

## MINUTES OF MEETING

<b>Meeting No: 10</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	: Monthly meeting	<b>Date</b> : 17/10/2022
<b>Held at</b>	: Club Macquarie, Argenton	<b>Ref.</b> : HMBA– MOM - 010
<b>Prepared by</b>	: Bill Willis	<b>Issue date:</b> 19/10/2022

**Attendees:**

Steven Pryor, Joshua Bridson, Dallas Barham, John Richardson, Alex Marsh, Mark Nelmes, Rick Kehoe, Bill Willis, Warwick Turnbull, Phil Dunne

**Apologies:**

Andrew Hardy, Clint Musgrove, Mark Welsh, Dean Kozlik, Mick Bradford, Sarah Booth

**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
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Monthly Racing reports</b>		
1.1	Cross Country Racing – Midweek XC Rnd 3 21/09/2022 – Rain held off for the race, 21 riders, 20% ladies, Steve set same course Phil had used. Was a good event  Next Race: Scheduled on 23/10/2022 – 3 hour XC	Phil Dunne	Ongoing
1.2	Downhill – Nil due to road conditions  Faulk Line / Halfways Down is open for use – Sarah to determine if a social event is possible, and when	Sarah Booth	Ongoing
1.3	Gravity Enduro – Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Really good event, 34 riders, ran really well with 1 run at each of 3 courses  Next – Dungog – 22/10/22 Forecast is for rain – wait until Wednesday for decision on postponement. If postpone, do both G-Flow and XC events	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
1.5	Adaptive Race – HMBA will plan future Adaptive Categories – agreed on the need to gain greater support/commitment from local adaptive riders.		Ongoing

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1.6	<p>Update on 2022 Calendar</p> <p>Jan 16 XC + DH + Adaptive - Awaba</p> <p>Feb 9, 16 &amp; 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 Awaba – 3-hour</p> <p>August 21 – DH Awaba - cancelled</p> <p>Sept 7, 14 &amp; 21 – XC Night Racing Awaba</p> <p>Sept 25 – G -Flow at Awaba</p> <p>Oct 22 – Dungog G-Flow</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	State XC Races	Josh Bridson	Ongoing
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Build Days and trail maintenance</b>		
2.1	<p>Update for last month – 2/10/2022 – about 12 people in attendance – relative early start due to daylight savings - Completed Clints bridge railing, delivered rock and installed above K-Lite bridge, moved rock to skills area</p>	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing

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2.2	<p>Next Build Day: 6/11/2022 Plan to be finalised by Rick and Dallas.</p> <p>Trying for mega build day Replace Clints bridge deck, maybe rock armour some of it, move framework to rainforest after chute?? Rick's team to work on Junior Downhill, bridges – need bodies to move lots of material. Rick wants to get materials in beforehand John's team to re-open XC Climb where big tree has fallen <b>Burger vouchers from Chris at Burger Urge to be given out</b></p> <p>Biraban: Longer term plan for bridges to be built in wetter section toward Thornton Heights. Otherwise, ongoing 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>Rick will continue to call for short notice build days when he becomes available.</p> <p>Rick has been contracted to do some work on around Mawkes bridge down to the Ant Hill – Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> start, up to 5 days work</p>	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing
2.3	<p>HMBA need to engage a Consultant (Ecologist) to complete an REF (Review of Environmental Factors) for any further new trails. Quote received ~\$13-15k</p> <p>Quote accepted and decided to go ahead with the REF – Josh to liaise with Ecologist and action to commence ASAP</p>	Josh Bridson	Ongoing
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	Ongoing

