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Meeting No: 8		
Subject	:Monthly meeting	Date : 15/08/2022
Held at	:Club Macquarie, Argenton	Ref. : HMBA– MOM - 008
Prepared by	:Steven Pryor	Issue date: 18/09/2022

Attendees:

Steven Pryor, Joshua Bridson, Mark Welsh, Dallas Barham, John Richardson, Dean Kozlik, Alex Marsh, Mark, Rick Kehoe,

Apologies:

Andrew Hardy, Clint Musgrove, Mick Bradford, Phil Dunne, Bill Willis, Sarah Booth, 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 – 24 th July at Awaba included Adaptive Category. Fun event on modified course to accommodate adaptive rider/s (1 in attendance). Next Race: Scheduled on 21/08/22 as 3 hour – moved from Singleton to Awaba due to localised wet conditions. We should work out a relatively short course without too much climbing – perhaps full Siberia, plus Tunnel Loop plus Development Track. Need to advertise the course prior to the event so that entrants know what they are up for.	Phil Dunne	Ongoing
1.2	Downhill – Nil due to road conditions Will consider Faulk Line / Halfways Down when Mount Faulk Road is determined to be suitable.	Sarah Booth	Ongoing
1.3	Gravity Enduro – Next event proposed for 25 th September – entries transferred from cancelled round in April. Update from Marks (x2) – Event will proceed despite limited access to upper trails – Buses not required. Clint to explore timing for 3 stages – perhaps with shared start point – may need to consider borrowing additional timing \$25 adult entry, \$20 child entry. Mark W is keen to have Hunter Academy riders at the G-Flow. Volunteers required – about 6.	Mark Nelmes, Mark Welsh	Ongoing
Note	Process for postponing races - move it back one week then if not possible – cancel.		For review in future
1.4	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

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1.6	Adaptive Race – ran well but only one rider in attendance so difficult to tell the impact of this on the whole field – may need to make some minor course changes to make it easier for them to get around certain corners on the Development Trail section HMBA will plan future Adaptive Categories – agreed on the need to gain greater support/commitment from local adaptive riders.	Andrew Hardy?	Ongoing
1.7	Update on 2022 Calendar Jan 16 XC + DH + Adaptive - Awaba Feb 9, 16 & 23 XC Mid week evenings– Awaba Feb 20 – G-Flow Awaba. March 20 – XC Singleton March 20 – DH Awaba - cancelled April 23 – Rocky trail GP April 24 - G-Flow Awaba. May 15 – XC and DH Awaba – AGM June 4/5 – Rocky Trail Superflow June 11 – Rocky Trail GP – 4 hour June 19 – XC and DH Awaba - AGM June 26 - White Lightning event July 17 24 – XC and DH Awaba – including Adaptive Round August 21 – XC Awaba – 3-hour August 21 – DH Awaba - cancelled Sept 7, 14 & 21 – XC Night Racing Awaba Sept 25 – G -Flow at Awaba Oct 22 – Dungog G-Flow Oct 23 – Dungog 3 hour Nov 20 – XC + DH Awaba Dec 11 – XC + DH Awaba	Phil Dunne / Sarah Booth / Mark Nelmes	
1.8	Dungog Rotary have requested that HMBA run a 3-hour XC race on Sunday 2 nd October (Long Weekend) – Josh spoke with representative to advise that the late October date was chosen based on Committee availability and the fact that Typically we don't get a lot of attendance on public holiday weekends Josh spoke to Chloe from Ride Dungog and was advised that they are not associated with Pedalfest for this year – her preference was that HMBA continue to support Ride Dungog from a mountain biking perspective. Discussion at meeting: The race will be left on October 22/23.	Josh Bridson	
2.0	Build Days and trail maintenance		
2.1	Update for last month – 7/08/2022 A lot was achieved from approximately 30 volunteers that turned up on the day – vouchers donated by Burger Urge (Glendale/Green Hills) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work completed on Faulk Line and Development Trail to address issues following recent wet weather conditions 	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulching in car park area • Beginner trail behind XC container • General trail clearing on main XC network 		
2.2	<p>Next Build Day: 11th September 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>Downhill Track: Work is required to maintain this as a safe and challenging trail, particularly for future higher level racing opportunities. Hold off on engaging an external contractor for DH track until decision made on volunteer work to be completed. Focus to be on repairs from Halfways Down to Wombat.</p> <p>Junior Down Hill could be worked on at next build day. Rick wants to get materials in before then.</p> <p>Rick will continue to call for short notice build days when he becomes available.</p>	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	
2.3	<p>Josh received an email from Mike Hill in March 2022 highlighting that we will need to engage a Consultant (Ecologist) to complete an REF (Review of Environmental Factors) for any further new trails.</p> <p>5/08/2022 - Confirmed by new Forestry Representative (Jess) in meeting with Josh, Rick and Dallas that this will definitely be required however do not need to complete this in one large project – can be undertaken on smaller areas of the park as required.</p> <p>Road maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt Faulk Rd is high priority for Forestry but likely to take 12 months, Engineers have been out on site to assess - Jenkins Road from DH to northern boundary low on the list but Forestry were made aware of the poor emergency access at present – First Aid and Fire access for summer. <p>Internal climb to access Biraban: Jess indicated that we could submit plans/proposal but it won't be looked at by Forestry for some time. HMBA Reps advised that some of it may need to be through the Flora Area which has previously been advised is a no-go zone. Things may change one they have had a chance to fix Mt Faulk Road.</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</p>	Rick Kehoe Josh Bridson Dallas	

