

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No: 85		
Subject	: Monthly Meeting	Date : 07/04/2025
Held at	: Club Macquarie	Ref. : HMBA- MOM - 933
Prepared by	: Laura Renshaw	Issue date: 8/4/2025

Attendees: Joshua Bridson, Laura Renshaw, Dane Critchlow, Melanie Hoffman, John Richardson, Dallas Barham, Mark Welsh, John Richardson, Steve Pryor, Leighsa Cox, Grant Jones, Dean Kozlic.

Online: Bill Willis, Evan Steverson, Coleen Boyes, Rick Kehoe, Linton Budden, Phil Dunne, Tony Edwards, Waz Turnbull, Mark Nelmes

Apologies: Mick Bradford

- 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	March 2025 - Confirmed and accepted as a correct record	Joshua Bridson	Complete
2.0	Correspondence and notifications		
2.1	Black Pearl Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not the best weather but the park sustained minimal damage Club received \$850 		
2.2	Email from AusCycling – John Novak Dear Joshua, AusBike will shortly be delivering a school holiday program at Maitland Public School for students aged 8-12 years. We would love to tie this experience together with the Hunter Mountain Bike Association as it is an opportunity for you to speak to your audience and potentially gain new members. A couple of questions for you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have any club marketing material (flyers/cards/posters etc) that you would like us to hand out to students? Do you have any upcoming events that you would like us to promote for you? If not already in place, would you be open to running a club Come & Try day in the weeks following the school holiday program? We can promote this at the AusBike program. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you be willing to share the holiday registration link on your club Facebook page? • FB Team please action <p>I'm copying in the link below: https://www.revolutionise.com.au/auscyclingnsw/events/288750</p> <p>It would be great to work on this together.</p> <p>Regards, John</p>		
2.3	Email from Cessnock Bike Co re Awaba Cup perpetual trophy		Ongoing
2.4	Email – Jason English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Event on 9/05/2025 		
3.0	Monthly Racing reports		
3.1	<p>Cross Country Racing – March 23rd 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit wet • Shortened Race <p>Report Link: https://hmba.asn.au/2025/03/23/hmba-xc-results-awaba-cup-round-3-23-03-2025/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJgZBxleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHh3C-24vPvehHfyhwZmQz2AjD5FOLrw4juBgw1rNY8bGLkyZO8Cw7qul53rT_aem_BB4fQVTzG-Wxj9EI-YNglw</p> <p>No. of Riders: Juniors 21 Seniors 75</p> <p>Next Event: May 18th 2025 Race scheduled at Awaba – Junior and Graded racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing – Phil/Ali • Possibility of Kids timed race on the Development Track (Evan, Dean) • First Aid – Confirmed • Toilet – Onsite • Track Setting – Dean • Junior Race 8.00 Start? Evan and Mark • Junior race – U11/13's • Commissaire for official starts • Podium to be at the end of race day • Adaptive riders – more than a week's notice required • Entry fees to increase from March 2025 	Phil Dunne	Ongoing
3.2	<p>Downhill – March 23rd 2025</p> <p>Report Link: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BotkpT9R4/</p> <p>No. of Riders: 17</p>	Mark Nelmes	Ongoing