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2.5	<p>Trail Maintenance discussion with LMCC.</p> <p>Original meeting with Community Partnerships (Andrew Bryant), Gary (from eco-accommodation project), Kent Hamilton (ex-Lusty Industries, now with council), Josh and Dallas.</p> <p>HMBA presented at the Lake Macquarie Tourism Forum on Thursday 1/09/2022 – linked this presentation to the draft Destination Management Plan.</p> <p>Key Stakeholder meeting on Tuesday 20/09/2022 to investigate further ways that Council will be able to support HMBA in maintaining the mountain bike park. Diverse group of dozen people from council, looking at forming partnership with the club. Council to come back with their direction – key person on leave.</p>	Josh Bridson	In process
2.6	<p>Downhill track is closed above “Halfway Downs” but the lower half is open.</p> <p>Biraban open for social access but to remain closed for events while Mt Faulk Road is closed because emergency access does not exist.</p>		Under review
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Finance report.</b>		
3.1	Club account balance as at 19/09/2022: \$84,564	Warwick Turnbull	Ongoing
3.2	Separate bank account to be setup for trail maintenance funds – requires President and Treasurer to attend Westpac together to open new account as old one used for P450 has been closed	Warwick Turnbull	Ongoing
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Grants and Grant projects</b>		
4.1	<p>Container Roof / Shelter</p> <p>Materials for the containers have been delivered and are stored at Wye Transport. Engineering drawings now obtained.</p> <p>Simon Conway and Clint to construct and install – date TBA.</p> <p>Anthony (Facebook) has offered long-reach loader to assist with install. Waiting till Covid allows us to proceed.</p>	Clint Musgrove	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.		On hold
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	Applied for grant from Australian Sports Foundation – training shirts		In process
4.5	Mountain Bike Direct are approaching clubs with gifts, we are hopeful – we have had some small amounts in the past and continue to receive these as part of the Dollars for Dirt Program.		In process
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Correspondence and notifications</b>		
5.1	<p>Contact from Veteran’s Affairs. Contact is no longer Rachel.</p> <p>Sarah to follow-up for new contact details and discuss ‘Come and Try’ and maintenance options.</p>	Sarah Booth	On hold

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5.2	Received registration for bike trailer TH39PN, due 26/10/2022 Change address on rego to park address	Warwick Turnbull	In process
5.2	AusCycling – Focus on Women’s Cycling in October. Do we want to run something as part of our Dungog Event? Yes! Sarah Booth and Laura Renshaw to run a Skills Session.	Josh Bridson Sarah Booth / Laura Renshaw	Ongoing
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Advocacy</b>		
6.1	Feedback on Faulk Line from Adaptive Riders required following more recent track work.		In process
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Club merchandise</b>		
7.1	Josh to manage T-Shirts. Will consider new design when ready. AstroVisual order has gone ahead, the business is shutting down due to illness. Steve is giving us artwork and details of their supplier	Josh Bridson	In process
7.2	Mark Nelmes asked about club hats / caps – Logo supplied by Josh. Coleen assisted with monkey image for use on caps. Mark to check 2 samples tomorrow May have for the weekend - Plan to sell at locations we are running events, on website also.	Mark Nelmes	In process
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Awaba Maps and Signage</b>		
8.1	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
8.2	Additional Trail Sponsorship signs agreed to. Josh to coordinate with interested parties – Dalton Partners (to be located in ‘sunny’ area) 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 park.	Josh Bridson	In Process
8.3	Trail counters: Forestry trail counter (Traker Count - before tunnel on return): Current average 56.82 Riders per day as at 21/09/2022 - down due to wet weather and park closures.	Steve Pryor	

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	New Trail Counter update: Josh obtained updated quote for a new Traker Count ~\$830. Decision not to proceed at present – Bill W to look at other options – electronic and mechanical.	Bill Willis	
<b>9</b>	<b>Container security</b>		
9.1	No issues		
<b>10</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
10.1	Update on Coleen: Out and about, keen to ride Awaba		Ongoing
10.2	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.		
10.3	Picnic tables for the Park – recycled plastic options around \$800 - \$1000 each. Agree to spend up to \$3000.  Identified Supplier has fallen through Rick will look at some options in discussion with John Richardson - make ourselves, or buy outright???	Rick Kehoe / John Richardson	In process
10.4	Dallas to follow up on rakes to buy	Dallas Barham	In process
10.5	Mark N suggests we need podium for presentations – supported by all present. People thinking how to do this – use existing sandstone blocks.	Mark Nelmes	Ongoing
10.6	Rick needs 30m timber for bridge edges. To source from previous supplier (Phil’s brother) and club to be invoiced.	Rick Kehoe Warwick Turnbull	In process
	<b>Meeting concluded at 21:00</b>		
	<b>Next meeting will be Monday 14/11/22 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton</b>		

Recorded on behalf of HMBA: Bill Willis

Date: 17/10/2022

Accepted on behalf of Committee: Joshua Bridson

Date: 23/10/2022