

## MINUTES

### TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Inc

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

ATTENDEES: Mel Siddons, Alyssa Rogan, Andy Dehm, Peter Thistle, Michael Crummy, Jeff Benson, Kirsty Maidment, Mark and Laurie Willis, Eric Day, Lisa Roberts

1. **Welcome:** Previous minutes 3/02/2020 accepted by Jeff Benson

2. **Apologies:** Martin Siddons

3. **Presidents report** – TBI

4. **Secretary's report** – All Website enquiries addressed through return emails.

Approached by Tamworth Mower centre to see if old pallets or discarded steel would be of use to the club as part of the rebuild post heavy rain. Jeff Benson verbally liaised with the Mower centre thanking them for the offer although the materials would not satisfy what was required at this stage.

Mel suggested that all correspondence is to go through the [info@tammtb.org](mailto:info@tammtb.org) email address for continuity and separation from committee members personal information.

5. **Treasurers report** - financials to the 28/02/2020.

Westpac General Acct -	\$ 9,749.88
Westpac Grant Acct -	\$ 656.97
Regional Aust Bank	<u>\$ 5,727.91</u>

Total	\$16,134.76
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There have been no significant expenditures during the Month. One understanding – NIAS Sponsorship \$500.00

Jeff again brought to the attention of the committee the timeliness of the second approver in the Regional Australia Bank payment process. As it is very frustrating for him to have delays in payments.

Moved: Jeff Benson Seconded: Mel Siddons

Trailer registration is due for repayment

Moved by Jeff Benson Seconded by Kirsty Maidment

#### 6. **Ongoing actions from previous minutes:**

Alyssa Rogan – Sponsorship for the 5 hour, NIXCS term 3 date claim to be confirmed, Alyssa to resend trail feature request to Peter Thistle, Alyssa to send details of retiring executive positions for upcoming AGM to Mel Siddons to send on email and post on FB.

Mel Siddons – update calendar and pin to top of FB page, ensure website version is also updated. Issue email declaring vacant positions.

Peter Thistle – Park development committee is being formed. Members will be Peter Thistle, Marty Siddon, Steven Roberts and Chris Shaw.

#### 7. **Weed Management:**

With the recent ongoing rainfall the weeds within the park are becoming an abundant problem causing many flat tyres. The weeds are ranging from mostly catheads to noxious weeds such as cestrum and tiger pear. It is suggested that the weed management plan is revisited to see if Crown Lands/ Tamworth Council are able to

assist in controlling the noxious weeds and whether club member Tim Barwick is able to assist with his quad to reach the more difficult terrain that the tractor is unable to reach. Jeff Benson and Phil Mattheius have been spot spraying around the easy to reach places but more blanket work needs to be done. Peter Thistle offered the Correction facility staff to assist in application of herbicides. It was advised by Kirsty Maidment that this is not ideal as there would be a duty of care to educate the staff on best practice with the chemicals and given the short time frame these staff are available it may not be the best use of resources and time. Jeff advised that he is currently using the herbicide Kamba.

Action: Kirsty Maidment to revisit the weed management plan and liaise with Crown Lands re Crown Land Improvement grant. Seek quotes from Stephen Geddes.

Also liaise with Tim Barwick to prioritise a course of action. HIGH PRIORITY.

### **8. Park Mgt committee:**

Park development committee is being formed. Members will be Peter Thistle, Marty Siddon, Steven Roberts and Chris Shaw. The Committee will report back to the executive on any issues that require whole committee decisions. Peter will also be utilizing the Correction facility crew as extra hands.

Advised by Peter that 'Black Diamond', Vertical Horizon, Pha Pha require attention. Particularly tree clearing etc. Peter Thistle and his correction facility crew will work on these. Andy Dehm has offered to help out on Khamakazee. Peter requested signs to put up during track maintenance events. Jeff advised that there are already signs in the container that state 'work crew on track'.

Peter seeking permission to realign berms without applying to committee. As this is not altering the track and only maintain them All were in agreeance.

Moved by: Peter Thistle    Seconded by: Kirsty Maidment

Actions: Alyssa to contact Landcare seeking advice on regenerating decommissioned areas.

Peter, Andy and Ben to meet in the park to discuss activity on track clearing.

### **9. NIAS – Michael Crummy**

Detailed report attached

No action required

### **10. Advertising within the park or on fence line:**

Club Member Stuart Maidment was approached by a local business seeking advice as to whether advertising could be placed on the fence along the Forrest Hills Rd of the park. It was discussed that as per the clubs agreement with council no advertising was permitted on or within the park unless permission was submitted via written request.

Suggestion that the club should liaise with the council around this ruling and perhaps seek advice as to whether this could be revisited for future requests.

Action: Jeff Benson to liaise with the company and advise that this would not be an option currently.

## **11. Grant update:**

Jeff Benson received the correspondence from Deputy Premier John Barilaro confirming successful funding of \$140,023 under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3 for the "Tamworth Mountain Bike Park Expansion of the Park Trails to link to a New Cycleway". At this stage the information is confidential until the minister has announced the outcomes.

This funding will be utilised as per the 5 year plan to includes linking with the TRC cycle path, extend walking trail, widen SouthPark/ Hillside; kids play area sails and fencing; solar panels and battery and 3 new main park signs to incorporate Sth Park etc.

This has been well received within the committee and a huge thank you to all involved. Particular mention to Jeff Benson, Lisa Roberts and Alyssa Rogan.

Andy Dehm suggested that track builders such as Synergy, Dirtup or Glen Jacobs @ World trail may be worth seeking advice from them in regard to track rework. Andy also suggested textiles covering for rock crossings may be worth looking at.

Action: We will await official announcement prior to developing next steps of planning, seeking quotes etc. Suggestion that the park development committee will administrate the grant in order to deal with this extra work.

## **12. Working bee**

The recent rains have caused much damage across the park and as a result the park has been closed in its entirety for many weeks. Working bees have been required to bring the park up to a satisfactory level although there is a long way to go. A huge thank you to The Roberts family along with Jerry and Bruce from TPE for all their logistical support organising machinery and supplies to start the repair process.

Action: Alyssa to send a thankyou gift to the TPE crew Jerry and Bruce.

## **13. Further repairs to park**

Section 44 application: (Lisa Roberts) - TBI

Storm events community grants – seeking quote for culvert to be placed in the park.

Action: Jeff to contact Hugh Leckie for quote on culvert. Kirsty to assist Lisa to work on application and seek further clarification on the Statement of Environmental factors.

## **14. AGM**

Action required:

Alyssa to declare the positions vacant on FB and email

Kirsty Maidment to issue agenda after liaising with President

Meeting close @8.30pm

Next meeting will be the AGM 18.3.20 @7pm