



TAMMTB Meeting Minutes 6th July 2020

Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm at a private residence in Hallsville on 6th July 2020.

Attendees

Michael Crummy, Alyssa Rogan, Jeff Benson, Peter Thistle, Ross Aylwin, Eric Day Welcome and apologies

Apologies

Mark Willis, Mel Siddons, Lisa Roberts

Approval of minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 1st June 2020.

Moved: Jeff Benson

Seconded: Peter Thistle

Matters arising:

Reports

President's Report. It was recognised that the new Park Development Committee structure has been working as envisaged and the result has been a much more co-ordinated and productive period of works and development in the park. Congratulations to Peter Thistle for his leadership and the completion of the first stage of SCC grant funds to complete SouthPark and to Marty Siddons for his leadership in driving "Huff'n Puff'n" and "The Rapids". The ongoing evolutions of the Virtual Challenge and goal to engage riders in a competitive ride option in the absence of being able to race in person due to Covid 19 social distancing guidelines is also appreciated.

Treasurer's Report. As per Jeff's reports

Moved: Peter Thistle

Seconded: Jeff Benson

Secretary's Report.

Park Committee Report.

Tamworth Mountain Bike Park Management Committee (PMC) has been working extremely hard on several programs within Tamworth Mountain Bike Park.

South Park.

Josh Smith from Angry Goat Trails has cut in the new south park trail. As part of the design of the trail new lines have been created to allow riders to enjoy both the decent and accent on this trail. The realignment of the trail cut into a

short cut on the hillside trail. After some consultation with PMC members a new short cut was created to maintain the trail distance and availability of trails designed for recreational riders. Josh is looking at putting a loop connection at the top of south park to allow riders to repeat the trail at their pleasure.

During the movement of 140 tons of capping soil some damage has occurred to the walking trails and several access points have been created by heavy vehicles on or near the big dippers. This damage will be addressed after the completion of the work and the design and implementation of the walking trail board walk from the southern entry.

Extra funds will be required to pay for the extra work carried out by AGT 1. The new short cut. 2. Alyssa's new corner.

Fenceline/Creekline.

With the changes to Fence-line and Creek-line being some of the biggest changes within Tamworth MTP in some time the excitement has been amazing. A massive amount of work has been undertaken by so many people to design and build the new Creek-line bridges and flow trail entry (The Rapids). The list of volunteers is huge and the time put in would shock! The planned opening on the 4th of July is still on track and this will include the changes to the fence-line decent, Big Dipper, H interchange and if all goes well the loop around the tree at the new creek line return.

Trail Fairies.

Some trail fairies have been very active within the park with work being conducted on Secrete Valley climb and decent, Tip pans Bends, Fence line, Creek line and the walking trails.

Future Work.

A meeting was held this month and several future works have been approved. Vertical Horizon will be getting a NIAS corner to link the Pha Pha climb to the Vertical Horizon climb. Extra trail work to improve the climb ability. Work on the new section of North Hill will be assessed after the 5th of July Steve Roberts and Michael Crummy are taking charge of the process. Andy Dehm will be working with a trail builder to address some small design flaws and add a featured rock garden down-hill.

Future Quote.

Angry Goat Trails has been asked to Quote on future work within the park. The new work would focus on a flow trail decent (skyline Decent) which would be inline with part of our grant (diversify the trail use). Also a quote to redesign some sections of trail that we have that pose a safety risk where down-hill tracks and XC track meet.

Corrective Services Community Projects Team.

Over the past month the NSCSW team have been cutting, clearing, and moving soils. They have been assisting Jeff in the cutting in of the walking trails, moving tons of soil to the H junction. A request has been submitted by CSNSW for the work crew to become Chemical Qualified, Chainsaw Qualified and small machine operators. The courses will now be run in September 2020 due to Covid.

Thank you

Peter Thistle

Park Management Committee.

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. 1st (4th Overall) in 7hr, 1st and 3rd in 4hr U15s.

There is regular chat, riding and other updates from athletes via Strava, Facebook and Instagram.

Race Jerseys and Enduro Jerseys Ordered – Larger race jerseys sizes delivered in March. Enduro Jerseys delivered in June. Small Race Jerseys still outstanding, last contact with supplier suggests delivery the week of 06JUN.

