



Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	11 th January 2010
Location:	Cardiff RSL Club
Meeting Started at :	7:10pm

Attendance Record

Present:

*Joel Davies
Keith Bruce
Steven Pryor
Mark Welsh
Dean Kozlik
Colleen Kehoe
Tim Butler
Ross Cairns
Dallas Barham
Wayne Bower
Darren Chapman*

Apologies: *Lenny Allen
Stu McNaughton*

Chair: Keith Bruce

Minutes: Mark Welsh

Minutes of Previous meeting

- Minutes presented by Mark and accepted by Steve.

Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- Ongoing issues from last meeting
 - Forms – incident forms
 - Asset Register.
 - **Access Road** - Condition of Jenkins road. Currently not passable when wet. Needs to be made into an all weather road. Estimated cost is about \$900 for the delivery of 34 cubic metres of con crush to be dropped on the two steep hills. Will still need to be spread and rolled in. Dean to make some further enquires. Contact Lenny to seek approval from State Forest before proceeding.
Forestry is of the opinion that gravel is not a good long term solution.

- Rick has prepared 4 more signs and lots more signs need to be made (wording to be confirmed) and positioned around the tracks
- **Club flyers** - Booklet Information map, directions, calendar, website details.
Rick Kehoe suggested putting together some flyers and posters for Awaba to leave in bike shops. These might include directions, photos etc to advertise the mountain bike park and the club.
- Club needs to develop a marketing strategy for relevant sponsoring of the track eg naming rights to a bridge or advertising on a bridge.
- **Toilet Block** – correspondence from Lenny, following discussions with Forestry around a permanent toilet block places the proposed block in the back left corner of the car park near the trail head. All agreed that we need to work closely with Forestry and start thinking about a management plan for it, as all maintenance/cleaning of the toilet block will need to be carried out by the club.
Sep 09 update - Looking to contact the contract cleaner for the state forest toilets and obtain details on costs for them to clean the club toilet as well as the Forestry toilets. Also looking to use same design for toilet block as that used by State Forests.

Correspondence In

- Tim received correspondence from WSMTB re a State Enduro series (replacing the old Working Week series). HMBA have agreed to host a round on the 20th June 2010. Tim has approached Masterfoods re sponsoring the series.
- Mark has received some initial pricing for transponder race timing systems from T7 Timing. More detail needs to be followed up.
- Tim has received a quote for road repairs to Jenkins road & access to Awaba. Lenny is setting up a meeting with State Forests to confirm our ability to proceed and to try & access their quarry for gravel – which would significantly reduce the cost to HMBA. The quote is to re-form the road and cap it, as well as some minor work in the carpark.
- Tim and Lenny will also be talking to State Forests re options for permanent toilets at Awaba.

Correspondence Out

- No outgoing correspondence reported.

Treasurer's Report – Wayne Bower

- Handover from Lincoln to Tim for the New Year.
- Balance at end of November 09 - \$35,811
- Cheques paid for outstanding portaloos and shuttle bus invoices in December
- Balance at end of December \$33,500
- Jackie has been monitoring the MTBA on-line registration fees. Via this, MTBA take their fee and deposit the club balance into our account.
- Monthly report available from MTBA regarding current members list. Lenny to send a copy of this report to the committee on a monthly basis. This will be necessary for pointscore also – to ensure that only members are being allocated race points.

Publicity Officer Report – Mark Welsh

- Mark to contact the Newcastle Herald & confirm dates, times, and format for results data.
- Mark and Colleen to work on a club brochure & poster for the website & distribution by bike shops.

- Colleen has volunteered to make some signs for the XC trail head showing the track start point & direction. Also some signs advising that our trails are for mountain bike use only (using the approved blurb from State Forests).
- XC riders from HMBA at the Eagle Park National Championships are Chris Aitkin and Cameron Ivory. Good luck to all.
- DH riders from HMBA at the Eagle Park National Championships are Ricky Boyer and Dave Badman. Good luck to all.
- Depending on National Championships results, Mark to contact the Herald and possibly NBN.

XC Report – Dean Kozlik

- No racing report.
- Ron Chapman has expressed interest in the XC social ride co-ordinator position that was not filled at the AGM. Ross to discuss further with Ron. Lenny had also expressed interest in this role.
- Dallas advises that he has a social ride planed & ready to go once we have a co-ordinator.

DH Report – Colleen Kehoe

- No racing report.
- Some issues with the shuttle buses with trailers on Jenkins Road. Road needs to be graded to avoid the link between bus & trailer bottoming out.
- Adare are the current bus provider, including a driver.
- Sargents will do a 3 day hire on a troop carrier @ \$99 per day.
- Interim fix/grading of the access road must happen before the first club round in order to get the shuttle buses in and out with the trailers. Tim and Lenny to check with State Forests.
- Repairs approved for both DH trailers for new springs and some welding. Approx cost \$200 per trailer.
- HMBA scheduled for a round of the State DH series in April – though we don't appear to have had any discussion around this with the State Federation to confirm.
- Colleen has requested a smaller marquee/gazebo for the DH timing at the finish line (approx 3m x 3m) for club rounds. Colleen to investigate costs.

