

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No: 7		
Subject	:Monthly meeting	Date : 11/07/2022
Held at	:Club Macquarie, Argenton	Ref. : HMBA– MOM - 006
Prepared by	:Steven Pryor	Issue date: 15/08/2022

Attendees:

Steven Pryor, Joshua Bridson, Mark Welsh, Dallas Barham, Rick Kehoe, John Richardson, Bill Willis, Alex Marsh

Apologies:

Andrew Hardy, Clint Musgrove, Mick Bradford, Phil Dunne, Mark Nelmes, Sarah Booth, Dean Kozlik, Warwick Turnbull

- Legend –**
- For discussion at next meeting
 - To remain on minutes for future discussion if needed
 - To be removed from next minutes

Item	Action	By Whom	Status
1.0	Monthly Racing reports		
1.1	Cross Country Race – 19 th June at Awaba included AGM and 2019 Presentation. Approx 80 riders – see report on Website Next Race: Scheduled on 17/07/2022 – Adaptive category included. With current weather conditions, decision has been made to push it back to 24/7/2022.	Phil Dunne	Ongoing
1.2	Downhill – 19 th June at Awaba – run as a social. A few new faces came along. Next one to be decided but may still be able to run from Half Way Downs: Will need to review format due to Mount Faulk Rd closure	Sarah Booth	Ongoing
1.3	Dual Slalom. Last event May 2021. MC to update on future planned events. Nothing yet planned.	Michael Clarke	Ongoing
1.4	Gravity Enduro – Next event proposed for 25 th September – entries transferred from cancelled round in April. Can we proceed with different tracks? Or do we cancel for now? Mark Welsh to speak with Mark Nelmes and come up with a plan for further discussion at August Meeting.	Mark Nelmes, Mark Welsh	Ongoing
Note	Process for postponing races - move it back one week then if not possible – cancel.		For review in future
1.5	AusCycle reviewing the National Cup and Champs structure for 2023. No update for this month. Will need to consider Mt Faulk Road issues.	Josh Bridson Mark Welsh	For review
1.6	Adaptive Race – plan to run for 24/07/2022 Dallas and Dean to coordinate with assistance from others	Andrew Hardy?	In planning

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1.7	<p>Update on 2022 Calendar</p> <p>Jan 16 XC + DH + Adaptive - Awaba</p> <p>Feb 9, 16 & 23 XC Mid week evenings– Awaba</p> <p>Feb 20 – G-Flow Awaba.</p> <p>March 20 – XC Singleton</p> <p>March 20 – DH Awaba - cancelled</p> <p>April 23 – Rocky trail GP</p> <p>April 24 - G-Flow Awaba.</p> <p>May 15 – XC and DH Awaba – AGM</p> <p>June 4/5 – Rocky Trail Superflow</p> <p>June 11 – Rocky Trail GP – 4 hour</p> <p>June 19 – XC and DH Awaba - AGM</p> <p>June 26 - White Lightning event</p> <p>July 17 24 – XC and DH Awaba – including Adaptive Round</p> <p>August 21 – XC Singleton – 3 hour</p> <p>August 21 – DH Awaba</p> <p>Sept 7, 14 & 21 – XC Night Racing Awaba</p> <p>Sept 25 – G -Flow at Awaba</p> <p>Oct 22 – Dungog G-Flow (Now pushed back one week)</p> <p>Oct 23 – Dungog 3 hour</p> <p>Nov 20 – XC + DH Awaba</p> <p>Dec 11 – XC + DH Awaba</p>	Phil Dunne / Sarah Booth / Mark Nelmes	
1.8	<p>Dungog Rotary have requested that we run a 3 hour XC race on Sunday 2nd October (Long Weekend) – Agreed for Josh to speak with Chloe from Ride Dungog as we had already made a commitment to them to run the event at the end of October – report back next meeting.</p>	Josh Bridson	
2.0	Build Days and trail maintenance		
2.1	Update for last month – It rained	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing
2.2	<p>Next Build Day: 7/08/2022– Plan to be finalised by Rick and Dallas.</p> <p>Plan for Biraban: Bridges need to be built. Otherwise, general trail tidy-up work needs to be done.</p> <p>Bump Rails: Steel materials for the bump rails donated by Metalform. See Advocacy Section below</p> <p>Downhill Track: Work is required to maintain this as a safe and challenging trail, particularly for future higher level racing opportunities.</p>	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	

