

## MINUTES

### TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Inc

#### HELD 1/07/2019 AT 7.00PM, West Diggers, TAMWORTH

ATTENDEES: Peter Thistle, Jeff Benson, Alyssa Rogan, Marty Siddons

1. **WELCOME** Previous minutes (03/06/2019) moved Peter Thistle and seconded Jeff Benson

2. **APOLOGIES:** Kirsty Maidment, Mel Siddons, Laurie and Mark Willis

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

The winter months have whittled away the daylight options and motivation for getting out for a good shred but fear not the shortest day of the year has now past and the ride and race options are flowing. June saw round 2 and 3 of the popular NIXCS series and Tamworth Mountain Bikers have been flying the flag for Tamworth with some great attendance and skills showcased by our riding crew. The Winter Sunday Sessions have been a lot of fun and our experimentation with a later start time seems to be paying off with a warmer ride and beautiful vista's over the park with the lowering winter sun. Many thanks to Lisa Roberts for developing, distributing and collating the results of the 5/8 hour Regional Australia Bank National Cup Marathon survey. A copy of the report will be placed on our website. It has certainly given us some ideas on where to switch our attention for our 2020 5 hour race including keeping the format at a 5 hour event, re-working the transition zone, transparent process' around combing race categories if numbers are small and improving our track signage/routing. The club's attentions is now directed to our hosting of the final round of the NIXCS on 11 August then onto plans for our annual 3 hour race. One of our priorities over the next 2 months is a review of our Park Management Plan and the Park Management Sub-committee process'. A quick way of understanding the TAMMTB structure is to consider the following role delineation :

- **TAMMTB Committee** provide overriding supervision and final decision making on all club activities and decisions
- **TMBP Management Subcommittee** lead and implement the core development and management duties for the park
- **Trail Fairies** are club members who will take on the organisation of general maintenance and seasonal reporting duties for each of the trail loops within the park

The structure of the Park Management sub-committee is a core of up to 5 representatives who help guide decisions around park development to ensure they represent the core values of the Park Management Plan and meet our legal obligations. The current members are Steve Mair, Marty Siddons and Chris Shaw. Jeff Benson has recently resigned from his position on the Park Management sub-committee. There will be a presentation at our next meeting on this subject and we would encourage any members who are interested in active participation at our Spring Build 2019 or working bees to attend to learn about our journey thus far, legal obligations and trail building strategies for sustainable trails.

Moved:

Seconded:

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

Correspondence in: Lisa Roberts 5/8 hour Regional Australia Bank National Cup Marathon survey report.

## 5. Treasurers report:

Please find attached our financials to the 1/07/2019. 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 -	\$ 656.57
Westpac General Account -	\$11,297.11
Regional Australia Bank -	<u>\$ 4,002.68</u>
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Total	<u>\$15,956.36</u>

Moved: Alyssa Rogan                      Seconded: Peter Thistle

## 6. 5 hour debrief

Decision to stay with a 5 hour format with solo, pair and three person teams only. A decision needs to be made now regarding the transition zone so this can be factored into the Spring Build working bee.

Action: Group of people to be invited to the next Winter Sunday Session to consult on transition, timing and Fenceline challenge and possible re-routing. To consider inviting a cross section of club members and riders such as, but not inclusive, Michael Crummy, Willis family, Chris Shaw, Mick Sherwood, Nathan Watson, Peter Thistle, Lisa Roberts

Action – Alyssa to check with Lisa re post-survey feedback

Outstanding 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 drief
- Alyssa and Mel to organise for 5 year Plan to be attached to web site

## 7. Park Development Sub-committee

Presentation at next meeting. The committee extends its gratitude to Steve Mair for his guidance on Park and Trail development, the historical legacy and clubs obligations and responsibilities. Invitations will be extended to club members to fill positions on this sub-committee.

Action: Alyssa to bring laptop and projector for presentation

Outstanding Action:

- Mark Willis to provide stats e.g. length, altitude etc for sign, to Jeff
- Jeff to request Alex Day prepare some art work for launch Pad, and Vertical Horizon.

## 8. NIXCS

11<sup>th</sup> of August is date for Tamworth NIXCS, Agreed to use Webscorer and run an XCO format of 4-6 laps . Now considering course of, Creekline, Hillside, Secret Valley, North Hill plus ext Action. Start loop to start at bugs jungle and head towards picnic area on fire trail, under peppercorn trees up and around toilet block and out hillside and onto track.

- Peter to time the proposed course above
- Plan to run a practice of this loop on 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- Working Bee on 10<sup>th</sup> August to prepare track
- Jeff to ring Harry Fidler at Justice Health to access justice health of race track sweeping, pruning and general maintenance 2/7 prior to weekend race
- Alyssa to set up on-line registration with categories Elite M and F, 19-39 M and F, 40+ M and F, 50+ M and F, U19 M and F, U 17 M and F, U 15 M and F, Green Tracks M and F, Green Track Junior M and F, E-Bike
- Jeff to request Lloyds prepare corflute style certificates for series winners of the above categories

Actions: Crummy, Peter and Mark to finalise a course track

## 9. Winter Sunday Session

Discussion on how we can market better to boarding schools

Outstanding Actions:

- Alyssa to do up flyer re Winter Sessions that can be sent to schools,
- Mel offered to distribute to Farrer, Peel, Tamworth High, Bullimbil, Tamworth Public, Crummy to McCarthy and Calrossy, NIAS kids to Oxley, Andy Dehm to put up in shop

## Previous Minutes

- a) Mel raised concept of having TAMMTB park listed on My TRC app which lists which sporting facilities are open/closed in real time. This would be an opportunity to communicate when park closed due to racing and poor weather. Jeff awaiting full feedback however had impression from his discussions with Council that updates are only maintained for those parks that have an involved staff member.

## New Business

- a) Discussion re how to improve signage in park.

Action

- Jeff to replace vandalised signs at next order with Lloyds for signage as discussed at last meeting. To use Grants funds and Lloyds sponsorship to fund same.
  - Jeff/Park Development Sub-committee/Spring Build to place pavers to distinguish the line of the bike path where it crosses walking path i.e. line pavers along edge of bike path as visual cue to walkers
- b) Spring Build dates 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019
  - c) Need to make decision re 3 hour race date Versus whether to run a National Cup Tier 1 event. Dates already flagged are 19-20<sup>th</sup> October. Long weekend is 5-7 Oct, Spring Build 12-13<sup>th</sup> Oct, Free weekend 19-20 Oct, Free Weekend 26-27 Oct, Free Weekend 2-3 Nov, 12 Hr in the Piney 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Nov, State Champs Orange 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. For discussion onf Committee FB page and decision at next meeting.

Meeting close 8.35 pm

**Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 West Diggers**