



Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	8 th March 2010
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7:10pm

Attendance Record

Present:

*Joel Davies
Keith Bruce
Stu McNaughton
Brad Mertens
Dallas Barham
Ron Chapman
Mark Welsh
Dean Kozlik
Colleen Kehoe
Tim Butler
Ross Cairns*

Apologies: *Lenny Allen, Wayne Bower, Steven Pryor*

Chair: Keith Bruce

Minutes: Mark Welsh

Minutes of Previous meeting

- Minutes presented by Keith and accepted by Mark.

Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- Ongoing issues from last meeting
 - Forms – incident forms
 - Asset Register.
 - 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 – State Forests – re recent site visit. Letter advised that State Forests (SF) were happy with the way our lease is being maintained. Confirmed that HMBA is responsible for maintaining the access road (ie Jenkins Rd) and advised some minor issues with the gravel used. SF are happy for HMBA to pursue a toilet built into a container for use onsite. The additional land that HMBA have requested on the opposite side of Jenkins Rd for carpark & the kids course will be fine. We need to submit a flora & fauna report and request an amendment to our existing lease – cost \$75 to SF.
- Tim – got an initial quote for race day first aid – which seems very expensive. Other options to be looked into.
- RTA - sent a letter advising that they are willing to fund an event for NSW Bike Week. HMBA will need to apply.
- Careflight – looking for donations.
- Aust. Post – letter advising of a change in location for P.O.Boxes.
- Flyers for the Anaconda endurance event.
- NSW XC school state championships – to be run by WSMTB.

Correspondence Out

- A list of all current MTBA members was sought, and MTBA advise they are unable to provide.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Butler

- Balance at end of Feb 10 - \$33,870
- Still waiting for the invoice for the road repairs – should be under \$10,000.
- Invoice received for buses from the Feb DH club race - \$595 to be paid.

Publicity Officer Report – Mark Welsh

- Colleen has completed her posters for bike shops – they look great. Some minor changes to come.
- Mark brought along a draft of a HMBA brochure for review. Suggestions taken on board.
- Dean Kozlic advises he knows a printer in Gateshead who will do large runs of brochures at very good prices. We will pursue when brochures are ready to go for a quote.
- Steven Pryor sent XC results - first 3 positions in each grade to Newcastle Herald for Mondays' paper
- Brad suggested contacting The Advertiser newspaper to include our results and news on HMBA events etc.

XC Report – Dean Kozlik

- Race went well.

- Need top clear the area immediately past the timing tent for riders to leave the track without having to come through the tent itself.
- Good turn out.
- Good feedback on track and race format.

DH Report – Colleen Kehoe

- 35 riders
- Dusty track
- Covered bus costs
- Was first race with C & D grades started from the half way mark of the track.
- Most riders upgraded to A & B grades to race the entire track
- The buses were SLOW.
- Some issues with the timing equipment, needs a service.
- Found out that a State DH round has been planned for Awaba 10th & 11th April 2010. No previous notification that we are aware of.

Awaba XC Track Build Report – Ross Cairns

- Build day Sunday 7th March, followed by BBQ.
- 13 attendees – many new faces.
- 2KM of new trail opened, including a very difficult climb!
- New section to be used in next race.

Awaba DH Track Build Report – Colleen Kehoe

- Build day Saturday 6th March
- 5 attendees.
- Some ‘cobblestoning’ and track widening completed.

Social Ride Report – Ron Chapman

- No planned rides just yet, though he is co-ordinating one with Brad at the moment.
- Looking at the first ride for the year on a Sunday early in May.
- \$5 cost per rider plus BBQ costs.

General Business

- Dean K – Discussion around standard colours and symbols for marking trails in order to separate area of trail to certain grades during racing. Idea is to have A & B grade racers traversing some more technical trail at the next race day, with the rest of the field sticking to less technical track. Coloured arrows to be used – A & B grade RED, C & D grade BLUE, E grade YELLOW.
- Dean K – We will move all starters to the road for future races so as to avoid any possibility of the A grade men having to ride through riders who have yet to start at the marshalling area.
- Dean K – At the next race, A & B grade will do an opening loop of 10KM (incl. original trail & the latest additions) then 8KM laps for the rest. C & D grades will do a smaller marked lap each lap than the A & B grade riders with a longer first lap, and E grade will ride a single lap of shorter length than C & D grades.
- Ross and Colleen to make up the signage for race day and Tim will put them up.