Term 2 Training Plan has been delivery of skills on a weekly two-skill basis via a Youtube tutorial. Feedback has been minimal.

Around the 06JUN20 NIAS and the Cycling coaches agreed to a return to play. The return to play was to be within the restrictions by National, State, MTBA and NIAS. Once a month Regional Training Sessions (4 compulsory) would return, plus Group Fitness, Select Skills and Trail Work. Dates from 13JUN20 through to 12DEC20.

13JUN - Small Select Skills Session 1 – TAMMTB carried out. Thanks to Coach Allyssa and previous NIAS athlete Isla for working with me on this new method of delivery.

13JUN - Trail Work was carried out by one athlete.

20JUN - Regional Training Session 3 – UNE carried out (skills and fitness refresh). 13 of 15 attended and the coaches split the group into two as per our COVID guidelines and better deliver specifics to the appropriate level of athlete.

04JUL – Group Fitness Ride 1 – Attunga to Manilla (35kms). Three athletes joined Crummy for the ride in testing winter conditions.

Six athletes are excited to get back into racing with RTE SuperFlow at Awaba this coming weekend.

Upcoming NIAS activities; 18JUL Select Skills Session and 25JUL Regional Training Session TAMMTB.

Crummy - 05JUL20



General business

1. Eric Day has assessed damaged brushcutter and advised to decommission brushcutter due to damage. In terms of reducing risk in future decision to only purchase equipment which can take 4 stroke petrol and equipment to have a label which indicates the fuel used.

Result: Club to purchase a main stream brushcutter (as parts can easily be sourced for repairs), not to purchase cheaper unknown brands. also not to purchase accessories for brushcutting due to risk to volunteers using same plus to only buy good quality cord.

Action: Jeff to donate own whipper snipper while he investigates quotes for same.

2. Decision to call SouthPark “SouthPark” but to avoid any association to the cartoon as this does not reflect a culture we want the park associated with.

Action: South Park needs riding for signage ? Crummy/Ross

Action: Work gang to remove fence separating SouthPark and Yellow Brick Road

Action: To call the hill above SouthPark, SouthRidge (potentially call walking track same)

Action: Use signage for SouthRidge with the colour code of black to tie in with the other 2 trails of yellow and red and therefore reflect indigenous history.

3. **5 Hour Race** - To do a BBQ the week before race to say thankyou. Decision for prizes to be certificates, no cash prizes. Just running Fun Five and Smash the Mountain categories.

Action: Eric to take the lead on organising 5 hour Race and gather a group to assist in same.

Action: Alyssa to discuss race categories with Eric and do on-line registration

Action: Peter to organise First Aid

Action: Alyssa to speak to Ben from BC re interest in maintaining a KOM/QOM potentially run on the day before 5 hour race

Action: Alyssa to speak with Tri club to see if interested in running a duathlon on the day before 5 hour

Action: Alyssa to talk with Kirsty and Isla to see if they have capacity to organise novelty prizes with a Covid theme. e.g. Toilet Paper for 3rd place, Sanitiser for 2nd, TAMMTB masks for 1st.

Action: Alyssa to send Eric the Checklist document for running 5 hour race

Action: Alyssa to contact RAB and offer sponsorship opportunity if they were able/interested

Action: Alyssa to speak to Oxley in case they would like to do food catering as fund raiser.

4. **Virtual Race:** Term 3 will have a handicapped format. Strava Badges have been developed for the winners of Term 2 and to be posted on a face book post.

Action: Develop corflute/Banner similar to Twilight Series to advertise Virtual challenge (?Crummy)

Action: Alyssa to post Strava Badges.

5. **XCO Race:** Decision to run a XCO race on August 16 as a trial run for 5 hour. Run categories similar to NIXCS Series.

Action: Alyssa to set up registration on-line.

6. **TopLoader track:** Concern re downhill track joining the XC track at Goanna Crawl and increased risk of this as our enduro demographic is increasing in the park. Work is soon to commence on Top Loader and soil is being moved up to the area for same this coming week. Long term vision for a fly over concept to reduce this risk.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held either face to face or via Zoom dependent on Covid Social distancing regulations on 3rd August 2020.

Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

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President

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Date of approval