



# TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm at a private residence and via Messenger call on 07/09/2020.

## Attendees

Melissa Siddons, Alyssa Rogan, Peter Thistle, Jeff Benson, Lisa Roberts, Steven Roberts, Michael Crummy, Ross Aylwin, Eric Day

## Apologies

## Approval of minutes

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 03/08/2020.

**Moved:** Melissa Siddons

**Seconded:** Peter Thistle

## Matters arising

1. Website & email - back up and running thanks to Jeff Benson
2. 5 Hour Race - successfully run
3. Brushcutter - purchased
4. Whacker packer - ordered & arrived. Just waiting on the paperwork. Careful when using, it is top heavy

## Reports

### President's Report:

- It has been a huge month with a lot going on.
- Thanks to Jeff for his hard work organizing signage and shelters on the walking trails.
- We are 90% of the way to having green trails
- There has been a lot of positive media coverage on the park, racing and adaptive trails
- The race yesterday was a fun event, the media coverage was OK but sadly less than ideal
- Thanks to Peter Thistle for his time, commitment getting the 1.5km of additional trails. Thanks for your vision and energy, and we are sad to see you go from the Park Management Committee

### Treasurer's Report: financials to 31/08/2020

Westpac General Account: \$8,572.59

Westpac Grant Account: \$0.00

Regional Australia Bank Main Account:	\$4,807.47
Regional Australia Bank SCCF Account:	\$13,185.82
Regional Australia Bank Debit Card:	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$27,065.88</b>

Expenditures this month were for \$440.00 - TRC annual lease which has been missed previously; \$499.00 for the brushcutter; \$395.68 for the web hosting and domain name; \$7070.50 for Angry Goat Trails Hillside works.

Anticipated income is \$1900.00 from entry fees for our COVID Buster race due to come in this week.

Major SCCF expenditures were part payment of the solar and the shade sail.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Peter Thistle

### Secretary's Report:

Correspondence in:

- Information on various grants available
- Northcott re: client using Tamworth Mountain Bike Park
- Visitor information centre wanting more brochures to hand out - JB to handle
- Port Macquarie Backpackers - advertising their facility
- Regional Development Australia - survey on Tenterfield mountain bike facility
- COVID Buster race info

Correspondence out:

- COVID Buster race stuff
- Reply to Northcott (JB)

### Park Committee Report:

With the extension to and refurbishment of Hillside complete that has concluded the current major trail works within the park. Angry Goat Trails has been asked to return to the park in the future to conduct some rework/repairs in south park. A park management Committee meeting was held August and a review of the recent work by AGT was conducted. The committee agreed to write a formal letter to AGT asking them to address some issues with the trail and have an informal chat.

A majority of trail fairies have not been looking after their trails and some parts of the park will require long term maintenance to return them to IMBA standards. Alyssa and crew have done an amazing job on Yellow brick road.

140 tonnes of Red soil was delivered to the picnic area with a view to rebuilding the kids orange track.

After the meeting PMC was held it became clear to me that I was unable to lead the PMC in the direction I believe it needed to head. Due to this I have stepped down to allow for the new leadership to address the issues that arise and take the park in a new direction. It is important to note that it is my belief that PMC had become distracted by issues that will halt progress within the park. Too much red tape will drive away those wanting expand/develop the amazing facility that we have.

Thank you

Peter Thistle

## 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.

Select Skills Session 1 – Tamworth carried out.

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

Group Fitness Ride 1 – Attunga to Manilla carried out.

Awaba SuperFlow. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2x 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> across the junior categories.

Select Skills Session 2 – Tamworth carried out.

NEMTB XC. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2x 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, across U17s and U15s.

Regional Training Session 4 – TAMMTB carried out.

Select Skills Session 2 – Was cancelled due to wet weather.

A number of athletes hit the trails on the Mid North Coast as part of a SuperFlow and Grand Prix double header weekends. In the SuperFlow our NIAS riders managed a 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> against a competitive field.

In the GP event the following week our riders placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> consecutively as a team against the adult racers.

Regional Training Session 5 – Borah cancelled due to wet weather. Borah booked for later Regional Training Session.

Group Fitness Ride 2 – Woolbrook to Limbri carried out. With just over an hour of open gravel roads it was a perfect day and time for most of the athletes to get together. Athletes showed positive individual and team attributes throughout the ride, leading to its success.

Upcoming NIAS activities; 19SEP Group Fitness Ride (TBA) and 17OCT RTE GP (Newcastle).

Crummy - 03SEP20



## General business

1. Resignation of Peter Thistle from the Park Management Committee (AR)

Discussion:

- It has been an intense time, project managing 2 new builds so close to each other
- The Park Management Committee (PMC) has a good base structure,
- There is a lack of clarity around the decision making process, it needs to be tightened up and followed more closely in future
- Expectations of future builds need to be made in writing in advance of the actual build
- Trails have been neglected lately, there needs to be more communication between the PMC and the Trail Fairies
- Give the Trail Fairies a stronger brief regarding expectations and responsibilities
- The PMC is responsible for ensuring the trails are safe and meet IMBA standards and guidelines, trail fairies (and others) can't just start builds and projects without following the procedures

**Motion:** There should be a representative from the Tamworth Mountain Bikers Committee on the Park Management Committee. The Park Management Committee needs to meet to discuss leadership, trail fairies, weed management.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Peter Thistle

**Action:** Ross Aylwin was nominated and accepted the position of Committee Representative on the Park Management Committee. Alyssa to meet with current remaining members of PMC to assist with selection of a Chairperson and to introduce Ross.