- Dean K – suggested keeping bunting and race signs in containers out at the various trail junctions to save carting around on race day. Dean will arrange for stakes to put the race signage up on.
- Dean K – suggested a “Fun” class on each race day with no results, run on the front side of the trails that are currently only used for the first lap. Would be a \$5 social ride entry fee and encourage new riders to come out & see what the club is all about.
- Dean K – mentioned that feedback from some of the women racers was that they would like to start with the men – to help pace & challenge themselves. Dean to discuss with the girls prior to the next race start & advise.
- Dean K – advised that Joel still can’t access the HMBA website calendar of events to update. Keith will talk to Peter Delore re getting access sorted out for Joel.
- Colleen K – asked that XC & DH specific related news get titled as such on the website to avoid any confusion – especially regarding new trail additions.
- Dean K – advised he recently priced brochures for his business and has found a printer at Gateshead who can do them at a very good price. Dean to pass on their details to Mark W.
- Colleen K – AWABA STATE DH ROUND advised for April 10/11, 2010.
 - 250 Rider limit
 - Entry cutoff Wed 7th April
 - No day licenses or entry on the day
 - Must be MTBA member to enter.
 - \$100 entry fee
 - Colleen to find out whether entry fees go to MTBA or get deposited directly into the HMBA account.
- Notes and to do list for Awaba State DH round 2010:
 - FIRST AID – Colleen had “Pink” suggested & will contact to get a quote. Tim has a quote already for approx \$800/day for two paramedics + runners.
 - BUSES – Need a total of 5 buses with drivers for the state round. Colleen to book through “Adairs” after reviewing several quotes. Costs approx \$550 + GST per bus per day which includes drivers.
 - TRAILERS – Steve Humphries is organising for four trailers from other clubs to come to Awaba for the day, to add to our two. Traditionally, the club refunds (by cheque) the entry fee for any rider that brings along one of the trailers.
 - COMMISSAIRE – Tim is looking into this. Expecting cost to be \$100ish.
 - TIMING – Castech will run the timing. Colleen will contact them to discuss.
 - CATERING – Colleen will talk to Lincoln Hertogs re the arrangements last year when the Toronto Lions Club ran our BBQ. Brad Mertens has volunteered to source a coffee van type of arrangement for the weekend.
 - TOILETS – Tim will be arranging the toilets – 4 at the bottom & 1 at the top @ roughly \$150 each per day delivered.
 - RADIOS – Colleen believes that 15 radios will be needed for the event. These should be 40 channel, 5 watt (to make it top to bottom) UHF radios. Colleen advises that Gencom (who we hired from last year) charge approx \$15 per radio per day.
 - PRIZE MONEY – Historically this has been put up by the clubs for positions 1st to 3rd in Elite Men, U19 Men, and Expert Female (I may have missed one here??). Rick Boyer has volunteered to look into getting some prizes, and Dallas Barham has also. Colleen will make up certificates for all categories. Prize money arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - RUBBISH BINS – Tim to arrange for a mini skip for the finish area.
 - VOLUNTEERS – LOTS of volunteers are necessary for the running of this event. Joel to put up a request for volunteers on the website, with Tim as the contact. Volunteers need to be over 16 years of age. Suggestion that volunteers should get their next race fees waived was agreed on.

- Other costs to be budgeted for – State Forests levee at \$3 per rider, prize money, % for MTBA, Colleen's phone costs.
- Tim suggests that for safety reasons he is considering running separate practice sessions for Elite Men and U19 Men, to the rest of the divisions. Tim to advise.
- Note – Elite Men, U19 Men and U17 Men get a seeding run then the top 50% get a second race run on race day. All other classes get a single race run only.
- A follow up meeting for the State round specifically has been booked at Club Macquarie at 7pm on the 22nd March.
- Colleen – DH club round.
 - Bus prices would be much cheaper for the club if we can drive the buses ourselves. Tim to look into our insurance to see if any volunteers, and buses would be covered by the club's insurance.
 - Two buses will be needed for the next club round as there will be additional riders coming to test out the track prior to the State round.
 - Each 12 seater will cost the club approx \$500.
 - Tim offered his 8 seater van.
 - Tim will contact Lee from A2B Adventure Transport to see if they'd be interested in providing a bus for the round.
- Committee meetings are now moving to the 3rd Monday of every month. A room has been booked at Club Macquarie for these from April. Joel to update the club calendar.
- Joel advises that no forms are now on our website – online rego only is available through MTBA. Joel to add a note on the website to advise non-members that in order to participate in the pointscore they must be club members.
- The date of the 10 Hour needs to be changed in the Calendar – Lenny to arrange.
- Ross Cairns advised that he and Lenny wrote and lodged grant applications for the toilet (\$18,000) and trail building (\$52,000) with the Dept of Sport and Recreation – well done boys!
- Brad advised that he has sourced a supplier of some cheap jerseys (roughly \$20 ea) for the next round of club jerseys. We will need to select a design and provide artwork, sizes and colours for proper quote.

Meeting Closed at 10:20pm (When the club was ready to close!)