

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No: 79		
Subject	: Monthly Meeting	Date : 09/09/2024
Held at	: Club Macquarie, Argenton	Ref. : HMBA- MOM - 930
Prepared by	: Laura Renshaw	Issue date:

Attendees: Joshua Bridson, Laura Renshaw, Dane Critchlow, Steven Pryor, Evan Steverson, Dean Kozlik, John Richardson, Phil Dunne, Leighsa Cox, Melanie Hoffman, Tim Cox

Online: Mark Nelmes, Rick Kehoe, Colleen Kehoe, Grant Jones, Warwick Turnbull, Sarah Booth

Apologies: Dallas Barham, Mark Welsh, Mick Bradford, Alex Marsh

Legend – For discussion at next meeting – add to Agenda
 To remain on minutes for future discussion if needed
 To be removed from next minutes

Item	Action	By Whom	Status
1.0	Minutes of the previous meeting		
1.1	August 2024 - Confirmed and accepted as a correct record	Joshua Bridson	Complete
2.0	Correspondence and notifications		
2.1	AusCycling – Club Seminar – Lake Macquarie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh, Dane, Laura and Dallas Attended • Reps from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Singleton, Dungog MTB ○ Maitland and Lake Mac BMX ○ Hunter and Central Coast Road • Main topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Auscycling Game Plan Online Resource ○ Volunteers, Child Safeguarding ○ MPIO ○ Clubs will need to have Game Plan to apply for grants 	Joshua Bridson Dane Critchlow	Complete
2.2	Trail Hire to NSW Gravity Race Organisers at Mt Borah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dane and Laura took Trailer • Well used, Trailer back safe and sound • 30th August – 1st September • Club Members Harper, Dane, Laura and Ben attended • Check payment 	Joshua Bridson	Complete
2.3	Defibrillator needs to be checked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Monthly Check, recall possible • John Richardson to follow up 	John Richardson	Closed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and close item 		
2.4	<p>Telstra Networks (DH Timing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4G Nighthawk boxes purchased 		Closed
2.5	<p>Email from Quad Crown – Black Pearl in 2025 – 8/03/2024 for Awaba (Sat 8th March 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will ask for volunteers closer 		Ongoing
2.6	<p>Email from Barrington Bike Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to borrow our DH trailer in November for an event I have approved as they are sponsoring the trailer 		
2.7	<p>Email from Watagan Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring the Trailer Sign in the park – location? <p>New Potential Sign Sponsor – Cessnock Bicycle Club</p>		
2.8	Singleton MTB – 22/09/2024 Cross Country Race		
2.9	St John First Aid - New rate, large increase (50%?) May need to increase Race Entry Fees		
3.0	Monthly Racing reports		
3.1	<p>Cross Country Racing – 18/08/2024 Report Link:</p> <p>No. of Riders: 47 Key takeaways: Course set was “Just right”, weather perfect, trails in great condition</p> <p>Next Wednesday Night races:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th September 9th October <p>Next Event: 20th October 2024 Race scheduled at Awaba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing – Alex Possibility of Kids timed race on the Development Track (Evan, Dean) Trial at October Race First Aid – Phil to follow up Toilet – Onsite Track Setting – Dean Kids skills from 8.00 – Evan Junior ride 8.30 – Following Kids Skills Commissaire for official starts Podium to be at the end of race day Adaptive riders – more than a week’s notice required 	Phil Dunne	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday night races. Midweek dates 11th September, 9th October 2024 		
3.2	<p>Downhill – 18th August 2024</p> <p>Report Link: No. of Riders: 18</p> <p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Prime Conditions' <p>Next Event: 20th October 2024 Race scheduled at Awaba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid - Booked Bus – yes, Coleen chasing Timing - Landon Radios – Rick Kehoe Riders Briefing - Minimum 3 Marshalls Shuttles start 9.00 Riders to be registered by Friday to allow confirmation of bus hire Cut off 20 Entries Podium to be at the end of race day Need Update to Point score please 	Sarah Booth	Ongoing
3.3	<p>G-Flow Enduro – 14th/15th September Final of Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 day race event – Practice on Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 or 4 stages Shuttles - Booked Numbers – capped at 100 Mechanic – light work Photography – SPC Coffee Van – Booked Lvn Life Adaptive – no entries at current VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED 3 or 4 stages First Aid – Booked on their system Shuttles – Booked – Granted Ride Numbers – capped at 100 Mechanic – Steve from Cessnock Bicycle Company (new van) 	Mark Nelmes	Ongoing
3.4	<p>AusCycle – XC and DH Nationals in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	Josh Bridson	Ongoing

