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**Date:** Saturday 13th January 2024

**Meeting Location:** Eastern Creek Tavern

**Meeting started:** 1:20pm AEDT

**Appointed Chairperson:** Jason Cliff

**Minutes recorded by:** Tim Hunt

## Attendees

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| **Name** | **Title** |
| Jason Cliff | President |
| Rick Fitzsimmons | Treasurer |
| Tim Hunt | Secretary |
| Scott Brown | Executive Support |
| Andrew Burley | Executive Support |
| Matthew Edwards | Executive Support |
| David Aboud | Member |
| Marc Balestro | Member |
| William Birdsey | Member |
| Richard Draper | Member |
| Gregory Murdock | Member |
| John Price | Member |
| Adam Terry | Member |
| Linden Roth | Member |

### Apologies

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| **Name**  | **Title** |
| Mark McGregor | Vice President |
| Kim Davis | Facebook Administrator  |
| Rob Comerford | Website Administrator  |
| Dean Yagan | Member  |
| James Graham | Member  |
| Ian Harding  | Member  |

## Agenda:

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| **Item 1** | **Previous AGM (2023) Minutes Acceptance** |
| **Item 2** | **Election of Chairperson and recording of minutes** |
| **Item 3** | **Club Appreciation** |
| **Item 4** | **Review of 2023 Racing** |
| **Item 5** | **National Calendar 2024** |
| **Item 6** | **Regalia** |
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## Minutes

**ITEM 1:** Previous AGM (2023) Minutes Acceptance

* Jason thanking attending members for attending and asked them to confirm the minutes were accurate and accepted from the previous AGM
* Linden Roth agreed and David Aboud seconded.

**ITEM 2:** Election of Chairperson and recording of minutes

* Jason Cliff proposed he would be chairperson for the meeting. Richard Draper concurred. No objections.
* Members were asked if they were happy for Tim Hunt (Secretary) to be scribe for the meeting. Richard Draper and Andrew Burley agreed. No objections.

**ITEM 3:** Appreciation

* Public thanks and appreciation to
	+ Linden Roth for his great work with point scoring and calculating every round, Jason showed off the point scores sheet and commended him on his hard work sorting out.
	+ Rob Comerford for administering our website and email, as well as Andrew Burley and Kim Davis for managing our Facebook page.
* Tim also asked members if they were receiving emails from secretary@ozbearsracing.com. Multiple members confirmed they had not received emails. Tim to investigate further.

**ITEM 4:** Review of 2023 Racing

* Breakdown of Formula Attendance –
	+ F1 highest attendance with 22 entrants
	+ F3 second with 16 entrants
	+ F2 third with 15
	+ F4 fourth with 12
	+ F5 fifth with 4 entrants in relation to total number of riders entered into an event.
* Total number of financials members for 2023 was 79 compared with 59 in 2022 and 85 in 2021. Jason speculated that the drop could have been from covid.
* Question to members – how did they all find the new power to weight ratio rules for each class?
	+ Overall members have been happy with this new class system as it brings transparency to the classes.
	+ Jason asked if members have seen any real advantages or disadvantages of this approach from a bike perspective (not an individual person perspective). Members confirmed they have not.
	+ Scott Brown – Asked what if you modify the bike and double the HP?
		- Jason and Rick said the power to weight ratio is based on manufacturers specs.
		- Jason commented that the committee still reserves the right to review any bikes if there are clear discrepancies such as someone building a bike that completely dominates that category.
* Thank you to our Sponsors!
	+ Gary from Link and Pirelli
	+ Andrew Smart from Road and Race – Ricondi
	+ Robbie Dunlop Tyres
* Confirming our sponsors are happy in principle to do the same this year as well. How did the members find the draw?
	+ No complaints
* Public thanks are given to Mark McGregor for organizing these sponsorships as well as his continued work to bring on more sponsors.

**ITEM 5: National Calendar 2024**

* Jason confirmed the schedule with the members and members agreed they are aware of the schedule and no need to read out
* Jason provided an explanation as to why the Bend was removed from the preliminary schedule.
* Jason provides further detail as to why Darwin is not on the calendar this year and reads the email we received from TERRA.
	+ Rick commented that we may have a chance to go up there again the following year.
	+ Richard – it is a great track, but it does attract a wide range of different races of different skill levels. Perhaps a year break is a good thing.
	+ Linden – Our BEARS numbers for Darwin attendance have been down this year and speculated this is because we attend every year now. Perhaps doing it every 2-3 years is beneficial.
	+ Jason also mentioned the committee is looking at other potential rounds in the future as well such as Western Australia and Tasmania.

