



2010 Moto Trials Commissioner Report

With almost a year behind me as commissioner I can say that it has been a 'learning experience'. I have mostly enjoyed the challenge but had underestimated the time that was needed.

I make no secret that throughout the year I changed my communication systems from sending emails through a network of area representatives to, wherever possible, posting on MNZ website. To date I doubt if the web is getting many 'hits' from club trials riders but I believe that once they get to know that this is the preferred 'platform' it will only be a matter of time before members will regularly log on to get info (I note that clubs are now getting behind their own websites). Emails are restrictive because if the 'chain breaks' the message is lost. I, as commissioner, never know if the 'chain is broken' until it is too late.

Use of the web site has been important to the sport this year also, as we are trialling 'online' entry. To date it seems to be working well.

Reasons for online entry were so that administrators would have a spreadsheet of riders already 'fed' into our scoring software before the event started. The linking of the system to the web has also allowed earlier posting of results. It seems to be a favourable system.

Growing the sport will always be difficult. Some of the discipline specific problem areas are: Very few new bikes are in showroom windows. We hold events and seldom advertise. It is possibly 'more cool' to go fast than slow. And there are more. We need to take a serious look at what I believe is a serious problem. I have put grading / classes onto the workshop agenda this year, as this is an important issue for members, but I believe an even bigger problem is a LACK of members. This needs a workshop of its own.

On a positive note we have been rewarded with some fine events over the last 12 months. In fact I must acknowledge those that have spent their weekends slashing Gorse or something equally as nasty so that others could enjoy a day or several on their bikes. I pay special tribute to the Ixion club for a high profile and well presented NZ championship event.

I was asked to draw up a strategic plan for the sport and if you go to the MNZ website in my September 09 newsletter you will see that a summer time showcase event at a resort on an annual basis along with support for an Oceania / TDN team were two items. Both of these can be 'ticked off' for 09/10 but it maybe harder to achieve on a sustainable basis. At least we are off to a good start with both the Waihi Gold experience and success at Oceania being highlights for the year. Congratulations to all those who made these winning events. To be able to tour with the Oceania team was special to me and gave me insight into 'Aussie culture'.

I would like to thank all those who put their heart and soul into making this sport enjoyable for us all. You know who you are and so do we. You are too many to name but we appreciate your unselfish efforts.

A special thank you to Paul McLeod and Colin Kelland who share my load and quietly 'get on' with administering Island events.

I hope to see you at the AGM / workshop weekend.

Jim Henderson
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