

# Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

## MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	20/07/2020
Location:	The Pryor Bat Cave
Meeting Started at:	6.45 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steven Pryor, Andrew Hardy, Coleen Kehoe, Rohan Betts, Rick Kehoe, Dean Kozlik, John Richardson, Josh Bridson, Michael Clarke, Mark Welsh, Phil Dunne, Joel Davies.

**1. Registration of Members:**

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

**2. Apologies:** Dallas Barham, Alicia Reed.

**3. Minutes of previous Meeting**

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

**4. Membership**

Current numbers are: 388 members. Influencing factors being no racing at Awaba due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**5. Monthly racing reports**

XC – 91 riders in the main race plus 12 in the kids' race. All registrations were done on-line. Participants should be reminded in the next race briefing not to throw their bikes at the finish line – and Andrew is allowed to cheat a bit. Josh did a great job as Covid officer – plan was implemented very well with no consequential reports of any transmission, even though there were lots of snot rockets flying around. Thanks Dean for setting the trail once again – it is noted that lots of requests to leave Camelback out have fallen on deaf ears.

DH – Social day on with 20 riders participating. No injuries but two broken bikes. Shuttle reported lots of traffic on Mt Faulk road, including some dickheads. Coleen to keep liaison with Forestry to get speed limit signs put up. Michael and Nicki did a great job as Covid Officers.

**6. Build days –**

Next build day 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Work will be on Road Gap – north end link.

**7. Financial Report**

The finance department reports the club has \$62K in the bank. Andrew will make a further progress claim to LMCC once the claim has reached approx. \$25K.

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 –**

MTBA affiliation documentation is now due – Clint to sort when he gets time away from building his millennium shed.

Something about the Maitland trails – Rick to present a plan of how HMBA may be involved.

## **9. Advocacy**

### Kurri Kurri.

Nothing to report this month.

### Port Stephens – Wallaroo/Karuah.

Advocacy by Michael Clarke and Simon Campbell. Working towards meetings with Forestry and National Parks to seek permission (Permit to use) Wallaroo and Karuah forests and Parks to build MTB trails linking Karuah to Seaham. Also working on community engagement at Karuah through the RSL club. Michael and Simon still working on the 'model' for presentation to Stakeholders.

### Schools.

Nothing to report this month

### Training, rider development and coaching

Nothing to report this month.

### Women and Girls rides

Coleen reports that the Ladies coaching clinic will be back on in August or September.

Media – Dallas was interviewed on the radio last week and did a great job regaling the virtues of Mountain Biking to the Australian Public. Dallas has a good face for radio.

## **10. Adaptive MTB –**

Club members Andrew and Tony will travel to Tamworth in September to assist Hank compete in the Tamworth 5 hour. We had one Adaptive visitor up from Sydney during the month. Starting to plan a three-way adaptive competition with Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and Awaba venues being considered. Hank is assisting.

### **General business.**

- Discussion on Covid-19 implications. Thanks from the club to Melissa for providing our Covid plan. It is noted that CCMTB tours have not provided a Covid Plan to the club as yet.
- August race – to go ahead using the same Covid-19 plan that worked well this month. Weather permitting.

- All MTBA National Cup races have been cancelled for 2020. The Club's MTBA National Cup (Tier 2) event date will now be in 2021.

### **Causey app**

New signs have been installed.

### **Further Notices of Motion**

Call for motions from the floor.

Trail signage continues to be installed. Josh's push to sign up sponsors has been successful. Coleen and Josh to release staged social media footage showing sponsors signs and introducing their organisations. The Club thanks Coleen for her very professional work in making the club trail signs and the sponsor signage. Also big thanks to Rick and Dean for helping Coleen with the installation. Note that Rick has also done some practice post holes and filled them back – this is how they do it on NZ's South Island.

Some riders are cutting corners at Awaba – this leads to trail destruction due to water management issues. Corraling rocks and obstacles to be installed.

Coffee Van – general decision to wait till Covid is over to get the coffee van back.

Website has been upgraded. Thanks Josh.

Fencing is now installed at Faulk line. Still to install Adaptive gate. Faulk line still needs bump rail on ramp section. Dallas to talk to John Philippa to arrange. Funds are approved.

Toilets have been lime treated.

Coleen / Rick to approach Dane to install roofs on containers.

**T-Shirts and Riding kit** – Plenty of socks still available. Josh reports that loose-fitting riding shirts will be available in early August – noting that so some of the guys wearing Lycra (that shouldn't be wearing Lycra) will at last have another option.

Next meeting to be on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – Venue is the Pryor Bat Cave. Let Josh know you're coming so he can order pizzas.

Meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.