**ITEM 6: Regalia**

* Confirmation that the regalia supplier remains the same as does the free shirt offer with membership. Jason also encouraged members to buy more regalia as this goes back into the club.
* Jason suggested that perhaps the prize draw be more restrictive this year to promote members wearing their current BEARS gear with the new branding. E.g. if you are not wearing current BEARS gear when the draw happens at each round, you won’t be eligible for the prize.
* Hand over to Treasurer

**ITEM 7: Finances**

* Rick Fitzsimmons presented the profit and loss balances for 2023. Inserted below for reference.
* Members were asked do they accept these financials. Members accepted.

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**ITEM 8: Supporting Race Clubs**

* Reminder to all members that we need to be appreciative of all of our supporting race clubs that accommodate us and allow us to race our little individual series within their race event. This appreciation should be extended to all clubs that invite us to attend their race events as without them there would be no BEARS racing and no BEARS club.
* Marc Balestro commented and asked how many KMs were we missing from the current proposed configuration by the MC club running the Bend Round.
	+ Tim confirmed that the KMs were not the only one issue, the other issues were that they were going to run static grids (not progressive as per supp regs) and we wouldn’t get our own classes we would have to fit in with existing classes.
	+ Tim also confirmed discussions with the club continue and is still potential in the future.
* Jason once again reminded members that we should not be putting things on Facebook about other clubs.
	+ David Aboud – asked if this has happened in the past?
		- Jason confirmed it has and David commented that this was disappointing to hear.
	+ Jason also mentioned instances of other posts on Facebook that have had to be removed in the past and all members need to be more conscious of what is posted and try to encourage the right behavior.

**ITEM 9: Elections**

* Jason declares that all committee positions are now open.
	+ President – Jason Cliff is happy to sit again.
		- No objections or other nominations and members agree Jason should sit once more.
		- **Jason appointed.**
	+ Vice President – Mark McGregor confirmed before the meeting (as he is absent) that he is happy to sit again.
		- Linden and Richard seconded.
		- No objections or other nominations
		- **Mark appointed.**
	+ Secretary – Tim Hunt is happy to sit again.
		- John Price seconded.
		- No objections or other nominations
		- **Tim appointed.**
	+ Treasurer – Rick Fitzsimmons is happy to sit again.
		- Greg Murdock seconded.
		- No objections or other nominations
		- **Rick appointed.**
	+ Executive Committee
		- Scott Brown – Happy to sit.
			* Richard and David seconded.
			* **Scott appointed.**
		- Matt Edwards – happy to sit
			* **Matt appointed.**
		- Andrew Burley – happy to sit but also happy to open the position to someone else.
			* No other nominations and no objections.
			* **Andrew appointed.**
	+ MNSW Rep
		- Jason will continue this and share the responsibility with Andrew Burley
	+ Website Admin
		- **Rob Comerford appointed.**
	+ Facebook
		- **Andrew Burley and Kim Davis appointed.**
	+ Membership Management
		- **Rick appointed.**
	+ Point Scores
		- **Linden appointed.**
	+ Club Coach
		- **John Price appointed.**
	+ Richard Draper approached the committee table during intermission before the trophy presentation and asked if he could be appointed as club medical officer or similar. As he commonly helps out in serious crashes at the track and this official title may make things easier for him to be able to help more as well as represent the club.
		- Jason agreed.
		- When members returned, we detailed the conversation and asked if anyone had any objections. No objections and Richard was declared as club medical officer
	+ New committee takes their positions.

**Brief intermission – 10 Minutes**

**ITEM 10: Trophy Presentations**

* Trophies were presented by Scott Brown for the following.
	+ National Challenge Winners across each class – 1st, 2nd 3rd
	+ NSW Club Winners across each class – 1st, 2nd 3rd
	+ Perpetual Trophies presented for F1-F5 1st place.
	+ BEARS Spirit – Brett Laverda
	+ Best Newcomer/Rookie of the Year – Adam Terry

**ITEM 11: Other New Business from Members**

* **Scott Brown – Proposed running a raffle for a motorcycle.**
	+ **Discussion between various members ensued which included comments from Linden, David, Richard, Rick, William Birdsey, Mark and Jason.**
	+ Taken to a vote
		- Yes – Scott, Richard, Marc, David, Adam (5)
		- No – Jason, Tim, Matt, John, Andrew, Rick, William (7)
		- Vote carried. No raffle this year.
* **Marc asked if we can go back to the “old format” for the AGM e.g. not having the AGM on the same day as racing.**
	+ Taken to a vote. All agreed (except Andrew Burley) that the AGM should be on its own day next year and not coincide with a race.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm**