

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	21/10/2019
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at:	7.15 PM

Chairman – Dallas Barham

Present: Steven Pryor, Rohan Betts, Joel Davies, John Philippa, Rick Kehoe, Paul Monk, Coleen Kehoe, Michael Clarke, Dean Kozlik, Mark Welsh, Andrew Hardy

1. Registration of Members:

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

2. Apologies: Paula Gresham, John Richardson, Alicia Reed, Josh Bridson, Clint Musgrove. (Josh and Clint on duty at the Cape to Cape Stage race)

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Steve Pryor and seconded by Michael Clarke, accepted by meeting – with changes to incorrect reporting of club members – below is now correct.

4. Membership

Current numbers are: 442 members.

Club growth figures over the past 5 years are.

	13/11/2019		13/11/2018		13/11/2017		13/11/2016		13/11/2015	
Membership	442		356		258		231		229	
Under 18	123	28%	84	24%	33	13%	27	12%	31	13.5%
Female	60	13.6%	45	12.6%	23	8.9%	27	11.7%	21	9.2%

It is very plain to see that club growth is reflected in data for van purchases in the Morisset area.

We are going to need a bigger bike park!!

5. Monthly racing reports

XC – 80 riders in the main race and 12 in the kids race. Awesome weather. Main track contained diversions due to trail works taking place on Kids for Skids section that Rick hasn't finished yet. He said he had to order a new teaspoon because the one he was using to build the rest of the trails had broken and Dallas had taken his spare.

DH – 16 exceptional riders competing on a very gnarly track that still needs smoothing out a bit.

Feedback on **E-Bike category** at Dungog – no problems, E-Bikes are welcome to join in on race days.

6. Build days –

Next mega build day is on Sunday 24th November 2019. BBQ will be on. Josh and Clint were volunteered to look after the organisation of that because they weren't at the meeting. Works to occur on the following;

Adaptive downhill / Road Gap from both ends and create joiner section / bottom of kids for skids. Dallas and Rick may change the focus (as they usually do at the last minute).

7. Financial Report

Bank Balance at 17/09/19 was \$14,987.84 and as at 21/10/19 is \$16,350.81.

Main income:	License purchases	\$1,205.00
	Race income	\$2,395.27
	Commercial use	\$397.50

Main outgoings	MTB Summit fee	\$976.00
	Flights to Summit	\$728.48
	Dungog donation	\$500.00

Working Account

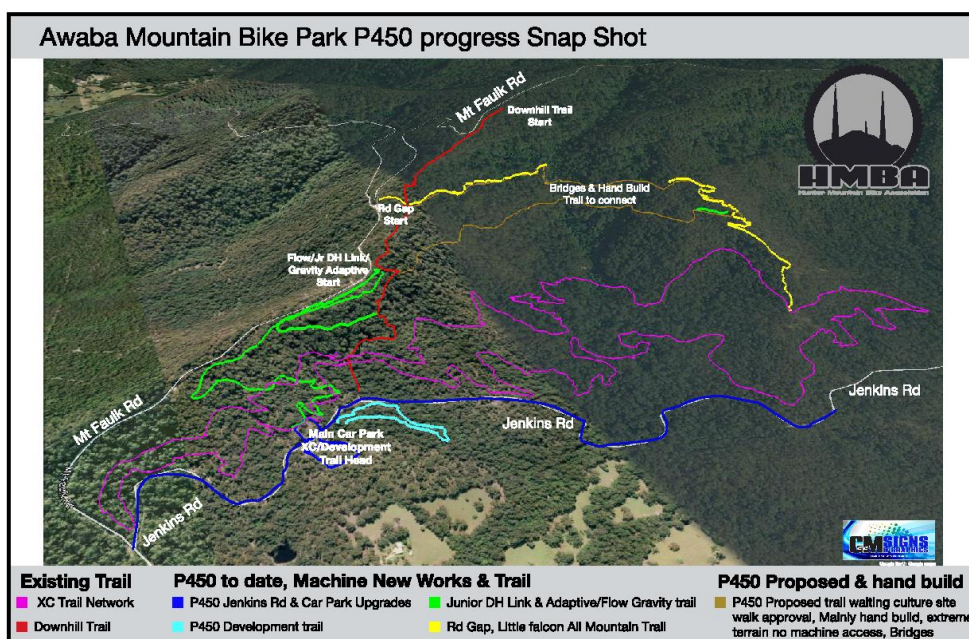
Bank Balance at 17/09/19 was - \$31,842.86 and Balance at 21/10/19 is - \$1,902.86.

