

# Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

## MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	17/09/2018
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steve Pryor, Andrew Hardy, Dean Kozlik, Coleen Kehoe, Rick Kehoe, Alesha Kehoe, Michael Clarke, John Philippa, Alicia Reed, Paula Gresham, Rohan Betts, Jason English, Paul Monk, Joel Davies, Mark Welsh, Dallas Barham, Evan Steverson, Rod Verstegen

**1. Registration of Members:**

The chairman confirmed that the numbers for a quorum had been reached.

**2. Apologies:**

Steve and Leanne Ardern, John Richardson, Josh Bridson

**3. Minutes of previous Meeting**

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Dallas Barham and seconded by Rohan Betts, accepted by meeting.

**4. Membership**

Club membership has now exceeded 315 (302 last month).

Some statistics: 22% U18 (69), 18% Over 50 (56), 12% female (39), Youngest 8yrs, Oldest 70yrs.

**5. Monthly racing reports**

XC – Singleton. 68 Starters. Magic day out – beautiful weather. The Race was well attended by the Soft Cogs club.

XC - Next race day will be at Dungog on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

XC - Interclub challenge is on again at Ourimbah 19<sup>th</sup> September – see website for details.

XC – Night Race at Glenrock on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – over 100 entered so far. Coleen and Clint to organise on-line entry.

Downhill – 20 Starters. Great day of racing. No incidents.

DH – Next Race is Check website.

Hunter Schools XCO Championships are being convened at Glenrock SRA on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 (HMBA Night Race afterwards).

Diamonds in the Dirt – Event held last Saturday by Rocky Trail Entertainment at Awaba – 60 participants. Large contingent from Sydney and country NSW. E-Bike category included.

## 5. **Build days –**

Next build day on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

All riders are welcome at build days (kids too) – besides shaping and maintaining the world class, unique trails, we eat sandwiches and tell jokes.

## 6. **Financial Report**

Bank Balance at 19/08/2018 - \$33,448.66 Balance at 16/08/2018 - \$34,142.10

Major Outgoings –     Bobcat Hire - \$880.00  
                                  Defib Cabinet - \$307.50

Major Income -         Licenses \$680.00  
                                  Race income - \$1,500.00

Club credit card – Signature form was signed by authorised persons.

## 7. **Correspondence –**

Nil this week

## 8. **Advocacy**

### Kurri Kurri.

Coleen Kehoe continuing liaison with “The Precinct” Stakeholders at Kurri Kurri

### Port Stephens.

Peter Hallet continuing advocacy for Port Stephens Trails – Peter is in contact with Port Stephens Council and Crown Lands Dept. Meeting was held last week with Destinations Port Stephens.

### Schools.

Paula Gresham, Paul Monk and Jason English continue their involvement with coaching High school age kids at Glenrock.

Hunter Schools XCO Championships now 1 week away. 180 have entered. HMBA to hold night race after the schools event.

Jason proposed 3 schools National Cup races be added to next year’s calendar, including one level 2 sprint event. All to be 2 day events incorporating Hunter Christian School club on day 1 for the Schools event and HMBA on day 2. MTBA Cost of \$1,000 to be split \$600 to HMBA and \$400 to HCS. Other events to be Gravity Enduro and XCO.

### Wallaroo.

Michael Clarke continues advocacy for trails at Wallaroo.

### Training and coaching

Momentum is Your Friend, Newcastle Mountain Bikers, Johnno’s Riding Adventures, Bike and Fitness, Jason English – all engaged in coaching and training.

Ride n Sweet will be on again in the September school holidays.

NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

Even Steverson from the NSW Government attended and gave a presentation regarding the development of Mountain Biking in NSW.

**General business.**

**Lap counter** – Maintaining an average of 500 laps per week during the last month.

**Schools** - All Schools XC racing at Glenrock – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. Coleen, Paula Clint, Jason and Paul are all involved in organising / assisting.

**Awaba Development** – Grant applications are being decided – announcements soon.

**Gan Gan MTB** – Licence application for the use of Gan Gan Hill as an XC MTB Park is still with Crown Lands.

**Radios** – Confirmed that the radios used for marshalling work for the schools event at Glenrock.

**Defibrillator** –The storage cabinet from Red Cross has arrived – it is at the XC container ready for installation.

**MTBA National Cup** – refer ‘Schools’ above

**Office of Sport Development Grant – Next round.**

Submission for funding to have coaches trained is now in.

**Break the Boundary – Adaptive Off-Road**

HMBA is yet to sign up as a ‘Club’ member of BTB for \$160 per year – Risky to action. Individual membership of BTB is free – Andrew encourages everyone to join to show support.

**Rocky Trail Entertainment** – Coleen to continue discussions with RTE.

**Number Plates** – Have arrived.

**Port to Port donation**

Discussion on what happened to the donation resolve at next meeting.

**Volunteers**

Further discussion required.

**DH – Bus account.**

Account with Thrifty to hire buses is not yet open.

**Tear Drop Banners** – Will arrive next week

**T-Shirts** – Josh away tonight but these are on order.

**Enduro trails** – Thanks to Joel Davies starting the preparation of the Little falcon Rd section. You're a legend Joel. Trails are being prepared for Rocky Trail Entertainment Enduro event being held in November.

**Snake and Goanna season** – Downhillers report sighting Diamond Pythons on the upper trails last weekend. Goannas have started to come out too.

**Further Notices of Motion**

Call for motions from the floor.

**Major works** - Andrew proposed appointing small and talented group to oversee large trail projects. All agreed. Starting line-up is Andrew Hardy, Dallas Barham, Clint Musgrove, John Philippa, Mark Welsh, Rick Kehoe, Coleen Kehoe, Dean Kozlik. This is not a closed group so anyone else who is interested – just ask and let us know what your talent is. Dean is in despite his talent.

Next committee meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Club Macquarie, Booragul. All welcome. Arrive at 6.00pm for dinner and robust discussion about bikes, trails and personal exploits in the Club Macquarie Bistro prior to the 7.15 pm meeting. New members especially welcome to come and have an impact on the development of Mountain Biking in the Hunter region and surrounds.

Meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.

## **AGENDA ITEMS for 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Please email requests to Clint Musgrove – [presidenthmba@gmail.com](mailto:presidenthmba@gmail.com)**

### **Current items for discussion are:**

- 1.** Awaba Grant application –
- 2.** Special Guest – Evan Steverson
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