

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	18/11/2019
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at:	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steven Pryor, Dallas Barham, Rohan Betts, Joel Davies, John Philippa, Rick Kehoe, Paul Monk, Coleen Kehoe, Michael Clarke, Dean Kozlik, Mark Welsh, John Richardson, Alicia Reed, Josh Bridson,

1. Registration of Members:

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

2. Apologies: Paula Gresham, Andrew Hardy (Andrew was on a club funded information gathering mission in Derby, not drinking beer with Tim Butler)

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Steve Pryor and seconded by Michael Clarke, accepted by meeting

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 – 72 riders in the main race, including 12 ladies ! and many in the kids race. Awesome weather. Main track contained diversions due to trail works taking place on Kids for Skids section. Trail as designed by Dean was great with much positive feedback from all that rode it.

DH – 8 exceptional riders, a dog and a special guest appearance by the local Billy Goat (An actual goat not Rick) Due to other events on the same day, The clubs queen of DH Coleen elected to run a social down hill day. Everyone loved the day except the goat, Billy missed a shuttle and elected to trot to the start line, unfortunately he missed the turn off and was last seen descending the hill towards Quorrobolong.

6. **Build days –**

Next mega build day was on Sunday 24th November 2019. BBQ was manned by Clint and volunteers (Josh was recovering from a large night in Sydney) Feed back was the BBQ was way to slow. BBQ took hours to heat up, literally hours But in the end bacon and egg rolls flowed and everyone was content and ready to work.

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). Areas completed,

- The new trail down the old Butler line
- Associated trails near the Butler
- New alignment as you enter Siberia
- The new gravity line at the top of Camel back
- Not skids for Kids...

7. **Financial Report**

Bank Balance at 21/10/19 is \$16,350.81 and as 18/11/2019 is \$13,762.21

Main income:	License purchases	\$888.15
	Race income	\$275.98
	Commercial use	\$1684.50
Main outgoings	Beyond Blue donation	\$2500.00
	P450 transfer	\$5000.00
	Bus Hire	\$219.74
	DH Expenses	\$235.76

Working Account

Bank Balance at 21/10/19 is - \$1,902.86 and Balance at 18/11/2019 is \$14,1911.81

All outgoings were on trail building.

**Rohan to confirm this figure - 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 ????

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.

No recent schools race's

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. 4 persons have replied with proof but Clint is waiting for everyone to reply before processing payment. Clint to send a reminder to everyone asking them to complete and lodge proof of attainment.

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 – No Updates currently

General business.

We need to speak about the below subjects tonight – 10 mins per subject maximum.

- Awaba name change
- Changes to constitution
- AGM date
- Tier 1 in 2020
- New president 2020

Once the above is done we can move onto other general business

*Awaba name change.... Clint has spoken to Mike Hill and he is on board with the update, only concession is that we cannot use the word “Park” as Forestry is moving away from it. Andrew has spoken to Council and they too are on board with the name change.

Main advantage to a name change is to align the MTB area with the local area, Awaba is not associated with the area, “Watagan” is associated with the area though.

We need to make a decision on “**IF**” we vote to change as it will have to sent out to the members when the AGM info goes out.

Can we make a decision on “**IF**” and from there we can argue over the actual name of the new “Watagan MTB trails”

*No one can find the current constitution, the club purchased the records from Fair Trading and they were less than helpful. Coleen was to check the “old Brick” (this is the old club computer) as in her words it has “A pluggy inny thingy” , any luck with the Pluggy inny thingy Col ??

**All present voted unanimously to have Andrew Hardy manage the new constitution – Thank you Andrew

We need to produce a new one and have it voted in 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.

*AGM date – We need a date so we can advise on and do an info pack out to members

*Tier event in 2020 – Just agree on the dates so we can advise MTBA and council. We can discuss details in the new year.

*New President – Who are we going to elect ... Josh ? Dean ? Hardy ? Alicia as our first female pres? Clint will be stepping down after the AGM.

Australian MTB Summit, Derby, Tasmania

Andrew Hardy attended the Australian MTB summit in Derby Tasmania, Andrew to supply 10 page report on all findings, this will be distributed to committee for review.

Causey app trial

Andrew and Clint met with the founders of Causey, an app based fundraising program. HMBA is going to assist this start up by allowing them put signs up around the track to test out their app. This will be free and there is a contract in place. The trial is for 3 months and at the end of the trial the club will get all proceeds minus paypal fees for the donations. We are happy to supply more info for anyone that is interested

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.

**Update – Clint spoke to O’Neills, they assumed we were not racing as they had attended and there was no one there??? No one is sure what date this was, Clint Booked a new coffee cart for the December round

Fire extinguishers for containers – Agreed we should have some. Rick said he would obtain

Auscycle – Lots of healthy chat / discussion around merger. Clint sent an email to all members asking them to read and vote on the proposal. No outcome as yet.

Club Xmas party – Go carts go Warners bay. Massive thank you to Josh for organising the go karts !! We had around 20 starters for the event, everyone enjoyed them selves with much laughing and surprise at who was quick

Andrew Hardy was the outsider coming through for the win over all, well done Andrew.

Rick suffered a mechanical fault that prevented his brakes working - Luckily he was able to slow down by ramming any cart in front of him ! repeatedly

Dallas also suffered mechanical issues with his throttle, We are still not sure how the Rally Australia champion form 1962 got passed so many times ? we assume his throttle was inoperative.

Overall results not showing on website – Josh to rectify ASAP. On that Clint needs to update the XC points score ! Hurry up Clint

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.

T-Shirts and Riding kit – T-Shirts ‘ 3 left but plenty of socks still available.

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 16th December 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 8.44 pm.