



## **WASC CHAIRMANS REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009**

Firstly I would like to welcome you all and thank you for your attendance at this AGM. It does not feel like 12 months have passed since our last AGM, but sadly it has and we all find ourselves a year older as well.

I would like to address my report to all of our speedway stakeholders, the club members, club committees, track officials, vehicle owners, drivers and promoters alike.

This year we have not lost any commissioners between AGM's and I am of the understanding that we will not have any vacancy until our next AGM in October 2010, where Des Alfievich and myself will be standing down.

It is imperative that for the Commission to truly represent speedway in Western Australia, it must have quality input from its stakeholders, therefore the speedway fraternity need to regularly submit, the names of persons they believe have the experience, time and motivation to work within the Commissions board and sub committees.

As advised last year our Strategic Business Review was completed, we continue to follow our business plan as best we can within the confines of monetary and logistical restrictions.

Government funding through DSR was again our main income source in 2008/2009, however we did achieve better self funding figures than in the previous year, we continue to consult, support and inform our stakeholders rather than confront people with a big stick, we believe these are the reasons behind increased support for the WASC.

We consider ongoing government funding through DSR is sound and feel assured of there unwavering support.

The risk review has played a major role within the WASC this year, as I alluded to at our previous AGM, this review has taken up substantial time to pull together and in some cases we have been forced to place a number of issues on the backburner until it has been finalised.

There has been a huge amount of work put in by Marlene and Des on behalf of the commission along with input from Risk Cover, DSR, WA Health Department, WALGA representing the councils, additional input came via Fab Martinelli and John Purser representing the clubs and associations.

These peoples collective knowledge relates directly to where our Industry's Standards should be and lays bare where these standards are right now, the end result is what we believe will take the risk aspects of our sport into the future with some clarity.

The information collected has been professionally compiled for submission to government by Risk Cover, through Sandra Hackett and James Sheridan.

We hope to have a continuing relationship with Sandra and/or James in the new year, to assist presentation of any Risk Review outcomes.

The next step for the review is perusal by the Minister for Sport Mr Terry Waldron and then actioned as deemed applicable, by DSR, Health Department, WALGA, WASC, etc.

Our "Alliance" with NASR WA and NASR Inc has been and continues to be based on a very strong and solid foundation, only a couple of weeks ago we had a greet and meet evening with the new NASR General Manager Mr Dale Gilson and Board Chairman Mr Neal Sayer, a number of important subjects were broached and contact lines laid open for closer dialogue.

In closing I must thank all those who have contributed to the WASC for another year, such as my fellow commissioners, Des Alfirevich, Ross Smith, Graeme Winter, Ian Gibb and Rod Bottrell, our administrator Marlene Criddle, the members of the Safety Regulations, Sports Development and Stewards Advisory Boards and also a special mention of Peter Griffiths and Des Alfirevich for their extra work on behalf of the Commission in training and accreditation of officials and scrutineers across the state.

On behalf of the speedway community I would also like to thank, Terry Waldron, Ron Alexander, Kevin Watts and Sid Brodie representing the government and associated instrumentalities for their ongoing support, without which the WASC would not exist at all.

Yours in Speedway

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Chairman WASC