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WA SPEEDWAY COMMISSION WA SPEEDWAY NEW GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

A Consultation Workshop was held at the offices of Department of Sport and Recreation in Leederville on Thursday 9th December 2010 to launch the Western Australian Speedway Commission WA Speedway New Governance Framework.

The workshop was attended by interested Speedway Stakeholders and facilitated by WASC Administrator Ms Marlene Criddle and Mr. Des Alfirevich a former WASC Commissioner and the current NASR WA Chairman and Chairman of the WASC Safety and Regulations Advisory Committee. Both were significant contributors in the final stages of the project especially over the past 18 months.

Mr. Kevin Watts, Senior Consultant for Department of Sports and Recreation for Speedway over the past 10 years gave the opening address highlighting the significance of the New Governance Framework and its positive effect on the sport for the future. He also thanked those associated with its inception development and implementation.

Mr. Ross Smith the newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the WASC briefly outlined the history of the Commission since its beginnings in 2000 citing the first WASC Commissioners as Robert Biltoft Chair; Con Migro; Geoff Green; Rod Slater; Alan Blake; Brian Gardiner and Kevin Theyer. He highlighted the background and development of the Governance Framework document and this was then followed by a PowerPoint presentation detailing its principles and implementation. The presentation was delivered by Mr. Alfirevich who with over 40 years involvement in many levels of the Sport brought an insightful and first hand understanding to the discussion.

The WA Speedway New Governance Framework is a major step forward for the WA Speedway Industry. By improving the standards of governance and better management of the inherent risks it is hoped that the likelihood and consequences of adverse incidence is reduced. This will also raise Professionalism and create a positive perception of the Sport in the general community with the aim of taking the Sport to the next level.

Mr. Smith also made the announcement of other WASC initiatives being implemented for the future. These included a WASC Speedway New Governance Framework and Industry Development Conference to be held on 26th 27th March 2011 (TBC) and then taking the concept to Regional WA; A Website refurbish, redesign including On-line Training/ Accreditation of Stewards, Officials and Scrutineers; a Facility & Grants Funding Grants Directory and a more proactive agenda to developing the Promotions and Marketing and Professionalism of Speedway.

To conclude Mr Smith together with Mr Watts acknowledged and thanked key Persons for their time and support in the undertaking of the WA Speedway New Governance Framework:

DSR Kevin Watts/Greg MacLennan
WASC Des Alfievich/Marlene Criddle
WALGA/LGIS John Abercrombie/Rob Murphy
SHIRE COUNCIL Phil Stevens (Northam)
WA HEALTH Sid Brodie
RISK COVER Sandra Hackett/James Sheridan
CLUBS/ASSOC WASCF John Purser
BUNBURY Andrew Roberts
ELLENBROOK Fabio Martinelli



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(L to R)

Mr Kevin Watts DSR Senior Consultant

Hon Grant Woodhams MLA Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr Des Alfievich NASR WA Chairman and WASC Chairman Safety and Regulations
Advisory Committee

Ms Marlene Criddle WASC Administrator

Mr Ross Smith WASC Chairman Board of Commissioners

**If you would like to register your interest in attending on the WASC Speedway
New Governance Framework and Industry Development Conference please
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