

# Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

## MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	27/05/2019
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Andrew Hardy, John Philippa, Dallas Barham, Steve Pryor, Rohan Betts,  
Mark Welsh, John Richardson.

**1. Registration of Members:**

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

**2. Apologies:**

Josh Bridson, Leanne and Steve Ardern, Rick Kehoe, Joel Davies, Paula Gresham, Coleen Kehoe, Dean Kozlik (Still overwhelmed with emotion and remains apologetic for destroying Paul Monk's bike), Alicia Reed, Michael Clarke

**3. Minutes of previous Meeting**

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Clint Musgrove and seconded by Mark Welsh, accepted by meeting.

**4. Membership**

Club membership has risen to 392.

**5. Monthly racing reports**

XC – Enormous turnout for the May race with 90 starters in the main race and 22 rode the kid's event.

All noted that Jarred Stowe has shaved his beard off and didn't recognise him for a while. You look very handsome Jarred!

A note for parents – the Kids event is run on a separate track to the main race and starts at approximately 8.30am. Parents are welcome to ride with their children. The event is usually finished prior to the start of the main race. All HMBA event marshals are First Aid trained and have working with children checks. The aims of the kids event is to introduce younger riders to the trails, gain experience riding with others, riding without the pressure of older riders on the trails, to have fun and to do a few skids. The trail length is about 1km and we do 3 or 4 laps.

XC - Next race day will be at Awaba on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

DH – No racing due to big event being held at Ourimbah.

DH - Next Race is 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Awaba.

**6. Build days –**

Dallas and Rick were to be foremen at the proposed build day in early May but were too exhausted – Dallas – fine. He had Port to Port duties and suffers from superior age

where by Rick is just forgetful – South Islander you know! The trails were however being tended to throughout the month by various fairies, including Dallas and Rick, so thanks guys.

All riders and friends of the club are welcome at build days (kids too) – besides shaping and maintaining the world class, unique trails, we eat sandwiches, chips, biscuits, lollies, vegemite, chocolate bars, baked beans, cold sausages, the occasional piece of fruit and tell jokes. People are encouraged to bring a friend along to spend a few hours letting the energy of the Australian Bush wash over their souls with a large group of other awesome people. Dogs are allowed in State Forests as well – so bring your Mutt too!!

## 7. Financial Report

Bank Balance at 16/04/19 was - \$1,079.51 and Balance at 27/05/19 is - \$13,013.38.

### Club account

Major Outgoings –	Shade Structures –	\$3,160.00
Major Income -	Glencore Grant -	\$7,500.00
	Race Income -	\$3,708.05
	From P450	\$3,000.00
	License income -	\$1,265.00

### Working Account

Bank Balance at 16/04/19 was - \$20,177.87 and Balance at 27/05/19 is - \$32,932.61.

### P450 account

Major Outgoings –	Excavator Hire –	\$18,733.00
	Bridge works -	\$10,764.00
Major Income -	LMCC Payment -	\$55,265.20

The club, in collaboration with Lake Macquarie Council are working together to manage the commercial aspects of the P450 project. The Club transfers club funds to the ‘working’ account and the Council reimburses the club (From Grant Funding held by the Council) when the working account is exhausted. Members should expect to see fluctuations in the club finances over the next few months.

## 8. Correspondence –

Rocky Trail Entertainment have booked Awaba on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July for Red Ass Downhill. The day will be run by the HMBA Downhill crew.

Rocky Trail Entertainment have also booked the Awaba facility for October 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 to host the Shimano 7 Hour XC event.

Glencore have Corflute signage ready to pick up. It was suggested that it be attached to the new shelter at the Development trail trailhead – for discussion with Glencore.

## 9. Advocacy

### Dungog MTB

The Dungog 3 hour has finally been posted to the HMBA Calendar – anyone would think the Port to Port was more important – sheesh.

### Kurri Kurri.

Coleen Kehoe – waiting patiently on proponent for the next move.

### Port Stephens.

No change. Peter Hallett and Andrew Hardy to maintain the application and keep moving forward. Peter has been in touch with Port Stephens Council once again to try and get some movement regarding existing Gan Gan land claim.

### Schools.

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

Hunter Schools XCO Championships will be held at Glenrock on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 along with a Tier 1 XCO event. HMBA has been asked to broadcast details on social media – all agreed. Jason has offered to distribute club pamphlets to competitors.

### Wallaroo.

Michael Clarke. No movement on Wallaroo at this stage. Discussion on exploration ride at the site. Michael to organise.

### Training, rider development and coaching

Alicia has drafted an expression of interest for potential coaches to respond to. Hank Duchateau is the first to have completed the coaching course (at Bright National Championships) – Hank is the club's first Adaptive MTB coach.

Ride n Sweet to be developed to coincide with school holidays. Coleen is working on other aspects to engage kids in MTB.

### Singleton

Rohan will report back on developments at Singleton.

### Women and Girls rides

There has been discussion and movement on organising rides for women and girls at Awaba. All are in favour. More info to come. Diamonds in the Dirt Event is being held at Awaba – keep an eye on the website for dates.

## **10. Adaptive MTB – HMBA continues liaison with Break the Boundary.**

Next grant application has been submitted for Adaptive bikes and an Adaptive coaching program.

Adaptive trails at Awaba are coming along nicely and by Projects end, there will be 4 to 5 kms of XC trails and a four minute white knuckle downhill ride for Adaptive shredders.

## **General business.**

**MTBA National Cup** – Tier 3 will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October. DH will have a practice day on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The event will coincide with the Lake Macquarie games.

**Lap counter** – Dean has handed over to Steve Pryor. New lap counters will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

**Awaba Development** – P450 committee continues consultation daily. Carpark is complete. Development trail is complete but for 15 metres of bridge work. Signs have appeared and will continue to be installed / excavation works are progressing on the higher gravity trails.

**Grants –**

Lake Macquarie Council grant round closes at the end of June. The club will request assistance to host the Tier 3 event in October.

**Commercial operators** – Awaba continues to attract coaching and race promoters.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers to send their hours to Andrew Hardy. Text Andrew on 0409 329 676.

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held on (28/04/19). The committee was re-elected and the role of Public Officer has been taken on by Josh Bridson.

**Kids doing D Grade**

Still very successful having the younger kids on the main trail and thanks to those riders looking after the back end of the field. Note that these kids are thrashing some of their older counterparts – displaying politeness and finesse as they fly past.

**Trail walkers and trail runners**

While we all like to see people being active in the forest, trail runners are advised to not use the Mountain Bike trails for safety reasons – There are some amazing walking trails in the Watagans – just up the hill.

**Further Notices of Motion**

Call for motions from the floor.

**Club events for 2019 and beyond** – Calendar is complete – check website. Rumour is still spreading about a 24hr race in 2020. Discussion on holding club race at Awaba just before Port to Port in 2020.

**Active Kids Program** – No new vouchers this month.

**T-Shirts and Riding kit** – T-Shirts are still available from Josh – only for the whippets though. Larger sizes coming in the next run.

Next committee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 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 8.35 pm.

## **NEW AGENDA ITEMS for 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

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

1. Jason English is holding an event at Singleton prior to the HMBA event – may have event gear for use by HMBA. For discussion.
2. Amazon Trail Development
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