Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm at a private residence in Hallsville and via Messenger on 03/08/2020

Attendees

Alyssa Rogan, Peter Thistle, Jeff Benson, Ross Aylwin, Eric Day, Andrew Dehm, Melissa Siddons, 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 06/07/2020

Moved: Alyssa Rogan Seconded: Eric Day

Matters arising

- 1. Brushcutter see General Business item 4 below
- 2. SouthPark all finalised
- 3. 5 Hour Race several items still to be done.
- 4. Virtual Race all finalised
- 5. XCO Race underway
- 6. Toploader still being worked on

Reports

President's Report:

We haven't had any formal organised events at the park, but lots of work on maintaining and improving the trails. The new Park Management structure is working, and things are moving along. We are staying true to our 5-year plan. Changes afoot with the merging of cycling bodies, it may be imminent that we will change over to a new governing body. This might change the price of our membership, but essentially it will make it cheaper to be a member of several different cycling bodies. Creek crossings are complete and have been opened. The adaptive trail is open and a resounding success. The media presence from the opening of the adaptive trail had been picked up by MTBA and shared. From this several cycling clubs are now following our club and we have a lot more visitors commenting positively on the park. Hopefully this will be a positive for the community and build our club and the park. Well done everyone!

Treasurer's Report: financials to 31/07/2020

Westpac General Account: \$8,853.61

Westpac Grant Account: \$657.22

Regional Australia Bank main acct: \$5,269.73

Regional Australia Bank SCCF acct: \$20,422.86

Regional Australia Bank debit card: \$382.43

TOTAL: \$35,585.85

SCCF Project Financial Update – see attached report and detail hereunder

SCCF Grant Update: comments

| Provide a breakdown by line item of the deliverables for the project | Cost (ex GST) |
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| Install Solar System * | \$6,210.00 * |
| Install Shade Sails | \$14,659.00 |
| Install Playground fencing | \$7,085.00 |
| Walking trail construction and signage | \$5,580.00 |
| Earthworks for Mountain Bike trail | \$91,028.00 |
| Erect (3) Park Map signage | \$12,284.00 |
| Install metal trail bridges | \$3,177.00 |

Update:

- Solar System Met with Will Lulham NSE and he has proposed of installing a single solar panel which will link into a lock box affixed to the underside of the shelter roof. This box will contain a battery, an inverter and once unlocked it will display a GPO so that we can plug into. Similar system for the two containers so we can run a small fridge and the bank of walkie talkies. Will to liaise with Peter Tap from DTM regarding purchasing the batteries for him (to satisfy his involvement early in negotiations)
- **Shade Sails** Ferry's have installed the support posts. Due to their work commitments, the sail will be installed until August, 2020.
- Fencing Tam Fencing have completed and their invoice sent onto TRC for payment.
- Walking Trail Trail mapped, brush-cut, shaped, temp sign posts. Grasses poisoned, installed over 120 signage posts. Have had site visits with Paul Moxon Tamworth Land Care to identify Native plant species which will feature of signs along the trail. Also visit with John Vickery retired Geologist to determine the nature of the unusual holes on the large=r rocks. He will prepare words to explain and these will be also included on signage..
- **Earthworks** Managed by PMC. AGT engaged for second stage of works.
- **Erect Signage** . Llyodsignco requested to produce signs for Cultural trails; Southpark etc. Should be available this week
- Metal Bridges materials purchased and installed, signs installed for Creekline bridges approaches

NSW Government – Recognition – 3 corflutes installed

Moved: Jeff Benson Seconded: Melissa Siddons

Secretary's Report:

Website & email are both down. Progress is being made in restoring them all. Crazy Domains will transfer ownership to the club directly and we can manage it all ourselves. Potentially we can approach Ann Buchan, and Isla Maidment to take over the day to day running of the website. Alyssa to approach Ann and investigate further.

Park Committee Report:

Yesterday's meeting added a lot of good ideas.

Are we still looking at Skyline as an option to be redeveloped for faster flow? All are in favour.

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.

Select Skills Session 1 – Tamworth carried out.

Regional Training Session 3 – UNE carried out (Re-enguagement).

Group Fitness Ride 1 – Attunga to Manilla carried out.

