

MINUTES

TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Inc

HELD 03/02/2020 AT 7.00PM, West Diggers, TAMWORTH

ATTENDEES: Alyssa Rogan, Peter Thistle, Michael Crummy, Jeff Benson, Eric Day, Lisa Roberts

1. **Welcome:** Previous minutes 06/01/2020 moved by Jeff Benson as true record and 2nd Peter Thistle

2. **Apologies:** Kirsty Maidment, Martin Siddons, Mel Siddons, Mark and Laurie Willis, Andy Dehm

3. **Presidents report** – Many thanks to all those who responded quickly to return the trails to safe rideable condition following the storm damage in late Dec and early January. The “re-location” of the Fenceline bridge is being seen as an opportunity to re-think this difficult zone of our trails with regards to safety issues crossing a road and offering a smooth entry ride to the parks trails. January also saw the return of our much loved Twilight Series with 50 hardy riders braving the high 30 degree temps on round 1. The club also had the pleasure of signing a new 5 year lease for our ongoing custodianship of the park. The clubs focus is now on consolidating our park development goals and preparing for our annual AGM on 18th March.

4. **Secretary's report** – All Website enquiries addressed through return emails. New correspondence entered as Crummy's report on NIAS, Treasurers report and signing of 5 year lease.

5. **Treasurers report** - financials to the 31/01/2020

Total \$15,449.96

No significant in or out expenditure.

Moved: Jeff Benson Seconded: Alyssa Rogan

6. NIAS

Crummy provided account of first regional training day which was held 18 Jan 2020. 15 athletes have entered the program.

Action: Request to hire club trailer for first away race weekend 14 Feb 2020. (approved)

Crummy to provide calendar of dates requested for club availability

Crummy to request NIAS send an invoice to Jeff so he can pay the TAMMTB club sponsorship

7. 2nd round for Kevin Andersons grant application.

Action: Jeff to continue to approach key contact regarding potential indigenous aspects of future trail development. Marty to network with Steve Mair re his previous indigenous data collection to save club from re-assessing previously identified culturally sensitive park areas.

8. Cycle path

Council anticipate to have approval to purchase the crown land under the bridge by end Feb so should be able to continue construction of cycleway then.

Action: nil

9. NIXCS

Action: Alyssa to continue liaison with Inverell and Armidale re identifying race dates. To request financial support for assistance of doing certificates/trophy at end of series and interest in another club taking over the final round.

10. Club trailer rental agreement

Action: Jeff to take over development of record of request for rental as per the request system for birthday parties in park

11. Club sponsorship of first aid and Level 0 coaching.

Action: Alyssa to develop flyer promoting that club will sponsor %50 of costs along with a commitment of designated hours of coaching back to club.

12. AGM Date Claim – 18th March 7-7.30 pm, location TAMMTB post Twilight Race

Action: Alyssa to develop agenda and commence discussions with existing executive re capacity/interest in continuing with roles and canvas other members re capacity/interest to join committee. Also to send out information on retiring position.

13. Strategic Planning date claim – Sunday 23 February 8am, Location TAMMTB

In light of re-structure of Park Development Committee as approved by TAMMTB executive committee tonight to hold over Strategic Planning Day to merge it into a combined strategic planning meeting and orientation of new Park Development Committee.

Action: Peter Thistle to advise of potential timeframes for same once he has established Park Development Committee and Trail Fairies.

14. Twilight race

Now commenced successfully. Andy Dehm has offered to do a trail reccie prior to race and report back to race director if any issues. All in favour of same. Lisa Roberts also flagged an untapped opportunity to engage club members in helping out on volunteer jobs at Twilight racing. The committee identified the following potential roles:

- Meal collection (currently Tim Barwick)
- Collecting race tape and cones after race
- Assisting with timing
- Assisting with marshalling
- Assisting to set up signage
- Parents to ride around Dirtmaster track to support young riders
- Photography (Alyssa to liaise with Larissa Thistle)

Actions:

1. Provide Mel with a list of above jobs to keep as a list at rego in case any attendees offer to do a job
2. Use race briefing as opportunity to request assistance with trail maintenance
3. Email info re request for volunteers to increase engagement with club members
4. To use race briefing to promote AGM and monthly meetings

15. 5 Hour Race

Action: Alyssa to forward sponsorship pack to committee. Prepare letter for further sponsorship. To forward sponsorship pack to Andy Dehm for him to use to approach key companies he works with. To finalise letter to RAB advising them of how we used their previous sponsorship and inviting future consideration. To do same for BC Bikes. Alyssa to meet with Kirsty and Stu re a strategy re same.

