



# TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm via Zoom on 06/04/2020.

## Attendees

Alyssa Rogan, Peter Thistle, Jeff Benson, Melissa Siddons, Eric Day, Ross Aylwin, Michael Crummy, Kirsty Maidment, Isla Maidment

## Apologies

Nil

## Approval of minutes

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 02/03/2020.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Eric Day

## Matters arising

Weed management now done. Steve Geddes sprayed the hard to reach areas

Update on the progress of the Community Storm Damage Grant. Alyssa to follow up with Lisa Roberts

## Reports

### President's Report:

This month has been very quiet. Sadly, the Twilight Series was cut short. Thank you to Michael Crummy for stepping up to run a virtual challenge. Good feedback from everyone.

Membership is still around 100, no change from last year's numbers.

Timely response to COVID-19 restrictions.

### Treasurer's Report: financials to 05/04/2020.

Westpac General Account: \$8,750.69

Westpac Grant Account: \$657.02

Regional Australia Bank: \$5,130.91

**TOTAL:** \$14,538.62

Expenditures this month were for weed spraying \$1,000.00, registration of the trailer \$187.00, NIAS Sponsorship \$500.00, and water rates \$10.99.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Kirsty Maidment

## Secretary's Report:

No significant correspondence either incoming or outgoing to report.

## Park Committee Report:

It has been a quiet time; the work crew have had to pull out for now. We need to find a way to work together/apart. For now, we are just conducting routine maintenance.

Trail fairy reports were due at the end of March.

**Question:** Are volunteers counted as workers with regards to the COVID-19 restrictions? Jeff to ask Hugh Leckie.

Are time limits on grants extended due to COVID-19 restrictions potentially inhibiting or slowing works?

## NIAS Report:

### NIAS Update

Regional Training Session 1 – Tamworth carried out (Indoors).

Regional Training Session 2 – Inverell carried out (Skills basics).

Mini Tour 1 - Orange GP carried out. 1<sup>st</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Overall) in 7hr, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4hr U15s.

The NIAS MTB 2020 Facebook Group, Instagram and Strava continue as non-official correspondence with parents and athletes. TeamApp continues as the official correspondence with athletes, but most of it is duplicated across platforms to suit individuals.

Orders have gone in for the Enduro style Jerseys. The Enduro Jersey manufacture is yet to be realized (ETA four weeks?). Race Jerseys were received early March. Plans are away to get the jerseys posted out to riders after a 2 week hold period at CrummyMTB HQ. I'm expecting some social media posts from athletes as they get to wear their new kit, over the school holidays. An additional order was placed two weeks ago with Prism for race jerseys for what will now be the back half of the year.

Upcoming events. All official NIAS events and training have been postponed or cancelled.

Moving forward. A remote motivation plan of challenges has been put into place to keep athletes engaged as much as possible. This includes Strava challenges and skills-based challenges. This plan will be modified to suit individuals, the current climate and developments. NIAS have released a plan for remote learning/study and strength/conditioning using professionals they have access to. The MTB 2020 program is on the front foot in implementing/offering a remote plan for their athletes. Some athletes have been taking an active role in participating with the remote challenges via Strava and Instagram.

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## General business

### 1. Regional Australia Bank:

- Signatories to our accounts need to be changed due to the new committee elected at our 2019 AGM last month. Eric & Alyssa to sign the forms and return to Jeff asap.
- Setting up a sub account within our existing Regional Australia Bank account to record all income and expenditure against the SCCF Grant of \$140,023.00

**Motion:** To set up a secondary account with the Regional Australia Bank, access to be via EFT and cheque.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Michael Crummy

- ### 2. Request for an authority to travel to Tamworth Mountain Bike Park to undertake essential maintenance works at the park e.g. spraying, slashing, clearing trails of fallen limbs, etc.

**Motion:** An authority to travel to be made available to TAMMTB committee members, park committee members and trail fairies authorizing them to travel to and from Tamworth Mountain Bike Park for the purpose of conducting necessary maintenance and trackwork as required to maintain the park and trails in a good, safe condition.