Awaba XC Track Build Report – Wayne Bower

- Progressing well with 12 people attending the last XC build day.
- The next section of trail is almost complete (including block armouring) which will add almost 1.5Km to the total track length.
- The next 3Km of trail will be easier to build with mostly brush cutting/moving required.
- Agreed that the latest addition will not be included in the January round, as one final bridge to be implemented still and some final touches at the next build day.
- Lenny to add the build days to the calendar – 1st Sunday of every month, with the next on the 6th February 2010.
- Wayne and Dallas to walk the next section of trail and plan it before the next build day.
- Wayne has suggested creating a XC build committee. All agree this is a good idea to spread the decision making and responsibility. Committee members to be Wayne, Dallas, Dean, and Ross.
- Tim suggested running a BBQ at the end of every build day. Agreed by all.

Awaba DH Track Build Report – Colleen Kehoe (on behalf of Rick)

- DH build days to be advised by Rick, but to align with XC build days where possible.
- Next build day 6th February 2010.

- Need to map out the proposed 'beginners' DH track prior to getting a Flora and Fauna Report. The report to be done in conjunction with some new areas that XC need to have checked as well.

General Business

- Steven Pryor nominated to the position of XC Pointscore Officer for 2010. Nominated by Mark, and seconded by Colleen. Voted in.
- Colleen has been given the rego stickers for the two DH trailers.
- President's email is full of virus' and proving an issue to check. Suggested Joel flush out the spam etc for Tim.
- Dean has volunteered to check the HMBA P.O. Box weekly and pass on appropriate correspondence.
- New venue for monthly committee meetings suggested as Cardiff RSL becoming too loud. Agreed that next meeting to be held at Dean Kozlik's house, Toronto.
- The next instalment of Breakaway Cycle's Junior Racing sponsorship has been paid by Dallas, via purchase of blocks for new section of trail. Dallas to provide invoice.
- When kids track is complete, Dallas will put up his Breakaway Cycles sign on site at Awaba.
- Club bought 5 x McLeods tools for trail build/maintenance.
- Dallas suggested a re-route of the DH finish line to bring it into the main staging area/carpark/XC Trailhead. Would require an 'overpass'. This would assist in uniting the two disciplines and bring the riders together. Rick to have a look at the suggestion with the XC committee.
- Club XC racing rego to cutoff at 8:30am sharp with Kids racing starting at 8:30am and graded racing at 9am. Advise this to all racers in Jan for a February implement.
- Tim asked if anyone was interested in doing a cycle skills course (step 1 for coaching). Dallas and Mark expressed interest.
- Darren wants the club to consider introducing the Trials discipline to HMBA. Apparently there are no current MTB clubs in NSW that support Trials (possible exception being WSMTB) and there are riders in the Sydney/Newcastle area that would be interested. We would need to provide three dedicated trials courses using both man made & 'natural' obstacles. Tim will add this to the discussion with State Forests, with possible locations in the land adjacent to the current XC trail head.
- Wayne raised the need for more car parking at Awaba. In order to host events including national rounds (our DH course would be perfect) we need a far greater car parking/staging area. Tim to add to our discussion with State Forests.
- Dean introduced Joel Davies, our new Web master. Joel is learning our web system and will be aiming at keeping info on it up to date. Thanks to Lenny for organising admin rights for Joel. Important that all relevant information that should go on to the website is now forwarded to Joel.
- Steve P discussed the handling of XC race registration. Agreed that Steve & Keith will handle race rego, Stu and Mark will handle MTBA/Club fees/day licenses.
- Landon still has the laptop and Steve will speak to him about getting hold of it & getting a crash course.
- Keith advised that from Jan we will be using the PA (due to popular demand) to announce racing, rego etc. He will pick up the PA.
- We will introduce Women's graded racing from the January round of 2010 with grades A- D available. Race starts and race laps will coincide with the grade below in Men's. ie Women's A grade will start with Men's B grade and both will race 4 laps. Lap numbers for Women's graded racing will be A – 4 laps, B – 3 laps, C – 2 laps, and D – 1 lap. Women's D grade will be the only exception to the rule for start times, and will start after the Men's D grade.
- Separate cash tins will now be implemented for Race fees and membership/license fees on race day. Tim will bring the cash tins (with float) to each race day. When XC race registration is

finished, the cash tins will be passed to Colleen for DH registration. Colleen will then leave the tins with the trailer for Tim to pick up.

- Toilets will continue to be hired for every club round, with either Keith or Stu organising every month. Keith to organise for the January round.
- Club paid the AGM invoice to the Mattara Hotel.
- Tim suggested that the next AGM be held at the Lake Macquarie BMX track and double as a Christmas party, probably as an afternoon event. Majority agreed.
- Keith advises that there are new trails appearing off “Flat Rock Corner”. These have not been built by HMBA and are to be blocked off on race day. XC committee to review these trails and take remedial action.
- Ross advises that his wife recently organised a Hunter Women’s MTB ride in Glenrock. Very positive response with approx 13 ladies attending.
- Keith to contact Steve Carter (outgoing President) regarding the quotes he had received for first aid on-site at all club rounds. Hence the reason for raising the annual club fee. Keith to follow up.

Meeting Closed at 10:00pm.