



2020/21 Season Report

Hi all, with all that has been going on in the world of late I thought I would put together a bit of a report on the status of the club both from last season and moving forward into this upcoming season.

COVID – 19

As most of you would know we had our season cut short due to the COVID-19 virus which meant that our last two meetings had to be cancelled/postponed. Although this was disappointing to our fans, competitors, sponsors and volunteers alike, at the end of the day a major pandemic like this puts everything into perspective in that speedway amongst other sports and hobbies is just that, a sport. Luckily for us it only impacted two meetings, one of which was the Easter meeting in which we would have been having a second attempt at running the PTS Superstock Stampede and from all accounts would have had decent fields in most of the classes running. As I sat in the sun on the Good Friday after a day in the shed in lock down it was pointed out to me how there wasn't a cloud in the sky and would have been a perfect day for that last meeting. Now, I get disappointed with rained out meetings but for some reason this really hit a raw nerve with me as the day was perfect for racing.

It is still unclear what affect this virus will have on the club moving into the new season and even more unclear is what the "new normal" will look like when it comes to speedway, its spectators and sponsorship. However, all we can do is plan for business as usual and hope that we can carry on with fans still being able to come along and support our club. The gate proceeds are our biggest source of income to the club so it would be near impossible to operate without that income stream coming in at every meeting. So, let's just hope that things have eased when it comes to opening night.

Consent Variation

Our new seasons dates have been finalised, but we probably won't be releasing them for a few weeks yet as we have decided to draft two calendars. A plan A and a plan B if you like. I'll try and explain why this is. As you read this the Nelson Speedway Association will be waiting on an outcome for a variation to our current consent. We have lodged with the Tasman District Council a consent variation to try and get the go ahead to be able to run two-night shows for championships and the like. Also, we are after a bit more flexibility in our dates so that we have the ability to run meetings that don't clash with other tracks as frequently as we have been under the current consent. Due to our current consent which stipulates that we can only operate once a fortnight which although still gives us the ability to run meetings, is still less than ideal for when we want to run the bigger events like national titles. So, as a back up plan if the decision doesn't go in our favour, we will resort to plan B. I hope I have explained this as clearly as possible. We have invested a lot of time and money into this so here's hoping for a good outcome. Don't be scared to let everyone know to put their submissions in to the council for this as the more support we get the better.

More info of where to find the forms for this is on our website. Links to both the application and the submission form can also be found below. Submissions are open for 20 working days (4 weeks) so please don't hesitate to get them in.

https://www.tasman.govt.nz/document/serve/RM191306%20Nelson%20Speedway%20Association%20Inc%20-%20Application%20AEE%20and%20attachments%20as%20lodged.pdf?path=/EDMS/Public/Other/Property/ResourceConsents/NotifiedResourceConsentApplications/NelsonSpeedwayAssociationInc/01Application_AEEandfurtherinformation/000001101806

<https://nelsonspeedway.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Nelson-Speedway-TDC-RC-Form-3.pdf>

AGM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to push the annual AGM back by at least a month due to not being able to host a meeting with more than the allowable number of members in attendance. As it sits, we don't have a clause in our constitution that allows us to run an AGM outside the month of June. However, I have been in touch with the Incorporated Societies and I have been advised by them that all clubs etc that are a part of the Incorporated Societies have been granted an extension until November if need be to get their AGM's and financials in order. We hope to be having our AGM in July and it would be great to see you all there. We will let everyone know in due course the date for the AGM and get it advertised in the newspaper two weeks prior. If you have any general business you would like added for the upcoming AGM please get them into us in writing as soon as you can,

Prize Giving

As with the AGM we obviously haven't had the chance to host the annual prize giving and to be honest until we can get the okay to host more than 250 it probably won't be happening in the way that we are used to any time soon, but who knows. We have a few options on the table for this such as maybe a reduced sized prize giving(s) for each class or a less formal type of prize giving or similar. This is a tricky one as we want to give all the recipients of the awards the recognition that they deserve but still be within the social distancing limits etc that are imposed on the citizens of this country. We are open to any ideas on this so please don't hesitate to get I touch with your rep or one of the committee members with your idea and we will look at it.

Here's hoping for another good season at the Milestone Homes Top of the South Speedway

Wayne Martin
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Nelson Speedway Association