

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	17/06/2019
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at:	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Andrew Hardy, John Philippa, Coleen Kehoe, Josh Bridson, Rick Kehoe,
Dean Kozlik, Alicia Reed, Paul Monk, Jason English

1. Registration of Members:

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

2. Apologies:

Dallas Barham, Steve Pryor, Mark Welsh, Rohan Betts, Joel Davies, Paula Gresham,
Michael Clarke, John Richardson

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Clint Musgrove and seconded
by Josh Bridson, accepted by meeting.

4. Membership

Club membership has risen to 397.

5. Monthly racing reports

XC – June main race had 72 starters and 14 rode the kid's event.

Great 5.5km track

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 now 1.6km and we do 2 to 3 laps.

XC - Next race day will be at Awaba on 21st July 2019.

DH – Good turnout for Downhill with 24 riders from U13 to Elite. International racers also attended with Ricky Boyer and Jack Moir in attendance. One medical for the day – Get well soon Aiden!

DH - Next Race is 21st July 2019 at Awaba. (Rocky Trail Entertainment round)

6. Build days –

Dallas and Rick were foremen at the build day in early June. Awesome turnout with 14 people making up two crews. The good-looking crew went about tweaking the

Development Trail and the Spiffy crew went up on the Downhill to move rocks around and generally drag things about! Thanks all who attended.

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 serenity of the Australian Bush wash over them with a large group of other awesome people. Dogs are allowed in State Forests as well – so bring your Mutt too!!

Next build day – 7th July 2019.

7. **Financial Report**

Bank Balance at 28/05/19 was - \$13,013.38 and Balance at 17/06/19 is - \$12,323.17.

Club account

Major Outgoings –	Timing chips –	\$296.91
	Hunter Schools	
	Sponsorship -	\$500.00
Major Income -	MIYF fees -	\$165.00
	License income -	\$465.00

Working Account

Bank Balance at 27/05/19 is - \$32,932.61 and Balance at 17/06/19 is - \$27,155.07.

P450 account

Major Outgoings –	Signage and	
	Trail design –	\$3,145.00
	Trail truthing -	\$2,635.00

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 –**

Nil

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 was held at Glenrock on 7th June 2019 along with a Tier 1 XCO event.

Jason gave the committee an event report at the meeting.

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

The club has funds to train 9 X Level 1 coaches. Clint to promote to interested individuals and organise date with MTBA.

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

Singleton

Jason English reported that major Sponsor – Glencore- would like to support a school's event in Singleton on the Friday before the HMBA Singleton 3hr event scheduled for 18th August.

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.

General business.

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

Lap counter – Lap counters are installed.

Awaba Development – P450 committee continues consultation daily. Project is on track for completion in October / November 2019.

Grants –

Lake Macquarie Council grant round closes at the end of June. The club has requested 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.

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.

Beyond Blue – Charity

Participants at the last club race donated \$160 to the Beyond Blue Charity – thank you.

Further Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor.

Club events for 2019 and beyond –

Discussion still required - 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 15th July 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 9.00 pm.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS for 17th June 2019

Please email requests to Clint Musgrove – 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
3. Grants – Community Building Partnership – up to \$330,000 – Water supply?
4. Kids program for 2020 – every Saturday morning – Glenrock / Awaba / Singleton
- 5.