



Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Date:	20/08/2023
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. 75 persons in attendance.
3. **Apologies:**
Mick Bradford, Clint Musgrove
4. **Minutes of previous AGM**
Acceptance of previous 2022 AGM minutes proposed by Warwick Turnbull and seconded by John Richardson. Quorum accepted.
5. **Annual report (Presented by President, Joshua Bridson)**
 - I am going to start out with thanks for the ongoing support we receive from our landowners, Forestry Corporation of NSW, as well as to State Member for Lake Macquarie, Greg Piper and Federal Member for the Hunter Dan Repacholi and Lake Macquarie City Council for their general support of club initiatives and events.
 - We also need to acknowledge our partnerships with external businesses.
 - Burger Urge
 - Watagans Takeaway Café
 - Crofto MTB Gear
 - Momentum is your Friend.
 - Dalton Partners
 - Breakaway Cycles
 - Drift Bikes
 - Bay Bike Co
 - Rocket Suspension
 - Maxim Business Advisors
 - Milleen Construction
 - Rocky Trail Entertainment

- Please support these businesses and let them know where you are from so that they continue to sponsor the club.
- 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:
 - Dallas Barham
 - Warwick Turnbull
 - Bill Willis
 - Phil Dunne
 - Sarah Booth
 - Mark Nelmes
 - Rick Kehoe
 - Dean Kozlik
 - Clint Musgrove
 - Mick Bradford
 - Alex Marsh
 - Steven Pryor
 - John Richardson
 - Mark Welsh
 - Coleen Kehoe
 - Evan Stevenson
 - Plus, other friends of the Club Committee
- Club Membership – The club has around 400 Active members registered with AusCycling. This represents continued growth over the past 12-18 months.
- XC. Well we've had a much better run over the past 12 months with the weather and provided a mixed Calendar of standard club races at Awaba, as well as a 3-hour at Singleton and our popular summer and winter night race series. It has been hard to run a true full championship since Covid and the wet period, but we are back on course this year. As always, we welcome beginner and newcomers to this first steppingstone into the world of competitive mountain biking.
- For what feels like a couple of years now Downhill Racing has been on hiatus, but social shuttle days have proved popular and a great way to let people build up to tackling the full 'Monkey'. We are super pleased to have recently completed a refresh of this trail and are looking forward to kicking off racing again, starting today. Our downhill trail maintains its reputation as one of the best 'black diamond' rated trails in Australia and we look forward to seeing the best in the nation once again tackle the rocks and steeps in anger.
- Gravity – Well hasn't G-Flow Enduro just blown up – we've had full capacity fields at all of the events that we have run in the past 12 months. Our recent 3 round series saw a dozen of our finest GE aficionados take out their respective categories as 2023 G-Flow Enduro Champions. No chance this won't be back in 2024, although might be a bit later in the year, because...
- We are going to be busy for a few months – we are planning a large-scale event for the first quarter of 2024 – can't say much now but all will be revealed in the next 4 weeks or so.
- So an update on Trails – Last time I spoke to you I mentioned changes at New South Wales Forestry that required us to complete a formal environmental consultancy and planning process – well that has taken the best part of 12 months, maybe more, and we still don't have the final approval – but we have a completed report sitting on Forestry's desk and we are 99.9% sure this will be signed off in the next fortnight. We are viewing this as a 3–5-year plan and includes approximately 8km of new trails for the park, comprised of:
 - An extension to the development trail and new start loop for XC racing, which will be the focus of our upcoming build day.

- More gravity trails from near the Faulk Line platform and the top of Camelback
- An extension of the Wild Polly jump line
- Various short sections of connecting trail to increase loop options.
- As always, I am going to encourage anyone to get involved and support the club. We would love to see some new faces join our old ones on the committee to shape the future direction of this great club.
- And if being on the committee is not for you, please keep coming to our races, donate where you can, and grab some of our merchandise – everything we raise goes back into making this park a great place to be.

6. Financial Report (Presented by Warwick Turnbull)

Assets:

Cash at Bank	\$86,772.58	(+\$5k on 2021)
Equipment Assets	\$57,479	
Payables	(\$390)	
Net Assets	\$143,862	

Income Statement:

Club received \$54k Income for the 2022 year, comprising:

26%	Awaba Usage (rocky Tail, White Lightning, MIYF)
19%	AusCycling Income
15%	GFlow Race Income
14%	XC Race income
08%	Grant Income
06%	DH Race Income
03%	Sign Sponsorship
Balance	Merch Sales (thx Pres), Trail Karma Donations

Where did we spend:

Trail Works and Maintenance (Bridges, Bump rails, Bottom Car Park Skills Area)
Assets (Track Box and timing plates)

Balance was spent on Race Day costs.

7. The Chairman declared all positions vacant.

8. Election of office bearers for 2023:

Position	Nominations	Elected
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President	Josh Bridson	Josh Bridson
Vice President	Dallas Barham	Dallas Barham
Treasurer	Warwick Turnbull	Warwick Turnbull
Secretary	John Richardson	John Richardson
Public Officer	TBA	

9. Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor. Nil received.

10. General Business

No other general business.

Meeting close – 9.20am.