



WASC CHAIRMANS REPORT – 2010

I address this report to all of the speedway fraternity, its clubs, its associations, the competitors and the promoters alike.

The last 11 months since our previous AGM feel as though they have just disappeared and to top it off this AGM ends my tenure as a WASC commissioner and as your Chairman, in spite of this I have no intention of disappearing into the dust just yet as I would like to continue being part of the Commission through the SRAC, assuming of course those committee members are happy for me to carry on.

We did not lose Commissioners between AGM's, but we do lose my deputy Des Alfirevich along with myself from today, as we have both completed our 2nd term of 3 years. On the other hand we are gaining two commissioners, in Tina Lizzi and Andrew Winsall.

Tina was appointed by the commissioners to fill a vacant position until today's AGM where she begins her first term of 3 years as a Commissioner, like all of us here she is passionate about our chosen sport, she is intelligent, articulate and has vast amounts of experience in marketing and promotion.

Andrew Winsall currently sits on the Stewards Control Board and also sits as that's boards representative on the Safety and Regulations Advisory Committee, he has an engineering base with numerous years of experience in motorsport throughout Europe and Australia from Formula 1 down and that is not taking into account the duty's he has performed on behalf of the Perth Motorplex as its Clerk of Course, if you take the time to get to know Andrew you will find a very honest, forward thinking man of high integrity.

I have no doubt both of these new Commissioners will be enormous attributes to the WASC over the years to come.

As I put forward last year, for the speedway commission to represent speedway in Western Australia, it must have quality input from all of its stakeholders, our clubs and associations need to submit the names of persons they believe have the experience, time and motivation to work with and within the Commissions Board and sub committees.

We continue to follow our business plan, although we are still to some extent, subject to the confines of the risk review and its regulatory framework being finalised.

Our administrator Marlene Criddle is already working towards the development of the structures and procedures required, these systems and protocols will directly relate to what the WASC will be responsible for, will lock in our industry standards for the foreseeable future and also through this process give the WASC some regulatory control over what is happening within WA speedway. It is important to note that these "Industry Standards" I mention, have been put together by speedway people from all areas of our sport, the WASC and its advisory committees, NASR WA, NASR Inc and of course further back some will remember the WAFAS, of course the clubs, associations, promoters, competitors and individuals have all made major contributions, therefore our standards truly represent what we the speedway fraternity want in place now and going forward into the future.

Through DSR we have been awarded a special Risk Review Grant for 2010/2011 of \$40,000, this is over and above our usual annual operating grant of \$80,000, the extra funds are to go towards the implementation of the risk review outcomes, for example Track Safety Inspections, associated administration requirements and compliance criteria.

There is always ongoing pressure from DSR to keep a lid on non core costs, to that end we have been considering moving premises, however at this point we do not have anywhere locked in and therefore are still speaking to real estate agents and perusing newspapers, if it happens it is likely to be prior to January 2011 when our current lease runs out.

On the political front, DSR have continued with there unwavering support for the Speedway Commission financially and politically, also of assistance has been access to their website for administration information and documentation, I recommend clubs themselves have a look at that information as I believe it to be a valuable tool for all of our futures.

Our "Alliance" with NASR WA and NASR Inc continues to be amicable and I see no reason for that to change in the foreseeable future, I credit this to the hard working people that work within both of our bodies through the various committees and boards, it works because those involved are seeing the big picture, not some idealist or personal minority view and are all working towards a better long term future for speedway in WA.

To those Commissioners not standing down today, Ross Smith, Graeme Winter, Ian Gibb and Rod Bottrell I offer my thanks for your support during our time together and offer my own unconditional support to the Commission to help in any way I can in the future. I feel confident that the WASC and therefore WA speedway is in safe hands under your shared guidance.

It would be remiss of me not to give special mention and thanks to Peter Griffiths and Des Alfirevich for their ongoing work across WA and Australia through training programmes for the accreditation of working officials, thankyou guys.

To our administrator Marlene Criddle who keeps us all on the straight and narrow, heaven forbid we go astray, thank you for your hard work over a number of years, to the members of the Safety Regulations, Sports Development and Stewards Advisory Boards I thank you for your efforts.

On behalf of the speedway community I must thank, Terry Waldron, Ron Alexander, Kevin Watts and Sid Brodie representing the Government and associated instrumentalities for their support.

The ongoing support these people give to our commission is paramount, without it speedway in WA would fall back into the downward spiral of a few years ago.

In closing, thankyou all for your trust in allowing me to work on your behalf for way to many years to remember and for giving me the opportunity to work with such a great group of people.

Yours in Speedway

Allan Bain
Chairman WASC