

MINUTES

TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Inc

HELD 2/09/2019 AT 7.00PM, West Diggers, TAMWORTH

ATTENDEES: Peter Thistle, Marty Siddons, Mel Siddons, Alyssa Rogan, Kirsty Maidment, Eric Day, Sharna Day

1. **WELCOME:** Previous minutes 5.08.2019 have not been settled and therefore cannot be moved

2. **APOLOGIES:** Jeff Benson

3. **Presidents report** -August was a busy month for racing and saw the club host the final round of the NIXCS and deliver the series awards. The Tamworth round was well attended despite the cold weather and travel risks with snow and ice around the high country roads. The NIAS athletes headed north for 3 days of racing at the National MTBA School Championships with some great results, learning experiences, fun and a few podiums in the mix. The same crew then backed up at the Taree PBM 6 hour with a weekend of camping and racing on a different type of trail to our home ground...smooth and tight. And straight to the Tamworth Cycle Festival weekend with a few club members braving skinny tyres to mix it up at crit and road racing and others choosing fat knobblies for the infamous hill climb. August on the coal face saw a lot of dirt and ride time but behind the scenes key members on the committee have been spending even more time at the office desk preparing submissions for government grants to further develop the Tamworth Mountain Bike Park facilities. A very big thank you to Jeff Benson and Marty Siddons to collating the required information. Sadly our last 2 submissions have been unsuccessful however lessons have been learned and with a new round of grants opening 2 September we will continue to pursue these opportunities. Additional club focus for September will be to organize the upcoming Spring Build 12/13 Oct so if you have a passion for track building, have raw materials (dirt, pipe, timber, steel), access to heavy machinery, happy to pick up some tools and work up a sweat and want to give back to the trails please let Spring Build Co-ordinator Marty Siddons a call Ph: 0438539846. Club membership: 96

4. Stronger community grant – Martin Siddons held discussion regarding the grant and how to proceed. Need to raise our profile with the TCC and find an alternate contact for future grant applications

Action: Alyssa to organise a meeting with Sam Eriksson at TCC and ask Lisa Roberts, Steve Mair to see if they are available to join the discussion.

5. Community building partnership (New grant) – Alyssa threw to the floor seeking ideas for a pitch. Suggestions ranged from safety fencing and community based area around pump track, other kids activities in the pump track area, beautification of that area. Perhaps an aboriginal meeting place. Bigger pump track in side fencing and larger track outside. Anyone to drive it?

Action: Marty and Peter to work on grant application.

6. Crummy has suggested to Alyssa a possible demographic grab to kids on balance bikes – Crummy wants to go to schools and do Kinder to yr 1 skills, develop flyers etc along with as part of the Twilight series we have a category for balance bikes for twilight nights.

All attendees were in favour

Action: Alyssa and Crummy to work out considerations of insurance, costs, time frames, flow on effect to twilight series, MTBA affiliation scenarios, Mel to check how McGinnity do it and Crummy to present at next meeting

7. Eric suggested to open discussion to introduce a Club Championship to run the first 3 Sundays in Term 2 2020. All in favour.
8. Twilight Race Series - To start 16 October 2019 and run for 10 weeks. Best 8 results count to series rankings and it will be run per term rather than over the 2 terms.

5.30 rego for 6.15 start. Dirtmasters 5.45.

Action: Alyssa to set up series on-line. Mel to do up 3 signs for rego table to streamline rego process. Alyssa to do promo FB post for beginning of school holidays.

9. Spring Build - 12/13 Oct. Saturday is 'build day' and Sunday to finish outstanding jobs from Sat. Need to check with Jeff re our budget for build. New construction is limited by drought and would require water. Eric advised he could investigate access to a water tanker filled from a dam if required. Discussion around priorities. Fenceline return to picnic area is eroded and loose and a safety issue. Marty to organise park dev committee to meet and discuss design options to improve this including possible widening of bridge, re-opening of old track to wash out speed before entering bridge and then picnic area V re-directing diagonal across bridge and behind pepper trees. Also to fix gap jump after 1st creek crossing on creek line, altering line of 3rd berm on North Hill to avoid braking damage and walk and tweak lines on Southpark to optimise trail building principles.

Action: Eric investigate water tanks; Marty to organise park development committee to meet; Alyssa to liaise with Jeff re budget for build. Alyssa/Mel to add to mailchimp and FB posts

10. Tamworth Regional Council Sports Awards – nominations required. Alyssa to complete online nomination for Jeff - Volunteer and Administration, and prioritise Eddie Willis for athlete of the year, potentially Nick Chisolm if able to nominate 2.

Action: Alyssa to complete online registrations

11. Bike Week is week of 22 Sep - All agreed we cannot commit to organising an event at this short notice.

12. Velodrome opening 12 Oct - Crummy to speak with Road Cyclist re plans and to see if running a cyclocross event at same time as opening would be compatible.

Action: Crummy to liaise with TCC

13. 3 hour Race - Same format as last year "Smash the Mountain" and to rename "Fast and Furious" to be less intimidating.

Date: 27 Oct or 3 Nov

Action: Alyssa to create committee FB post to prompt creative names.

14. Promo card: Crummy has offered to prepare a flyer for local bike shops with all you need to know about TAMMTB e.g. fb and website, Twilight Series, NIXCS series, 5 hour, 3 hour, NIAS Tamworth Mountain Rides FB page. All in favour.

Action: Crummy to do up draft for approval by committee

15. Sun Protection policy – reviewed by Alyssa and considers policy aligns with club activities and procedures.

Action: Alyssa to forward for signature and submit

Meeting Close: 9pm.

Next meeting: 14 October 2019 (due to first Monday being the long weekend). Alyssa to advise Diggers of date change.