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	carpark the same as done to carpark 1 to prevent silting up the skills area. Forestry paperwork needs to be submitted.	Barham	
2.5	Maintenance discussion. Following the meeting with Community Partnerships (Andrew Bryant), Gary (from eco-accommodation project), Kent Hamilton (ex- Lusty Industries, now with council) HMBA have been asked to present at the upcoming Lake Macquarie Tourism Forum on Thursday 1/09/2022. There are tentative plans to arrange a Key Stakeholder meeting following this to investigate further ways that Council will be able to support HMBA in maintaining the mountain bike park.	Josh Bridson	In process
2.6	Downhill track to remain closed above "Halfways Down" and Biraban to remain closed for events while Mt Faulk Road is closed because emergency access does not exist. Will need to look at options for social access.		Under review
3.0	Finance report.		
3.1	Club account balance as at 15/08/2022: \$87,423. About \$3000 carried over from G Flow – might be impacted by refunds for those that cannot attend rescheduled event.	Warwick Turnbull	Ongoing
3.2	Josh suggested having a separate bank account for trail maintenance funds – to include sign sponsorship money and external promoter fees - Waz to look at options and advise.	Waz Turnbull	In process
4.0	Grants and Grant projects		
4.1	Container Roof / Shelter Materials for the containers have been delivered and are stored at Wye 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
4.4	Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 has just opened. Closes 23/9/22. Andrew Hardy is to provide Josh with information used in previous Grant Submissions to assist with potential application process. We may need to pay for external help.	Andrew Hardy / Josh Bridson	Under review
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.	Josh Bridson /	

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	Do we want to run something as part of our Dungog Event? Yes! Josh has requested Sarah Booth to liaise with Laura Renshaw in relation to this can come back with proposed options.	Sarah Booth / ?Laura Renshaw	
5.3	Lake Macquarie Council Rates received - \$359.69	Waz Turnbull	
5.4	Mark Welsh received an email from AusCycling – Does anyone want any technical regulation change? e.g. Start / finish zone in National XC races is a problem. Agreement that Mark Welsh could respond on behalf of HMBA based on his experience as Commissaire.	Mark Welsh	
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
7.0	Covid Plan		
7.1	Nothing required at present. Will be removed from next minutes and return if required.		
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	
8.3	Trail Jersey Order – same design as previous – short sleeve only – order window will close 31/08/2023 – HMBA to order some for stock.	Josh Bridson	
9.0	Awaba Maps and Signage		
9.1	Josh has purchased the Affinity Designer Software and has been working on updating the maps Josh to finalise and prepare for printing/installation	Josh Bridson	In process
9.2	Additional Trail Sponsorship signs agreed to. Josh to coordinate with interested parties – MIYF (installed) Dalton Partners (replace Ian Kidd Removals) TrafficPower (Dan) - 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) All sponsors have been emailed regarding extension of sponsorship through until January 2023. Then we can align payments with calendar year. Email hmbaweb@gmail.com if interested in sponsoring the	Josh Bridson	In Process

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	park.		
9.7	<p>Wild Polly Trail – signage required. 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>	<p>Dallas Barham</p> <p>Rick Kehoe</p>	
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>Steve Pryor has been testing this and found that it is not a good solution. Too fiddly to read and get data from – will be more challenging when trying to “water proof” it.</p>	Steve Pryor	
10	Container security		
10.1	No issues		
11	General Business		
11.1	Update on Coleen: Has been out on the track, and has had a ride around the Development Trail, etc. Getting a Hand Cycle and Bowhead is in progress.		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
11.3	<p>Should the club run a junior academy?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MW is keen to do some “skills” for younger kids at 8am prior to them riding the club events on XC race days.</p>		
11.4	Dallas – requested flyers to hand out re Awaba Park. These have been printed and we need to work out a strategy for distribution. Some taken by Committee Members to take to local bike shops.		Complete
11.5	<p>Mick asked about picnic tables for the Park – recycled plastic options around \$800 - \$1000 each</p> <p>Discussion: OK to spend up to \$3000. Josh / Rick to check out possible suppliers.</p>	Josh Bridson / Rick Kehoe	In process
11.6	Renewal of Forestry Permit – Josh has been in discussion with Jess and have addressed some issues with original document sent – this will be finalised / signed for 5-year period – can share with Committee members that would like to read this.		

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11.7	Reminder about taking out Club Membership without being an AusCycling Member – there is a process on the website on the Membership page. We have had 1 person take this out s far.		
11.8	Mark Welsh to reach out to AusCycling to find out about how they consider/cover electric adaptive cycles in racing/technical regulations and from Insurance perspective. (Notably full E-power without pedal assist such as Bowhead)	Mark Welsh	In process
11.9	Mark Nelmes – Has been talking to Jason English. Jason will contact Josh to further discuss HMBA association with Hunter Academy.		
	Meeting concluded at 8:56pm		
	Next meeting will be Monday 19/09/22 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton		

Recorded on behalf of HMBA: Steven Pryor

Date: 15/08/2022

Accepted on behalf of Committee: Joshua Bridson

Date: 18/09/2022