All outgoings were on trail building.

Invoice has been presented to Council for \$38,000.00

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.

The remaining balance for the \$450,000 Grant funding is \$135,450.00. Work completed to date is shown in the following map.



8. Correspondence –

LMCC want info on sports stars – Andrew still has email to pass on.

Dean and Dallas have agreed to be nominated for Lake Macquarie Sports Leader Awards – thanks fellas.

Letter from Kay Fraser, Lake Macquarie Mayor regarding sponsorship for the HMBA event to held in February 2020.

Message from MTBA – Commissaire accreditations are due.

9. Advocacy

Kurri Kurri.

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

Port Stephens.

Peter Hallett is moving forward with meetings held with Council and Crown lands. Next meeting to include Worrimi landowners. Peter is making every effort to contact Worrimi, but meeting is still to be arranged.

Schools.

Paul Monk and Jason English continue their involvement with coaching High school age kids at Glenrock and surrounds. Next Schools event is booked in for 2020. The Last event at Singleton on 18th October was a roaring success with 206 entrants. HMBA provided timing at a cost of \$500 (Same as money donated).

Wallaroo.

On hold at present

Training, rider development and coaching

The club has trained 10 X Level 1 coaches. New coaches are reminded to get their efforts authenticated by completing the MTBA documentation and providing copies of their certificates to Andrew Hardy. The Grantor requires evidence of completion.

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

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.

10. Adaptive MTB – HMBA continues liaison with Break the Boundary. Club member, Hank will compete in the Armidale 12 hour and the State Championships being held in Orange this year.

New bridges on the Development trail will need edge protection. John Philippa to install under P450 funding arrangements.

General business.

Awaba name change. It has been suggested that the name Watagans MTB park would be better suited to the area where the Park is located. Forestry Corp has indicated their support. Committee agreed to have it voted on at the next AGM.

The Department of Fair Trading is all over Risky and his “I-just-made-it-up-as-I-was-going-along” accounting procedures. There’s a question on the date each AGM is held and that we should refer to our Constitution to confirm our financial reporting year dates. The issue is being sorted – There was a thought to volunteer Clint and Josh again but Risky insisted to take the full weight on his shoulders (with help from Mark Welsh) – thanks guys.

Australian MTB Summit, Derby, Tasmania

Speakers:

Glen Jacobs from World Trail will discuss the exciting new mountain biking developments happening around Australia.

Hans Rey will share his extensive experience about mountain biking destinations throughout the world and will discuss the transformation of Derby from his first initial visit in 2015 to now.

Henry Van Ash, Co-founder of AJ Hackett Bungy will talk about adventure tourism.

Tim Watson – General Manager of Dorset Council will talk about the journey of Derby as a concept to one of the world's premier mountain bike destinations. He will provide insight into the proactive things a council can do to create friendly environments and economic developments.

Ian Harwood – Enduro World Series Australia.

Toby Shingleton – Brand Manager, Shimano Australia. Toby will not only bring a unique insight into mountain biking from a manufacturers perspective but also how brands are shaping future of cycling and why cycling will transform communities and cities around the world.

Harold Haaland – manager, resort development, Hogevarde Mountain Village, Norway.

Thomas Vanderham – Pro rider.

Adrian Greiner – Founder and CEO of Bikeplan AG. Expert in the fields of bike-specific destination development and spatial planning.

The Club is sending Secretary, Andrew Hardy to the Summit to ~~ride his bike and have a few beers see if he can score a gig with Shimano~~ listen very carefully, take notes and provide input for future development plans for ~~Awaba~~ Watagans MTB Park. Andrew will provide a report upon his return.

Further Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor.

Coffee Van on Race Days – Hasn’t turned up to the last two events. Dallas to have a chat to Coffee Van owner.

Discussion on Safety gear when riding the New Adaptive downhill. The Club recommends full face helmets. It was agreed to install a sign with safety gear recommendations. Coleen to organise, - design, fabricate and install.

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.

Discussion on holding a February 2020 event.

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. Socks are now available at the club race days.

E-Bikes – After success at Dungog, the committee has agreed that there will be a category for E-bikes at all future race days.

Next committee meeting 18th November 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 8.30 pm.