

## **MINUTES**

### **TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Inc**

**HELD 20.05.2019 AT 7.30PM, Tamworth Hotel, TAMWORTH**

ATTENDEES: Peter Thistle, Eric Day, Jeff Benson, Kirsty Maidment, Alyssa Rogan, Lisa Roberts, Andy Dehm, Sharna Day, Mark Willis, Laurie Willis, Eddie Willis

#### **1. WELCOME**

2. **APOLOGIES:** N/A

#### **3. Presidents report**

April was a busy month for TAMMTB. It kicked off with the MTBA awards night at the MTBA National Championships in Bright. TAMMTB made several nominations including:

Junior Male XC - Nick Chisolm

Male XC Enduro - Mick Sherwood

Friends of the Trail - TAMMTB

Everyday Ambassador - Lisa Roberts

Community MTB event - Twilight Series

NSW Volunteer of the Year - Jeff Benson.

Sadly, none of our nominations were successful against the competitive national nominees but it was a very proud task for the committee presenting the amazing talent and hard working community spirit that embodies our club. The rest of our month was heavily focussed on race preparation for our annual 5 hour mtb race, which for the first time was registered as a National Cup event. The returning KOM and QOM off the start line remained a feature and a quirky add on of an 8 hour team event was trialled for the first time. Track preparation (with finalisation of projects from the huge Autumn Trail Build weekends), community partnership with local sponsors and engagement with the media leading into the event were priorities for the month. There are many people who help bring an event of this size together however special thanks and recognition is directed towards key leaders Eric Day and Lisa Roberts who led the 5 hour race committee, Jeff Benson, Eric Day and Peter Thistle for their track repairs and bunting prep leading up to the day and Stuart and Kirsty Maidment for their 9 month lead out of recruitment of local sponsors.

Moved: Alyssa Rogan

Seconded: Kirsty Maidment

#### **4. Secretary's report**

Other than upcoming race correspondence as handled by the race committee, the only items of note have been the two pieces of enquiry via the website. These were responded to in a very efficient manner by Jeff Benson and followed up by Alyssa Rogan

Moved: Kirsty Maidment

Seconded:

## 5. Treasurers report:

Please find attached our financials to the 15/5/2019. There is a separate page for each of the bank accounts and you'll notice a 4<sup>th</sup> sheet which sets out the financials for the 5/8hr Race

Balances are:

Westpac Grant Account -	\$ 656.48
Westpac General Account -	\$11,636.22
Regional Australia Bank -	<u>\$ 4,472.23</u>
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Total	<u>\$16,764.93</u>

Discussion:

Transfer of funds to recoup funds back from expenditure is taking too long to seek approval. Suggesting to keep Westpac accounts open in order to recoup in a quicker manner. Alyssa suggesting to receive a text message to prompt response time to act.

Moved: Jeff Benson

Seconded: Kirsty Maidment

## 6. 5 hour debrief

Discussion:

What are our goals in running the event:

- opportunity to raise funds to grow facilities for the local community;
- promote the sport in the local media to raise awareness; raise profile to outside of the area to pull greater numbers;
- National level event opportunities. Professionalism

Suggestions:

KOM and QOM on Sat pm with race rego and then progress to the pub for dinner etc

Race length was an issue, perhaps to attract more local and less professional riders to go shorter race plan

Discussion around going to Tier 1 race for National cup XCC and XCO

Date perspective: try and choose a date that doesn't conflict with other mountain biking dates. Weather, holidays etc impact on date choice.

Stick to 5 hour and ditch 8 hour

Ditch dirtmasters and incorporate into the team

National cup profile so perhaps the dirtmasters does not fall into this Corporate challenge to sponsors

Greater prize \$ for marathon rather than the KOM and QOM, Have greater amount of KOM per age groups and have prizes to \$50 cash

KOM as the start of the race wholly  
Cycling Festival in August – can we piggy back off that  
Separation of club sponsors and race sponsors was confusing  
Survey Monkey

Change: Planning the meetings, hand over of prior knowledge.  
Missed opportunity on sponsorship, more clarity on what the  
sponsors get, do not rely on FB, more signage around town – this was  
discussed but never eventuated, better execution between members  
Ditch fast and furious name, rename  
5 hour team, family team  
Timing chip system – Andy Dehm has one available and provided  
details of what is available  
Andy Dehm – suggested all riders particularly the middle of the pack  
are treated as professional  
Require a good MC  
Prize \$\$ as a range pool over the whole race rather than per category  
and then make the decision  
Race pack requires a minimum number of riders to be stated on race  
pack

Action item: ALL - Date suggestions for next years premier race, explore dates and  
bring to next meeting  
Alyssa to prepare correspondence with sponsors as a post race debrief  
Lisa to prepare questions to be used as part of a Survey Monkey  
initiative

## 7. Trail Fairy Reports

Discussion: Reports due for Autumn, Lisa asked if we can incorporate a better  
hand over to incoming trail fairies.  
Jeff concerned that if reports aren't completed in a timely manner  
there will be issues as it puts the club in jeopardy for insurance  
purposes. Alyssa suggested to find another way to get the reports out.  
Melissa suggested to call Park Mgt committee to come up with a  
strategy on how to address the issue of lack and response to timely  
reports.

Action items: Alyssa to email Park Mgt committee to address trail fairy reports process and ask them to report back to executive committee. Need to also address the fairies and who is assigned to which track

## **8. NIXCS**

Discussion: 11<sup>th</sup> of August is suggested date for Tamworth NIXCS,

Actions: Alyssa and Mel to add to FB once confirmed

## **9. Sunday Session**

Discussion: Every Sunday when there aren't any NIXCS series, afternoons @3pm sign on, 3.30 race start, Dirtmasters 3.10, Starts 26<sup>th</sup> May. \$5 entry. No Dinner.

Actions: Alyssa to do up flyer for FB,

## **General Discussion**

Andy Dehm – signage during and post event was not clear of track changes and he was advised of busting bikes and injuries to people. Suggested to use Tamworth rides to post any track changes and issues on the track

Andy Dehm - Anthill films releasing film called Return to Earth – Mountain biking 23/6/19. Andy would like to put it on our website, Broken Spoke buying the rights to the movie. Hope to have a screening

Mark Willis- Gap jump on creek line is still an issue, requires better signage along with better signage on vertical horizon

Lisa – Survey Monkey, will draft list of questions

Jeff – will start spraying, induction has been completed for the Tractor usage with Eric, Peter and Jeff via council. Lots of Pattersons Curse, Jeff will start the process.

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Meeting close 9.18

**Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> of June**

