



Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Date:	19/06/2022
Location:	Awaba Mountain Bike Park, Olney State Forest, Cooranbong NSW
Meeting Started at:	9.00am

Chairman – Steven Pryor

- 1. Chairman’s welcome and acknowledgement of the Awabakal Traditional owners and Land managers – Forestry Corporation of NSW**
- 2. Registration of Members:**
The chairman confirms that the numbers for a quorum had been reached. 85 persons in attendance.
- 3. Apologies:**
Mick Bradford.
- 4. Minutes of previous AGM**
Acceptance of previous 2021 AGM minutes proposed by Phil Dunne and seconded by Clint Musgrove. Quorum accepted.
- 5. Annual report (Presented by Joshua Bridson)**
 - Club Membership – The club has 340 Active members. This represents an increase from the low point of around 200 we hit during the peak of Covid when all racing was on hold.
 - Gravity – We introduced G-Flow Enduro as a stepping stone to full gravity Enduro racing and we have had capacity fields at the 4 events that we have run so far with our next planned event for September 2022.
 - The ‘Monkey’ downhill trail maintains its reputation as one of the best ‘black diamond’ rated trails in Australia - numbers have been down for full downhill racing but our social shuttle days have proved popular, and we will look to continue these through the next 12 months. There are some preliminary discussions about potentially holding another national round at the track
 - XC. Obviously significantly weather affected over the past 6 months we have a full calendar planned for the upcoming year with races at Awaba, Singleton and Dungog including a return to some of our popular 3-hour races. We are hoping to capture some of the newcomers to our sports so please invite anyone along as you know our racing is quite social and it is a great introduction to the sport.

- Adaptive. We continue to work on expanding opportunities for adaptive riders. We are soon to install some bump rails on the development trail bridges and this will allow us to run races for adaptive riders – these will be combined with our regular cross-country races to enable an inclusive experience for all participants. We have plans for more adaptive trails and are looking to improve access across Biraban Trail.
- Trails - as you know across the past 2 years the popularity of mountain biking has swelled and the number of riders accessing our park has been huge. With this comes increased wear on the existing trail network and a focus over the next 12 months will be on trail maintenance and repairs, including potentially opening up some old trails for increased riding options. We would like to be expanding the park however there have been some changes at New South Wales Forestry. That means we now need to complete a formal environmental consultancy and planning process that means we probably won't be able to work on new trails for some time, however we are working through this process with various people to get things underway.
- We must say a special thanks to the ongoing support we receive from our landowners, Forestry Corporation of NSW, as well as to State Member for Lake Macquarie, Greg Piper and Lake Macquarie Mayor, Kay Fraser for their general support of club initiatives from time to time.
- We also need to acknowledge our partnerships with external businesses. We have received assistance from Hunter Shuttle Service on our G-Flow races and works in partnership with Rocky Trail Entertainment for their events, resulting in donations back to the club that we put into maintaining the trails.

I would specifically like to thank the following people that have helped me (and the Club) in the President Role over the past 15 months:

- Clint Musgrove
- Andrew Hardy
- Dallas Barham
- Warwick Turnbull
- Phil Dunne
- Sarah Booth
- Mark Nelmes
- Mick Bradford
- Steven Pryor
- Dean Kozlik
- Mark Welsh
- Rick Kehoe
- Coleen Kehoe
- John Richardson
- Michael Clarke
- Plus, other friends of the Club Committee – Tony E, Pete M, John P, Greg W, Liam M, Laura R, Georgia M, Emily D.

6. Financial Report (Presented by Warwick Turnbull)

Assets:

Cash at Bank	\$81,927	(+\$3k on 2020)
Equipment Assets	\$58,477	
Payables	(\$1,239)	
Net Assets	\$139,167	

Club received \$64k income for the 2021 year, comprising:

20% XC Race income
19% Grant Income
15% AusCycling Income
10% GFlow Income
8% Sign Sponsorship
6% DH Race Income
Balance - Merch Sales, Trail Donations, BBQ, Park Usage

Where did we spend, major expenditure:

45% Trail Works and Maintenance (Jump Line Development Trail, Rocky Corner rebuild, Falk Line bump rails)
25% Assets (2 sets of timing plates, Plate Compactor, Portable UHF Comm Units)

Balance was spent on Race Day costs

7. The Chairman declared all positions vacant.

8. Election of office bearers for 2021:

Position	Nominations	Elected
President	Josh Bridson (Valentine, NSW)	Josh Bridson
Vice President	Dallas Barham (Cooranbong, NSW)	Dallas Barham
Treasurer	Warren Turnbull	Warren Turnbull
Secretary	TBA	TBA
Public Officer	TBA	

9. Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor. Nil received.

10. General Business

A message of thanks to 2021 executive members.
No other general business.

Meeting close – 9.25am.