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	<p>Hold off on engaging an external contractor for DH track until decision made on volunteer work to be completed.</p> <p>Focus to be on repairs from Halfways Down to Wombat</p> <p>Rick will continue to call for short notice build days when he becomes available.</p>		
2.3	<p>Josh received an email from Mike Hill in March 2022 highlighting that we will need to engage a consultant to complete an REF (Review of Environmental Factors) for any further new trails. Waiting on further information from Forestry and time to look into the consultant options.</p> <p>JB was contacted by Bob (adaptive rider and Paralympic swimmer) has a sister working in environmental reviews and he will make contact with her to see what help he can provide.</p> <p>Josh has a tentative arrangement to meet with Mike Hill and his replacement, Jess, in late July 2022. Dallas to meet with Jess on Wednesday 13/7/22.</p>	Josh Bridson	
2.4	<p>Skills area has been installed between the eastern carpark and the development trail. Some finishing work required – volunteer labour to be used – Rick to coordinate.</p> <p>In the future, we need to consider upgrading the eastern carpark the same as done to carpark 1 to prevent silting up the skills area. Forestry paperwork needs to be submitted.</p>	Rick Kehoe Josh Bridson Dallas Barham	
2.5	<p>Maintenance discussion.</p> <p>Josh met with a Lake Macquarie Councillor and following this discussion and email was sent by the Councillor requesting that the option of supporting trail maintenance activities at the Awaba Mountain Bike Park be reviewed by Council staff.</p> <p>Josh and Dallas had a meeting with Lake Macquarie City Council on Friday 8/07/2022 – there is a general interest in supporting the Park however the lease arrangement with Forestry present some issues for Council – HMBA will need to submit a Business Proposal outlining a cost/benefit argument for further consideration. Meeting included Community Partnerships (Andrew Bryant), Gary (from eco-accommodation project), Kent Hamilton (ex- Lusty Industries, now with council).</p> <p>We may need to employ a consultant to help with the submission.</p>	Josh Bridson	In process
3.0	Finance report.		
3.1	<p>Club account balance as at 11/07/2022: About \$3000 carried over from G Flow. Donation from White Lightning - \$1445. Current balance is \$86,535.00</p>	Warwick Turnbull	Ongoing
3.2	<p>Josh suggested having a separate bank account for trail maintenance funds – to include sign sponsorship money and external promotor fees - Waz to look at options and advise.</p>	Waz Turnbull	

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4.0	Grants and Grant projects		
4.1	Container Roof / Shelter Materials for the containers have been delivered and are stored at Wyee Transport. Engineering drawings now obtained. Simon Conway and Clint to construct and install – date TBA. Anthony (Facebook) has offered long-reach loader to assist with install. Waiting till Covid allows us to proceed.	Clint Musgrove / Josh Bridson	In process
4.2	Lake Mac Council – The club is still to use the \$7,000 grant provided in 2019 – was to assist in running a National Round at Awaba. Discussion on when has commenced – refer to comments regarding Auscycling National Series above.		In process
4.3	Apply for a Grant for another shuttle trailer when a suitable option becomes available. Will need to be clear on preferred trailer prior to submission.		On hold
5.0	Correspondence and notifications		
5.1	Contact from Veteran’s Affairs. Contact is no longer Rachel. Sarah to follow-up for new contact details and discuss ‘Come and Try’ and maintenance options.	Josh Bridson / Sarah Booth	On hold
5.2	AusCycling – Focus on Women’s Cycling in October. Do we want to run something as part of our Dungog Event? Yes! Will plan in more detail from August.	Josh Bridson / Laura Renshaw to assist	
5.3	Bike and Fitness have asked for Club permission to operate coaching at the park – Josh has given them an approval letter outlining their compliance requirements – they now need to obtain a Forestry permit	Joshua Bridson	
6.0	Advocacy		
6.1	Feedback on Faulk Line from Adaptive Riders – Sebastian from Sargood on Collaroy still to attend for a walk through on the remainder of Faulk Line - waiting for meeting to discuss specific areas of concern - Update to be provided following meeting.		In process
6.2	Low bump rails have now been installed on the Development trail bridges – a massive thanks to all of those involved, especially John Richardson, Phil Dunne and Mark Welsh.		Complete
7.0	Covid Plan		
7.1	Nothing required at present.	Josh Bridson	Ongoing
8.0	Club merchandise		
8.1	Josh to manage T-Shirts. Will consider new design when ready.	Josh Bridson	
8.2	Mark Nelmes asked about club hats / caps – Logo supplied by Josh. Currently supplier issue getting samples – hope to have at next meeting.	Mark Nelmes	