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	<p>Next Event: May 18th 2025 scheduled at Awaba, D Grade Practice From Biraban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Aid - Booked ● Bus – Granted Ride – 6 month trial ● Timing – Landon ● Radios – Rick ● Riders Briefing – Mark Nelmes ● Minimum 3 Marshalls – Rick Organised ● Shuttles start 9.00 ● Riders to be registered by Friday to allow confirmation of bus hire ● Cut off 30 Entries 		
<p>3.3</p>	<p>G-Flow Enduro – April 12/13, July 19/20, Sept 27/28</p> <p>Report Link:</p> <p>No of Riders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 day race event – Practice on Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 stages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biraban ▪ Reverse Straw ▪ Faulk Line into Pump Track ● Shuttles – Granted Ride (Sat 10, Sun 9) ● FB Team to push please 8pm Friday cut off ● Numbers – capped at 100 ● Mechanic – Dallas Breakaway ● Photography – ? ● Coffee Van – Serendipity Sunday ● Adaptive – ● VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ● Sunday (Mark, Dallas, Steve, Tony) 		<p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>3 MOUNTAIN BIKE (MTB)</p> <p>Riders must always race within their age category. In circumstances where field sizes are small race organisers may combine categories or run multiple categories at the same time to simulate larger fields and promote development. When this occurs riders must not exceed maximum race durations for their current age category.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #333; color: white;"> <th>Age Cat</th> <th>Age Span</th> <th>Max Race Duration (XCO)</th> <th>Max Race Duration Endurance (XCM)</th> <th>Max Race Duration Gravity Enduro **</th> <th>General Notes and Considerations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>U11</td> <td>9-10</td> <td>15 mins</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U13</td> <td>11-12</td> <td>25 mins</td> <td>1 hour</td> <td>2 hours</td> <td>Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U15</td> <td>13-14</td> <td>45 mins</td> <td>2 hours</td> <td>3 hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>U17</td> <td>15-16</td> <td>1 hour</td> <td>3 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J19</td> <td>17-18</td> <td>1.25 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> <td>5 hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>U23</td> <td>19-22</td> <td>1.25-1.5 hours</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>Separate U23 category is only applicable to XCO. Where there is a separate U23 category, riders may apply to AusCycling for dispensation to ride up in Elite when UCI points are available.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*XC Endurance includes XCM, multi lap endurance events up to and including 24hr races. Time is the total time spent riding during the event. It is recommended that race organisers facilitate U13, U15 and U17 categories by encouraging team relay style racing in longer endurance events.</p> <p>**Gravity Enduro (GE) time is total time for the event including timed and liaison stages.</p>	Age Cat	Age Span	Max Race Duration (XCO)	Max Race Duration Endurance (XCM)	Max Race Duration Gravity Enduro **	General Notes and Considerations	U11	9-10	15 mins	n/a	n/a	Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.	U13	11-12	25 mins	1 hour	2 hours	Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.	U15	13-14	45 mins	2 hours	3 hours		U17	15-16	1 hour	3 hours	4 hours		J19	17-18	1.25 hours	4 hours	5 hours		U23	19-22	1.25-1.5 hours	n/a	n/a	Separate U23 category is only applicable to XCO. Where there is a separate U23 category, riders may apply to AusCycling for dispensation to ride up in Elite when UCI points are available.		
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3.4	<p>AusCycle – 2025 State Series - DH and XC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravity Downhill Round 11/12 October Announced • XC – June 14/15 – Racing on Sunday only 	Josh Bridson	Complete																																										
3.5	<p>Adaptive Race – HMBA will plan future Adaptive Categories – agreed on the need to gain greater support/commitment from local adaptive riders.</p>		Ongoing																																										
3.6	<p>2025 Calendar</p> <p>January 19 - Cross Country (XC1) & Downhill (DH1)</p> <p>February 16 – XC2 & DH2 – 2024 Presentation</p> <p>March 23 – XC3 & DH3</p> <p>April 12/13 – GE1</p> <p>May 18 – XC4 & DH4 (AGM – catch up presentation for DH)</p> <p>June 15 – State XC Series Race (points for Awaba Cup - XC5*)</p> <p>June 29 - DH5</p> <p>July 19/20 – GE2</p> <p>August 17 – XC6 & DH6</p> <p>September 27/28 – GE3</p> <p>October 11/12 – DH State Series + HMBA DH Club Champs</p> <p>October 26 – XC Club Champs – clashes with Sea Otter</p> <p>November 16 – XC7 & DH7</p> <p>December 14 – Social Event – XC & DH - Presentation for HMBA Awaba Cup</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 Coleen Boyes Dane Critchlow																																											

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build Day – 6/04/2024 – Rick did some work on DH Trail Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed by East Coast Mountain Trails Inclusive of 1 day of donated team labour for Cowbell Corner Bypass Siberia Loop repairs and realignment \$5000 to come from Trail Maintenance funding Dallas did a weed spray on the PJR Track 		Ongoing
4.2	<p>Next Build Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27th April (Anzac Day Weekend) FB Team please action <p>Future Projects:</p> <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 	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing
4.3	<p>Awaba MTB Park Maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XC Map: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update complete Sent for printing Install TBA Other maps – DH and Adaptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in process Look into “What three words” location or other option – input from NSW Ambulance required <p>Signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/Closed sign at front gate to be installed – any update? Cars not to drive to S-Bend road for Biraban pick up. Signs to say last pick up point at Downhill Finish. Dallas keen for signage with small maps, to expand on location instructional, key intersections, back to car park etc Large AWABA MTB PARK sign to be made for on Sandstone Blocks – sent for printing? 	Josh Bridson Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	In process
4.4	Trail Sponsorship signs:	Josh Bridson	In Process

