

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	15/06/2020
Location:	The Pryor bat cave.
Meeting Started at:	6:00 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steven Pryor, Coleen Kehoe, Josh Bridson, Rick Kehoe, Mark Welsh, John Richardson, Michael Clarke, Rohan Betts

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting was conducted in compliance with Social distancing guidelines.

1. Registration of Members:

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

2. Apologies: . John Philippa, Dean Kozlik, Andrew Hardy, Joel Davies

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Steven and seconded by Mark, accepted by meeting. (it was noted that they lacked the usual humour!!).

4. Membership

Current numbers are: 378 members. Dropped by 40 since March 2020. Expecting this to rise once competition starts again.

5. Monthly racing reports

XC and DH – No racing in May due to Covid-19 restrictions

6. Build days –

Next build day 21/6/2020.

6. Financial Report

Opening balance 1/5/2020 - \$2612.21 Closing balance 31/5/2020 - \$1569.40

P450 opening balance 1/8/2020 - \$57,228.84 Closing balance 31/5/2020 \$57,233.38

8. Correspondence –

Trailer regos received - Trailers registered this week.

Letter from Westpac chopper requesting donations.

Council rates are due – Risky to pay

9. Advocacy – No changes due to Covid 19

Kurri Kurri.

Nothing to report this month.

Port Stephens.

Nothing to report this month.

Schools.

Nothing to report this month

Wallaroo.

Nothing to report this month

Training, rider development and coaching

Clint has sent completion certificates to Andrew.

Women and Girls rides

Nothing to report this month.

10. Adaptive MTB –

No movement this month.

General business.

- Covid-19 restrictions remain in place – Please do not congregate pre or post ride.
- June race – Cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- A tap is now in place near the toilets using rainwater collected from toilet roof (not for drinking). Thanks to Tim Butler
- Toilets are now open. Club to seek guidance from Mike Hill on servicing of the long drops
- Mt Faulk rd has been remediated all the way from the park to Sandy Creek rd via Heaton rd, it is a thing of beauty to drive on, Possibly even passable in a Hilux as the presidents Group A Hyundai Excel made the journey with ease.

Causey app trial

Continuing. App is working with the club seeing donations coming in. Thanks to both the Causey team and all those sending in the donations.

Club events for 2020 and beyond –

Discussion still required - 24hr race in 2020/21. HMBA has been approached by Lifeline to hold a fund-raising event – suggested it be a 24Hr event. Andrew Hardy to liaise once club approves. (Note left from last minutes – no further comment)

T-Shirts and Riding kit – New T-Shirts are ready for pick-up.

Trail shirts - Short and Long sleeve are now available on-line. HMBA will purchase a few extras (Josh looking after).

Further Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor.

- Discussion on signage required for Mt Faulk Rd – vehicles speeding up and down. Dallas to talk to Forestry to get “Shared Zone” signage. (No action so far, Coleen will talk to Forestry about this).
- Discussion on the need for a climbing trail to access Faulk Line, All-mountain Road Gap trails. Needs to wait till other jobs are complete.
- Coleen has advised that all of the new trail signage is made and ready to be fitted. This will be undertaken over the coming weeks. Signs were passed around for a look at the meeting, they look awesome !!! Thank you for all of the effort with the signs Colleen, you are a legend.

Racing: Clint has completed 2 x webinars with MTBA. Re Covid-19, it's not up to the commissaire to police this, but it is up to the organisers.

- We will need a Covid Officer to enforce Covid compliance with the set of guidelines that have been put together by MTBA.
- Registrations to be done on-line.
- Rider briefing to be done on-line.
- Need to maintain 1.5m or 4m² per person at the start.
- No milling around after the race.
- Issue will be with DH shuttling. Coleen to speak to bus companies and seek any guidance they may be able to offer

Clint to review the date we're allowed, but it looks like it may be July 19.

Rick – Management plan for park usage to be updated to included which way trails are raced so that those trails not designed for reverse direction are not damaged due to running events in reverse. Resident Trail whisperers Rick and Dallas have noted damage to some areas of the park as it is designed to be ridden in one direction but during some events is used in the opposite direction, this is causing unusual wear and leading to water damage after rain in some cases. Management plan to be developed / updated and put on the website for ease of access for both club and commercial operations / promoters.

Additional mechanical measures are required to prevent “young shredders” skidding in the wood chip etc. Due to the fully hectic feel of shredded wood under your back tyre we are finding that some riders are using the XC finish area as a skid pan after hitting up the radical Faulk Line, this is causing issues with both aesthetics (Rick personally placed all wood chip in their final positions) and water control. Barriers to be designed and installed at the bottom of Faulk line to feed riders onto the existing trail vs down to the wood chip.

John R – Coffee van on weekends – the committee does not have any concerns with a coffee van coming to Awaba (not on race days) But we the club must ensure they have all the required permits in place. And like any other businesses, they should book it in with the club. Re fees – Discussion around having a fixed booking fee e.g. \$50 per day.

Josh – Johnny from Rocket Re-builds has requested information about sponsoring the bridges. The recommendation will be \$500 per year plus the sign (size 900 x 600) to be supplied and installed by the club (via Coleen) (for consistency of size etc). Limited number of spots available.

Coleen to submit quotes for signage (supply and install) so the club to confirm sponsorship amounts.

Dallas to advise on most appropriate point on the trails to fit said signs.

Josh – website – we will pay for the next level up in the subscription.

Mark – Do we have plans to use the Faulk line in club races? Let's see how Rocky Trail race goes down it (July).

Do we have plans for low rails (bumpers) on the Development Track? Yes we should. Clint suggested possibly using under ground cable protection strips, these are heavy duty plastic and approx. 150mm wide, this would be easy to install and strong enough to prevent riders ejecting themselves from the bridge. Further investigations required and possibly a couple of samples fitted and tested by Andrey Hardy.

Coleen has made some new signs indicating distance to home at various junction points for XC and Faulk Line.

Do we need to keep the 2 disabled parking spots? Andrew Hardy to check if this is a requirement. Perhaps change one to "First Aider" parking.

Risky – Please bring in all original receipts to meetings, text messages of the spend will no longer be sufficient for cash claims.

Coleen – there appears to be some people conducting paid coaching sessions at Awaba. A general email to all members and a Facebook post is to be sent out reminding people of the requirements.

Furthermore, Club to send an email to all local schools advertising the park and letting them know it is available, providing they book it in.

Mark – do we need to treat the toilets? Clint to check with Mike at Forestry.

Next meeting to be on Monday 20th July 2020 – Venue TBA.

All in attendance wish to thank the Pryor family for their hospitality and use of the "Pryor bat cave" for the socially distanced meeting and Josh Bridson for catering

Meeting Closed 8:55pm.