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

Race Jerseys and Enduro Jerseys Ordered and delivered for all athletes.

Seven athletes travelled to Awaba (11-12JUL) to race with the RTE SuperFlow across the weekend. As per social media posts and race report, testing conditions for some, great experience for others. Results include a 2nd, 8th, 12th, 2x 13th, 15th, 16th and 36th across multiple categories.

On the 18JUL we carried out Select Skills Session 2 focusing on technical development and obstacles.

NEMTB held a race on the 19JUL, five athletes attended resulting in, 1st, 2x 2nd, 3rd, and 5th, across the U17s and U15s Male catagories.

Regional Training Session 4 was conducted at TAMMTB on the 25JUL. Riders continued their skills development under the watchful eye of coaches.

02AUG Crummy conducted a reccy ride of Mt Borah trails in preparation for the next Regional Training Session.

Upcoming NIAS activities; 08AUG Select Skills Session, 15AUG Regional Training Session (Mt Borah), 16AUG TAMMTB 2hr, 29AUG Group Fitness Ride.

Crummy - 03AUG20



General business

- 1. Website and email issues
- Alyssa to contact Ann and Lincoln for help and possibly upskilling Isla to help run the website
- 2. 5 Hour Race
- MTBA guidelines are fairly restrictive, but Rocky Trails have run quite a few events and were able to maintain the guidelines successfully.
- If we are running the event we need to have a COVID Safety Plan. Need names and contacts for all participants and spectators. Need sanitizer. Need a 4m² clearance for riders on the startline.
- Have a staggered start, separate the riders. Rolling start to keep distance between riders. Bunting to keep spectators away from riders. COVID officer continually checking that everyone stayed in their designated area. All possible done online. Virtual presentation
- Virtual KOM/QOM? Probably leave it at this stage
- What about riders from out of town? How do we keep track of them?
- Could we keep the race for NW riders only? How do we decide how far out to accept entries?
- Talk to Martin Waista (Rocky Trail Entertainment), Paul Cook (Central Coast MTB), and ask how they are feeling? What can they suggest? Look at COVID plans
- More than likely we will only attract our local regulars
- Stick to strict cut off deadlines
- Why run the race at all? Usually it is a fundraiser, it raises our profile in the community. It is our signature event.
- At this stage we will move forward, and keep planning. Potentially limit the number of spectators per rider.
- Need to do a shout out for volunteers. Peter Thistle is the first up until 2:30pm
- Stipulate that if you are in a "hot spot" your entry will be refunded.
- Drop the "Covid Buster" August race, too hard
- Make the race invitation only open to non-hot-spot regions

Action: COVID plan to be developed by Alyssa Rogan

Motion: To change the 5 hour race to 3 hours, solo and pairs, open to riders within a 250km radius of Tamworth as long as they are not hot spots.

Moved: Alyssa Rogan Seconded: Ross Aylwin

Action: Post about the changes to the race and continue planning.

- 3. Brushcutter
- Jeff Benson obtained a quote for \$499 from Tamworth Chainsaw & Mower

Motion: to approve the allocation of \$499 to purchase the brushcutter as quoted

Moved: Jeff Benson Seconded: Alyssa Rogan

- 4. Whacker Packer
- Clutch is burnt out
- Eric is repairing at the moment, waiting on parts
- Until it is back in action we can hire one with enough notice
- Eric has found a smaller, one person compactor we could purchase from a reputable company

• Jeff Benson recommends that we purchase this one to make it easier for one person to work with, especially during Covid

Motion: Purchase the plate compactor from Tamworth Chainsaw & Mower Centre for \$1,541.00 subject to a second quote from Tamworth Small Engines. Go with whichever is the cheapest and fastest.

Moved: Jeff Benson Seconded: Alyssa Rogan

Joan Benson donated a couple of shovels & rakes, some shelving, a bench, a vise, a blower, a couple of pruning apparatus. Thank you Joan.

Next meeting

Meeting close

Our next meeting will be held at a place to be confirmed at 7pm on 17/08/2020 to discuss the upcoming race.

Our next regular monthly committee meeting will be held at a place to be confirmed at 7pm on 07/09/2020.

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| Meeting closed at 8:45pm | | |
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President Date of approval