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3.5	Adaptive Race – HMBA will plan future Adaptive Categories – agreed on the need to gain greater support/commitment from local adaptive riders.		Ongoing
3.6	<p>2024 Calendar</p> <p>January 21 - Cross Country (XC) & Downhill (DH) February 25 - XC & DH April 21 - XC only as DH State Series is on May 18-19 - Gravity Enduro (GE) May 26 – Singleton MTB CLUB June 23 - XC & DH July 20-21 – GE July 28 – Singleton MTB CLUB August 18 - XC & DH September 13 – NSW School Series – run by Jason English September 14-15 – GE September 22 – Singleton MTB CLUB October 20 - XC & DH November 17 - XC & DH December 15 - XC & DH</p> <p>All races are at Awaba Mountain Bike Park.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Dates are subject to change depending on fire, flood, falling flora, feral fauna, foolish folk forging flawed fall lines, etc</p>	Phil Dunne Sarah Booth Mark Nelmes	
Note	Process for postponing races - move it back one week then if not possible – cancel.		For review in future
4.0	Trail Coordinator Report – Park Status		
4.1	<p>Build Day 08/09/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 Attended New Trail Half cut in up to creek Crew worked on filling bandicoot holes DH Trail attended – Faulk Line and DH Blown 	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing
4.2	<p>Next Build Day: TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DH + Wild Polly need some Attention Plan to be finalised by Rick and Dallas. Dallas keen to begin ‘Rock on Garth’ around Pond <p>Future Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Trail Extension – poles for start off Jenkins Rd 	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overpass for start of Monkey Chase on Faulk Line, and similar for proposed new internal climb (i.e. over DH track). Rick is currently planning this • Biraban - Longer term plan for bridges to be built in wetter section toward Thornton Heights. Trail work • Wild Polly freshen up 		
4.3	<p>Awaba MTB Park Maps</p> <p>XC Map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallas to talk with Coleen more directional sign at junction points <p>Other maps – DH and Adaptive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in process <p>Open Closed sign at front gate to be installed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars not to drive to S-Bend road for Biraban pick up. Signs to say last pick up point at Downhill Finish. 	<p>Josh Bridson</p> <p>Rick Kehoe</p>	In process
4.4	<p>Trail Sponsorship signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email hmbaweb@gmail.com if interested in sponsoring the park. 	<p>Josh Bridson</p>	In Process
4.5	<p>Trail counters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This month average 33 riders per day ○ Last month average 30 riders per day • Trail head: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This month average 57 riders per day ○ Last month average 65 riders per day • DH Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No reader on track 	<p>Alex Marsh</p>	In process
4.6	<p>Container Security – Key Register</p> <p>XC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 – Rick Kehoe ○ 9 - Dallas ○ 1 – Josh ○ 2 – Phil ○ 3 – Steve ○ 4 – Mark Nelmes ○ 5 – John ○ 6 – Dean ○ 7 – Mick ○ 11 - Mark W 	<p>Committee</p>	Ongoing
5.0	Finance Report		
5.1	<p>Club account balance as at 17/06/2024:</p> <p>\$4812 WBC Trail Maintenance Account</p> <p>\$58,219 WBC Community Solutions Account</p>	<p>Warwick Turnbull</p>	Ongoing