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9.0	Awaba Maps and Signage		
9.1	<p>Josh has purchased the Affinity Designer Software and has been working on updating the maps</p> <p>Josh to finalise and prepare for printing/installation</p> <p>?? Trail Head map sign board needs to be turned toward the carpark.</p>	Josh Bridson / Dallas Barham	In process
9.2	<p>Additional Trail Sponsorship signs agreed to. Josh to coordinate with interested parties –</p> <p>MIYF (Somewhere on development track)</p> <p>TrafficPower (Dan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HMBA have agreed to a deal – Dan to supply Open/Closed sign at front gate in exchange for his sign to be installed on track (he will need to pay for poles/cement for his sign) <p>All sponsors have been emailed regarding extension of sponsorship through until January 2023. Then we can align payments with calendar year.</p> <p>“Ian Kid Removals” to be removed at next review.</p> <p>Email hmbaweb@gmail.com if interested in sponsoring the park.</p>	Josh Bridson	In Process
9.3	Rick K – Spoke about front gate signage for notification of upcoming events - Josh to liaise further with Rick and Coleen regarding options	Coleen / Rick / Josh	
9.7	<p>Wild Polly Trail – signage required.</p> <p>Bottom of Wild Polly still needs to be attended to – signage and diversion/return loop for ‘sessioning’.</p> <p>Committee agreed to Rick’s request to install a story board at the start of Wild Polly. Rick advised that this was still in progress. Rick to continue at own pace.</p>	Dallas Barham	Rick Kehoe
9.8	<p>Trail counters:</p> <p>Mike Hill trail counter (before tunnel on return): Current average 55.66 Riders per day as at 5/08/2022 - down due to wet weather and park closures.</p> <p>New Trail Counter update:</p> <p>.</p>	Steve Pryor	
10	Container security		
10.1	No issues		
11	General Business		
11.1	<p>Update on Coleen:</p> <p>Great to see her at the AGM.</p>		Ongoing
11.2	Tim has been approached by AusCycling who are looking for a club to host 2023 UCI Masters XC Marathon. ? Update from Tim	Tim Butler / Josh Bridson	In process

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11.4	Dallas – Can we get a lease on the area on the other side of Mt Faulk Road? Rick believes there is a lot of motor bike and 4WD activity, but still worth checking it out. Josh to discuss with Mike Hill/Jess Brine.		
11.5	Should the club run a junior academy? There is no opposition to do this, but this needs someone to drive it – ideally a parent that has an upcoming racer that can drive the organisation of it. Josh has spoken with the 2 coaches looking after the Hunter Academy of Sport Mountain Biking programs (Cross Country and Gravity Enduro – Jason English and Damian Enderby respectively) - will look at ways of supporting Academy riders and introducing more juniors to club racing. MW is keen to do some “skills” for younger kids at 8am prior to them riding the club events on XC race days.		
11.7	Josh spoke to Chloe from Ride Dungog – they have a small committee and find it challenging to get volunteers to help with looking after their trails – were interested in partnering with HMBA in some way to help contribute to the ongoing functioning of their club and future growth – HMBA are running an event in October with an agreed portion of the profits to be put back into Ride Dungog Josh also offered suggestions for other fundraising/sponsorship opportunities that Ride Dungog could explore.		
11.9	Dallas – wants flyers to hand out re Awaba Park. Josh will get them printed (about 1000).	Josh Bridson	In process
11.10	Fees for coaching: Adults (over 16 years) - \$7.50 per rider (non-members) Juniors (16 years and under) - \$2.50 per rider (non-members) Hunter Academy of Sport Riders / Training Programs – no charge for junior riders No charge for HMBA members being coached.		
11.11	General discussion about an internal Climb: With the Mt Faulk road closure (landslide), can we fast track approval for an internal climb? Dallas thinks second half of climb from Faulk Line up would be best to do first. Dallas to come up with gpx file plan for trail location.	Dallas Barham / Josh Bridson	
11.12	Rick – Raised a suggestion to have the club run shuttles on a weekend. (As a means to get more people at the track). Will need to wait until Mount Faulk Road issue resolved – may be able to do Faulk Line runs when road graded.	Rick Kehoe	
11.13	Mark W suggested that the container needs a clean out.		
	Meeting concluded at 9:16pm		
	Next meeting will be Monday 15/08/22 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton		

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Recorded on behalf of HMBA: Steven Pryor

Date: 11/07/2022

Accepted on behalf of Committee: Joshua Bridson

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