NEW BUSINESS:

16. Park Development Committee

Alyssa proposed Peter Thistle take on role of Park Development Committee lead with a 5-6 person committee with varied background including someone with comprehensive knowledge of history of trail development in the park, a junior, someone with expertise in strategic planning (for grant application, following due process', organizational skills), someone with strength in trail development/heavy machinery expertise, and possible a novice rider or committee to consult regularly with same. Decision to dissolve current Park Development committee but also invite all previous members to express their interest in any continuing roles in committee or trail fairy roles. Peter proposed that it become the Park Developments Committee to complete the Trail Fairy Reports, not the Trail Fairy. Decision to complete the review of previous Strategic Plan once Park Development committee established. New Structure moved by Jef Benson and 2nd by Eric Day.

Action: Peter to approach previous members of committee to discuss re-structure and interest in future roles

Peter to come back to committee with structure and involved personnel

1st project of the Park Development Committee to re-develop the end of Fenceline Bridge and design route for trail to avoid the out loop having to cross the bitumen entry road.

17. Top Loader re-vamp.

Andy Dehm has offered to co-ordinate a re-vamp of Top Loader over a 4-6 month period and submitted plans for same for committee to consider. Not sufficient time to address this at meeting however given new Park Development Committee this request will be forwarded to Peter Thistle for discussion.

Action: Alyssa to forward all recent Trail Feature Requests to Peter

18 Timing System

Andy offered to trial his timing system with interested committee members to run a test race on same.

Action: Andy discussed the timing system he uses pros and cons and will source a quote re potential set up for club for XCO events. Club to identify date for trial race to test timing system probably in March 2020. Decision held over to March meeting as ran out of time in Feb meeting

19. Fenceline bridge repair

Jeff has identified 4 x 8 m and 4 x 12 m lengths of steel girders which could be used over the creek crossing out and back on Fenceline repair. New Park Development Committee Lead informed of same for consideration in developing re-design of same.

20. Broken tractor strap for towing trees etc off track. Decision to purchase new strap to replace. Moved Alyssa 2nd Eric Jeff to organize.

21. Need to improve timeliness of communication

Recent issues with the main FB administrators being away and inability to post urgent information re trail conditions. Decision to open admin on FB page to include Peter Thistle, Eric Day and Michael Crummy. Also flagged need to encourage people to share track information direct to TAMMTB FB or share info from other pages re same.

22. Dogs on lead Policy

Recent issue with Jeff's dog mauled by 2 dogs off the lead highlighted lack of clear info on conditions of entry to park and dogs. The risk to native animals or small children in play area to dog attacks was noted.

Action: Jeff to organize 2 signs outlining need for dogs to be on lead in park. One for main entry and one for lower park entry once cyclepathway is in.

Action: Alyssa to add Eric, Peter and Crummy to admin on FB

23. Request for urgent repair work on kids track

Trail Fairy Eric in agreement for Crummy and Peter to carry out maintenance work on kids loop trail

24. On-line payment for series rego.

Lisa flagged interest in paying via internet transfer for families.

Action: Jeff to forward info to Mel to make into a FB post advertisement and email re how to organize online payment for Twilight Series. Lisa offered to laminate same.

25. Media

Eric advised he had expression of interest from Prime News to do article on MTBing. Jack Howarth. Discussed several angles including start of Twilight, start of NIAS, role of volunteers.

Action: Eric to advise of how Jack would like to progress and when he could attend park for interviews to allow us time to line up appropriate people for interview.

26: Weed Management

Jeff advised of extreme urgency to get on top of weed spraying at present before the cat heads and weeds get too far along. Crummy and Peter offered to meet Jeff in park Tue 9 am to do 2 hours of spraying on the Skyline track. Jeff and Phil Matteus have covered most of the lower tracks and north hill. There will be urgent need to repeat in a couple of weeks. Also it is noted that non-potable water has a non-compatible pH for chemicals to be effective.

Action: Request support from club members for spraying.

Meeting Close: 9.00pm

Next meeting: 2/03/2020 Beersheba Room, West Diggers Club