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	<p><u>\$3153</u> PayPal Account</p> <p><u>\$66,184</u> Total Cash at bank</p> <p>Spending: New posts, bollards, signs, timber, trailer costs, upcoming large outgoing toward new Pump Track. Skills area</p> <p>Outstanding payments: -Andrew – Mount Borah Trailer Hire -Awaiting Granted Ride Invoice -Will be \$\$ from Jasons Kids Race \$5 per rider</p>		
5.2	<p>Club Merchandise</p> <p>Jerseys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XC Race Jerseys – 4 Trial Jerseys S,M, L and XL • \$50 Jersey short; \$60 Jersey long; Custom name options + \$10 • Orders closed with Sincity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 36 Items Sold ○ Club Purchasing additional 18 (various sizes) ○ Cessnock Bicycle Company Purchased 20 ○ Discounted for Committee Members ○ Thanks Mel and Josh 	Josh Bridson	In process
5.3	<p>Club Merchandise</p> <p>T-Shirts/Hoodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print-on Demand model works well when advertised. <p>Other Merch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats and Glasses still available via “old store” – post and pick-up options • Stubby holders 	Josh Bridson	In process
6.0	Special Projects Report		
6.2	<p>Grant Application with Responsible Wood for 4 wooden tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 still to be located at DH finish line area – Rick to Prepare Area. 	John Richardson	In process
6.3	<p>Grant - Community Building Partnership 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were successful for our application – CBP23 - 0472 – Awaba Mountain Bike Park Pump Track • Bill finalising paperwork for grant, signatures done, Club has till end of 2025 to complete, keep records, receipts, photos, posts to thank Govt • \$38000 grant - \$22000 co-contribution from HMBA • Dallas and Rick to talk to trail build company • To be different to other Pump tracks. More MTB based design. • East Coast to come inspect site and give more input, final firm quote, site plan and will gather start date. Design needs to fit “broad description of grant” 	Bill Willis Rick Kehoe Dallas Barham	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiming to link in with existing jump line and development trail network Talk of converting northern side of 2nd carpark to skills/pump Southern edge of 2nd carpark push out for carpark offset. Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rick had meeting with East Coast last week, plans and materials still need discussion Have to check wording and specifics of Grant, most keen for skills area vs traditional pump track Forestry advised we needed REF to change carpark for skills area 		
7.0	Advocacy / Adaptive Report		
7.1	Nil		
8.0	General Business		
8.1	Junior academy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On hold Consideration is how to do this and have participants covered for insurance – use Come and Try Days combined with Free Trial Period 	Joshua Bridson Sarah Booth	Ongoing
8.2	How to have HMBA successfully link people back to the club for support and marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed ‘Hall of Fame’ board in the park somewhere? Review when the shelter is up. 	Mark Welsh	Ongoing
8.3	Insurance for trailers and waivers required for bike damage when used for shuttling on DH days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clause to be inserted into event entry on Race Results – will use tick box if available. 	Warwick Turnbull /Alex Marsh	In process
8.4	New DH Trailer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Approved sponsor positions Invoices have been sent (All have paid) Update: Printing needed (eta by next week) 	Warwick Turnbull Coleen Boyes	Ongoing
8.5	First aid training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coleen spoke to Lin from St Johns \$176per (min 6 people). Location TBC Update: Ongoing 	Coleen Boyes	Ongoing
8.7	Possible NSW Gravity Round (DH/Enduro) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: Dates in discussion 	Rick Kehoe	Ongoing
8.9	Cessnock Bike Co – Steve Whitby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordered 20 jerseys We need to invoice for them - \$1000 		
9.1	Park happenings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of dangerous driver sightings again 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold commodore with black trim, bumper • Be aware, alert • Update: Been abusing riders 		
9.2	Update to Results Page and photos on website please <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos done (thanks to Leighsa) 		
9.3	Shuttle/Dig Day - Grant Raised concerns over Booking Times and Dig Days, whether to shut trails etc Need to communicate to drivers which trails been used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please communicate with Grant at grantedride@gmail.com as to which trails being worked on and any trail closures asap to Dig Day 		
	Points for next committee meeting Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
	Meeting concluded at 8:36pm		
	Next meeting will be Monday October 14th 2024 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton and then: Monday 11th November 2024 Monday 9th December 2024		

Recorded on behalf of HMBA:

Date: **09/09/2024**