

## MINUTES

### TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Inc

HELD 4/11/2019 AT 7.00PM, West Diggers, TAMWORTH

**ATTENDEES:** Eric Day, Jeff Benson, Kirsty Maidment, Michael Crummy, Jeff Benson, Peter Thistle

**Apologies:** Alyssa Rogan, Mel and Martin Siddons, Mark and Laurie Willis

1. **Welcome:** Previous minutes 14.10.2019 accepted by Jeff Benson

2. **Presidents report** – October has seen the recognition of 2 very important aspects of Tamworth Mountain Bike Park and our club. On the 12<sup>th</sup> October the 2019 NIAS program of cycling and mountain biking culminated in an awards night at Armidale Bowling Club. It recognized Luke Deasey from the cycling and mtb program as the male athlete of the year from all of the NIAS programs. Congratulations Luke. It was also an opportunity to recognize the hard work of the coaches from our program who volunteer an hour and half of their weekend every school term to coach skills and fitness and supported the athletes to attend an away race every month. Thank you Alyssa Rogan, Michael Crummy, Marty Siddons, Nathan Watson and Kirsty Maidment. The applications for the 2020 NIAS cycling and mountain bike program have been extended into November following some on-line admin issues. Also importantly in October the club had the opportunity to nominate some of our riders and club members at the Tamworth Regional Council Sports Awards. The finalist were Eddie Willis, Stevie Roberts Nick Chisolm and Jeff Benson. We are so proud that Jeff's tireless volunteer work for the club administration, governance and park construction and maintenance was recognized by TRC with Jeff being awarded the Ken McKenzie award for contributions to sport. The committee are continuing to work alongside TRC with regards to the new cyclepath out to TAMMTB Park. Members will be happy to know a plan is being progressed to wind the path under the bridge and deliver riders safely to the mountain bike park side of the road. A concrete path will then continue around 50 metres up the hill and a new wheel in entry, signage and path will be constructed to lead riders from town directly to the picnic area the most undulating and non-technical route and with minimal crossing of existing trails. Unfortunately, we were unable to progress our planned Spring Build due to some challenges around what work could be completed given the drought conditions. We will re-schedule a Summer Build with more of a focus on repair and rock armouring or timber construction until we have access to enough water for dirt trail construction. October also saw the return of our loved Twilight Series with 3 rounds defying the odds of storms, dust and smoke and attracting 50-70 riders. A new Gravity Grom category is growing our next generation of riders thanks to the brainchild of Michael Crummy and it is already a popular category attracting 10 riders at the last round. Lastly can I please encourage MTBA members to review the on-line information regarding the proposed amalgamation of all cycling discipline under one organization Aus Cycling. MTBA members will have their opportunity to vote at the MTBA AGM on the 22 November.

3. **Treasurers report** - financials to the 3/11/2019.

Balances are:

Westpac Grant Account -	\$ 656.72
Westpac General Account -	\$ 9,301.05
Regional Australia Bank -	<u>\$ 4,693.91</u>

Total \$14,651.73

Moved: Jeff Benson Seconded: Kirsty Maidment

4. Club kit – Crummy suggested to open prior to Xmas. Further discussion required to lock in a date for opening. Suggested to catch up at club night and propose dates ASAP. Alyssa has followed up with suppliers with an email.

Action: Alyssa to follow up with supplier and chose open date

5. Sport co Ordinator Sam Erikson – Jeff caught up with Sam at the awards night, As part of our decision to build relationships and utilise the skills of the council to write grants etc Alyssa sent email to committee requesting two people to commit to possible meeting Jeff & Crummy available 12<sup>th</sup> November, Peter suggested Jeff, Crummy, Martin to attend meeting with council members Peter proposed that Jeff invites Sam Eriksson, Paul Kelly and Hugh Leckie to a Twilight race Kirsty suggested that perhaps we could offer an update, quarterly, on numbers utilising the park, what improvements have been completed etc

Action: Jeff to invite Sam Eriksson and crew to a Twilight night

6. Cycle path extension to the picnic area – cycle path will end 20 m prior to the tree at the bottom of fenceline. Council will put an entry in, and join up to walking trail . Some signage required, Attunga limestone required, Jeff asking council for contribution. Sub committee have been advised and they support the idea. Jeff has been preparing required areas for the council to easily identify where work is to be done.

8. New Round of grants: As per Jeff's emails

Jeff – Cash Boost for clubs – propose max of \$5K grant request – suggestions for use of grant monies-

- signage,
- media campaign
- training for women as suggested by Alyssa
- Coaching and running skills days
- Coach the coaches
- Water tanks – for safety of tracks
- Tracks need attention
- Resurface pump track
- Lighting in shelters

Jeff proposed 5000l tank – set up to gravity feed into tractor – this would be used for track maintenance & watering of treesquote for water tank to submit for the cash boost for club grant – all agreed this would be the priority

Jeff - On the ball grant- up to \$20K per club

Suggested uses for monies:

- Drought aspect – track maintenance
- Lighting – solar panels etc

Action: Jeff to source quote to submit with grant applications

7. Crummys club flyer was approved as per version supplied via FB page

All in favour

8. Active kids program – everything has been updated with MTBA - \$102 is MTBA component is sent to MTBA for renewal of membership, Jeff then goes on the active kids program and claims back the \$\$ and then \$12 is owing to the club from the member.

Jeff has proposed not to charge Glen Shippley club fees for this season due to the work Norm has done for the club.

9. Working Bee

Suggested dates **23 & 24<sup>th</sup> November** – two half days as per prior formats

- Eric has suggested to ask Council for water truck
- Need soil first though
- Priority is repair existing tracks rather than building new tracks.

Action :

Jeff to ask about water

Eric to find soil and to announce dates at Twilight

Mel to issue email to club members

10. 5 hour race

Eric proposing to move from May to August. Various reasons were discussed

Competition for race from other clubs is too great in May, considering the Armidale race has now moved on the calendar,,our race does not align.

Jeff proposes that the come and try day to be prior to the 5 hour race by a week or two to entice them to the race whilst they are freshly skilled.

Eric proposing that possible sub committee not required given the size of the committee in its entirety. This needs to be discussed further.

Action:

Eric will issue email to committee of suggested date options. Eric to also liaise with Crummy on calendar availability.

11. Xmas club race

Xmas club get together – **decided December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Crummy to look at Cyclocross as the fun factor and if this does not suit, Rogaining

## General discussion

- sub committee – need to align with meetings
- More delegation of tasks to committee members to try and spread the workload
- Park development committee – more transparency around decisions, align with proposal and approval processes
- 5 hour sub committee, further discussion required as to whether this will be required for next race
- ‘Come and try day’ suggested for once the new path is completed and then include all users of park eg walkers, riders to join in

Meeting Close: 8.30pm

Next meeting: 2.12.2019