**Moved:** Eric Day

**Seconded:** Jeff Benson

**Action:** Melissa Siddons to draft an authority to travel, Alyssa Rogan to sign, Jeff Benson to approach Hugh Leckie at TRC for confirmation

- ### 3. SCCF Grant - we need an initial project team to develop project plan for the SCCF Grant.

**Discussion:** Should we stick with solar as per the grant proposal, or purchase a generator instead of the solar panels and batteries?

Project to be broken into 2 milestones - Milestone 1: fencing, shade, solar, plans for trails. Milestone 2: remainder of the work.

**Result:** Request an updated quote for the solar system and more information about the wattage output etc.

Need a project team to develop a plan for the trail build. We need people on this team with expertise in trail building, erosion issues, etc. Peter Thistle proposed that the team will consist of himself, Martin Siddons, Steve Roberts and Michael Crummy which is the Park Management Committee.

3 new signs will be printed, 2 to replace the existing trail signs and the 3<sup>rd</sup> to be erected at the lower park entrance.

**Motion:** Jeff Benson is authorized to engage Carey's Freightline up to \$500.00 to move bridges to Tamworth Mountain Bike Park.

- ### 4. Project to be broken into 2 milestones - Milestone 1: fencing, shade, solar, plans for trails. Milestone 2: remainder of the work.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Eric Day

- ### 5. Correspondence: All electronic correspondence to TAMMTB to be directed in the first place to our club email address [info@tammtb.asn.au](mailto:info@tammtb.asn.au). From there it will be forwarded to the relevant person for action if necessary. All replies should be cc'd or bcc'd to the club email address.

6. Keys to Tamworth Mountain Bike Park. Andy Dehm has requested to be issued with a key to the park to enable him to clear and maintain Top Loader, Vertical Horizon and Pha Pha trails.

**Result:** After discussion regarding issuing of keys, Jeff Benson was authorized to issue a front gate key to Andy Dehm. It was also decided to revisit the list of trail fairies and request the return of keys from those no longer responsible for a trail; and to issue a key to any trail fairies requiring one. During the discussion, a point was raised as to whether volunteers helping trail fairies who are not themselves members of MTBA are covered by insurance in case of accidents while conducting maintenance of trails. Peter Thistle to contact MTBA and confirm.

7. Michael Crummy

- Will release the next virtual challenge on Tuesday 07/04 to close Sunday night and a race report will be written up and published on Wednesday 15/04.
- Looking forward will we have a virtual Winter Series this year? 10 loops for the 2 terms covered by the series, each loop to be open for 2 weeks? Will we charge for entry or run it as a free event?

**Result:** After discussion it was decided that Eric Day, Michael Crummy and Ross Aylwin would work further on this and make the final decision as to what form the Winter Series would take this year.

8. Ross Aylwin

- Noticed the call out for trail fairies and would like to know who our current trail fairies are for each trail.
- Virtual challenge - even though the challenge was open for several days, noticed a spike in riders on Wednesday night at the mountain bike park.

**Result:** At the next Park Management Committee Meeting, Peter Thistle will confirm the trail fairy list and present it at the next Committee Meeting. When advertising the virtual challenge, it will be made clear that riders can complete this at any time, not just on a Wednesday night.

9. The kids play area has been fenced off as per TRC COVID-19 restrictions.

10. Walking trails are all good to go - please promote via Facebook as a place for people to go and exercise while maintaining their social distancing.

11. When is the go/no go date for our 5 hour race?

**Result:** After discussion it was decided to keep the race date as scheduled for now and wait and see what happens regarding the COVID-19 restrictions closer to the time. With the current situation sponsorship may be nil, we may need to keep the race smaller and local to cut costs.

12. Has the application for the convert been submitted?

**Results:** Alyssa Rogan to follow up with Lisa Roberts.

13. The upcoming NIXC Series has been cancelled this year.

### Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm on Monday May 4, 2020.

### Meeting close

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

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President

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Date of approval