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email hmbaweb@gmail.com if interested in sponsoring the park. 														
4.5	<p>Trail counters: (no counts available this month)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past 2 months average 22 riders per day Last month average (FEB) 28 riders per day Trail head: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past 2 months average 64 riders per day Last month average (FEB) 51 riders per day Dane and Dallas can help with trail counts each Month (please inform secretary prior to Monthly meeting) DH Trail: No reader on track 	Alex Marsh	In process												
4.6	<p>Container Security – Key Register:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">1 - Josh</td> <td style="width: 33%;">2 - Phil</td> <td style="width: 33%;">3 - Steve</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 – Mark N</td> <td>5 – John</td> <td>6 - Dean</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 – Mick / Dane</td> <td>8 – Rick</td> <td>9- Dallas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 -</td> <td>11 Mark W</td> <td>12 -</td> </tr> </table>	1 - Josh	2 - Phil	3 - Steve	4 – Mark N	5 – John	6 - Dean	7 – Mick / Dane	8 – Rick	9- Dallas	10 -	11 Mark W	12 -	Committee	Ongoing
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5.1	<p>Club account balance as at /2025:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">\$7,542</td> <td>WBC Trail Maintenance Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$37,875</td> <td>WBC Community Solutions Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$3,553</td> <td>PayPal Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$48,970</td> <td>Total Cash at bank</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payables: \$500 - Sign Sponsor (Drift?) \$850 - Quad Crown</p> <p>Upcoming Outgoings: Signage from Coleen for trailer Trail work ~ \$5000 Siberia</p> <p>Expected cash at bank: \$50,320</p> <p>Note: To increase Per Rider fee for Event Organisers (Waz to investigate)</p>	\$7,542	WBC Trail Maintenance Account	\$37,875	WBC Community Solutions Account	\$3,553	PayPal Account	<hr/>		\$48,970	Total Cash at bank	Warwick Turnbull	Ongoing		
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5.2	<p>Club Merchandise:</p> <p>Jerseys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XC Race Jerseys – \$50 - 4 spares Trail Jerseys - \$50 (SS) / \$60 (LS) <p>Limited number of Monkey Bucket Hats - \$25</p>	<p>Josh Bridson</p> <p>Mel Hoffman</p>	In process												
5.3	<p>Club Merchandise</p> <p>T-Shirts/Hoodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Print-on Demand model on hold. <p>Other Merch:</p>	Josh Bridson	In process												

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hats and Glasses still available via “old store” – post and pick-up options Stubby holders 		
6.0	Special Projects Report		
6.1	<p>Grant Application with Responsible Wood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 wooden table still to be located at DH finish line area – Rick to Prepare Area. End of any month in the near future 😊 please. New Application for wood for new skills area (TNT Trail) - No update, Laura has emailed Bill Willis helping with previous info re wood suppliers – need to be PEFC, Responsible Wood or FSC certified 	<p>Rick Kehoe</p> <p>Josh Bridson Laura Renshaw Dane Critchlow</p>	In process
6.2	<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 Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed name – Pump Jump Repeat Signage update? Report by September - Bill Keep financial records 5 years Acknowledge support in financial reports (NSW Govt) Opening Day? Invite Member Greg Piper Before and after shots – send to Bill Promoted via Social Media 	<p>Bill Willis Dane Critchlow</p>	
6.3	<p>Club Builder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Assistance Program Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josh sent preliminary info through No updates 	<p>Josh Bridson</p> <p>Evan Steverson</p>	
7.0	Advocacy / Adaptive Report		
7.1	Nil		
8.0	General Business		
8.1	<p>Junior academy:</p> <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 	<p>Joshua Bridson</p> <p>Sarah Booth</p>	Ongoing
8.2	<p>How to have HMBA successfully link people back to the club for support and marketing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed ‘Hall of Fame’ board in the park somewhere? Review when the shelter is up. 	<p>Mark Welsh</p>	Ongoing
8.3	<p>Emergency Points around the park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John R has information from Narooma Josh B making enquiries with NSW Ambulance – looks like they prefer GPS coordinates Work in Progress 	<p>John Richardson Josh Bridson</p>	

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8.4	Westpac App payment option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has now been approved • Need to set up and test with a few people 	Waz Turnbull	
8.5	AGM is coming up next month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Options • Anyone? 		
8.6	Need to possibly spend some \$\$ on the road into the park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options to be explored • Will be costly but long-term investment 		
8.7	Club to Donate \$1000 to Club Member Bailey Dumbrell's recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh/Leighsa to discuss and organise payment 		
	Downhill Timing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landon exploring options to get connection working again • Need to sort for live timing on the day of racing 		
	Points for next committee meeting Agenda.		
	Meeting concluded at 8:39pm		
	Next meeting will be Monday 12th May 2025 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton and then: Monday 9th June 2025		

Recorded on behalf of HMBA: Laura Renshaw

Date: **07/04/2025**