2. TAMMTB 10 year anniversary on 22 October (AR)

- Based on how positive our race yesterday was, the COVID safe plan worked well. We ran a good event, a few hiccups from lack of practice. We should run a celebration race for our 10 year anniversary.
- General consensus is to run another 3 hour, same race loop, same everything.
- Set up a Race Committee for the next race, we didn't have a core group driving the last one.
- COVID restrictions should change on 30 September, ensure we comply with current COVID restrictions

**Motion:** Eric Day to organise a Race Committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race on 25/10/2020.

**Moved:** Michael Crummy

**Seconded:** Peter Thistle

3. Twilight Series structure (AR)

- Start date 14/10
- Employ the same strategy and run as usual, within COVID restrictions
- Mel to look into square, and get back with costings
- Online rego way to go, simple, easy, time efficient
- Online race briefing
- Online results & kudos
- Same start point each time, staggered starts
- Add spectator details to rego forms
- Fees - Adults \$5 per race or \$30 for the season, Under 18 gold coin per race or \$10 for the season.
- Set up Twilight race series on MTBA - JB

4. Offer for trail art re wood carving (AR)

- CARRIED OVER until next meeting

5. Fund raising for electronic keypad entry (AR)

- Quote from Tamworth Fencing for a keypad entry to the park
- Able to allow remote access to the park via a phone app
- Wait until we have a price, then apply for grant funding
- Alysa Rogan to work through the process
- All in favour

6. Justin Roberts chair (PT)

- Roberts family abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest
- We should pay Justin Roberts for the chair he made, \$200.00 is a very fair price for it
- Justin to meet up with the Park Management Committee to finalise the placement of the seat

**Motion:** to pay Justin Roberts \$200.00 for his time and materials. Lisa to forward JB Justion;s bank details to enable a bank transfer.

**Moved:** Peter Thistle

**Seconded:** Jeff Benson

7. Recommendation: transfer \$13,185.82 to TRC for further earthworks to enable our second instalment claim to be lodged (JB)

- Lisa Roberts abstained due to a conflict of interest
- Transfer the funds pending the decision on where to complete our next earthworks
- TRC sends us a report showing that we have spent the funds totaling \$112,018.40
- We can then receive our second milestone payment.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Melissa Siddons

8. To enable signage for Yellow Brick Road and Creekline new measurements are required (JB)

- Could someone get the information? (RA)
- Crummy and Ross Aylwin will organise information collection
- Proposing a double sided sign on the bitumen road, not impacting slashing etc., with a scene from the yellow brick road including distance, elevation, etc. On the other side a map of the park, pictures of birds that can be found in the park. Agreed

9. Walking Trail shelters - Skyline and Southridge. (JB)

- Recommend installation of shade sails instead of metal structures, can be purchased or donated
- Rotary can potentially donate the steel for supports
- Why is final decision not going to PMC?
- PMC investigating the engineering specs - Lisa Roberts needs the lot number to be able to investigate the structural requirements needed

**Action:** PMC to complete investigation and make decision, submission to be forwarded to PMC

10. Temporary “race course” signs to be made up. “Race”, directional arrows, etc. Can be erected at intersection points, neater than handwritten signs, could complement the “Fast and Furious” signs we already have (RA)

- Jeff Benson to get costings from Lloyds Signs and report back to the group
- 15 signs already on hand which could be repurposed by Peter Thistle
- Corflute certificates could also be reused as temporary signs

- Ross Aylwin will look into how many of each one we need

11. Grant application for sporting equipment (up to \$10K), possibly to purchase timing equipment (LR)

- 2 grants available around increasing active participation in sport
- Could we put in a submission for a kids kit?
- Could we bid for timing equipment?
- Get a few bikes to hire out?
- Lisa Roberts to follow up

12. Return to in person racing prior to Twilight Series (PT)

- Twilight will be back next term
- Virtual challenge stats are increasing, potentially more riders will join in the next 2 fortnights
- Simpler tracks are helping
- Several riders only came to our race because they had competed in virtual challenges
- See item 4 for further details

13. Adaptive cyclist signs for trail (PT)

- Good publicity, but we do not have registered adaptive signs in the park
- Need the signs to assist adaptive riders in following the correct trail
- New track maps, can we indicate adaptive tracks somehow?
- Alyssa Rogan will look into the requirements, costs, etc.

**Motion:** To organise the signs for Southpark first, and then expand out to other trails if they are proved suitable for adaptive cycles.

**Moved:** Peter Thistle

**Seconded:** Eric Day

## Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held at a place to be advised and via Messenger at 7pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## Meeting close

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

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President

Date of approval