing the riders before the meeting begins, the less you will find needs addressing through the day.

Outcome: Officials be reminded of the importance of rider's briefing through the Steward & Official's seminars.

St Johns – Standard of Care

- Scott Wilkins from Pukekohe MCC raised the issue of the standard of care with St Johns & private medical first aid providers. Clubs need to be sure of what standard of care they will receive when booking their medical cover for race days.
- Bryan Davidson agreed that clubs need to check the qualifications of private medical providers and make sure they can work in with the rescue helicopter and other emergency services as some private providers are not recognised as being able to call on these services if they are required.

Meeting closed 6.15pm