



# TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm on 07/10/2020 at a private residence

## Attendees

Eric Day, Alyssa Rogan, Peter Thistle, Michael Crummy and Jeff Benson (acting Secretary)

## Apologies

Melissa Siddons, Ross Aylwin

## Approval of minutes

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 07/09/2020.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Peter Thistle

## Matters arising

Item 10. Race course signs - Jeff has arranged for a quantity of reversible arrows with Race 1, 2 and 3 options. These can be used in the future for any virtual challenge, twilight race as well as the upcoming 3 hour if they are available in time. We will look to erect permanent posts for sign attachment at the various intersections as required. They will be printed on Tues 13/10/20 in readiness for Twilight race.

## Reports

### President's Report:

Alyssa presented to the TRC Sports Group (consisting of Councilor's; Senior TRC staff and NIAS rep). Her Powerpoint presentation (which has been shared to Board Members) covered where we started from; our journey to where we are at and went on to enquire as to Councils availability to assist us with our ongoing struggle to keep the Park maintained to an accepted level.

TRC responded by offering advice that we could consider changing our current 5 Year Lease agreement to include further contribution from TRC. They indicated they are currently able to offer consideration towards providing tools, materials, surplus mowers, herbicide, fuel etc.

### Treasurer's Report: financials to 30/09/2020.

Westpac General Account:	\$7,188.59
Westpac Grant Account:	\$0.00
Regional Australia Bank Main Account:	\$4,358.01
Regional Australia Bank SCCF Account:	\$13,185.82
Regional Australia Bank Debit Card:	<u>\$500.00</u>

**TOTAL:** **\$25,232.42**

Significant expenditures this month were for plate compactor \$1,549.00 Tamworth Chainsaw & Mower; weed spray \$1,000.00 Steve Geddes; MTBA affiliation 2020/2021 \$185.00; sanitiser \$76.00 Big W.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Eric Day

### **Secretary's Report:**

Correspondence In:

- Dan Raffaele acceptance of our invitation
- Grants information - Australian Sports Foundation & Tamworth Grants Hub
- MTBA - Come 'N Try day & Affiliation renewal
- Invitation to address the TRC Sports Working Group (SWG)

Correspondence Out:

- Invitation to our 10 year anniversary
- MTBA Come 'N Try day & Affiliation renewal
- Reply to the TRC SWG Committee

### **Park Committee Report:**

### **NIAS Report:**

**Michael Crummy spoke to his report, which is hereunder:**

## 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 (All teams).

*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 3* – Was cancelled due to wet weather.

*Jollynose SuperFlow*. 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Jollynose and Kempsey GP*. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (team).

*Regional Training Session 5* – Borah cancelled due to wet weather.

*Group Fitness Ride 2* - Woolbrook to Limbri carried out.

*Group Fitness Ride 3* – Via Echo Hills to Kootingal carried out.

*TAMMTB COVID Buster 3hr* – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Solo Furious, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Pair Furious. 1<sup>st</sup>

Pair Roll'n Female and Pair Roll'n Male.

*NEMTB Club Championships*. U15 Male – Klean Blair. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> U17s, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> U15s.

Borah booked for our November Regional Training Session.

Upcoming NIAS activities; and 17OCT RTE SuperFlow (Central Coast), Regional Training Session (Borah) and JetBlack 24 in December.

Crummy - 06OCT20



## General business

1. Trail Art AR - not to proceed with offer.

2. Criteria for inclusion on the TAMMTB Roll (Rock) of Renown - what does a person have to do to get a plaque on our Rock? MS To be carried over to another meeting
3. Twilight starting October 14, 2020. MTBA Rego online has been set up and includes Term fees for Adults, Junior, Family and Day fees for Adult and Junior. It also includes a category for spectators. We need to have a communication strategy to inform the riders, spectators and 8 week trial riders and that there will be no registration in person. We will need to have a MTBA online rego for each week we race to enable the days fees and spectators to register. Need to have early advice as to the trails to be ridden on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Eric to advise.
4. 10 Year Anniversary. MTBA Rego online set up separately for 3 Hour Race and Come'N'Try. Spectators set up in both. Promotions via Radio JB to arrange. Race plates, certificates and appreciation certificates are ordered. Do we invite MPs and TRC reps. Yes . JB to invite
5. Auscycling - effective 1/11/2020 membership will be transferred across. JB
6. SCCF - Signage - included in our grant monies is an order with Lloyd sign co for \$12,284 which the majority is for renewing our maps to incorporate Southpark, extensions to Hillside and North Hill etc. We can't expect Lloydsignco to hold to this quote for too much longer. Thus I am proposing that we move ahead with the replacement of existing signs? Any further alterations to current trails should not have much impact on the maps. JB The Board member present agreed that we shouldn't delay with the re-doing of signs, particularly as Southern park nor the new Southridge Walking Trail are not currently shown. It was considered any further track re-alignment will not have too much of an influence on the current map. JB to liaise with Rob Day and Lloydsignco and to provide back to Committee draft options.
7. Walking Trail Shelters - Skyline and Southridge - Rotary who were prepared to fund the materials associated with these structures are enquiring what is happening.???? JB It was agreed to proceed with Shade sail for Skyline initially and for JB to liaise with Rotary regarding them assisting with the purchase of the posts and cement. The Corrective Service work crew will dig holes and help erect the sails, if resources are forthcoming.
8. Grant works - L R provided an email prior to the meeting indicating that she had submitted an application for grant funds to enable to purchase of a Race Timing system. The grant max is \$5,000, although the quote was \$6,890 Ex GST. The Board accepted the commitment of \$1,890 if the application was successful and expressed their thanks for Lisa's application on TAMMTB behalf.
9. NIAS 2021 Sponsorship MC The Board agreed to commit to the same amount as last year \$500. Approved. MC and JB to arrange processing to NIAS.
10. An extensive discussion was held regarding the review of the trail developments associated with the SCCF Grant. The meeting heard there was to be a feedback meeting with Josh Smith (AGT) and the PDC re the perceived defects in the Southpark trail construction, however due to poor

communication/feedback/engagement from the PDC regarding PDC members availability for same TAMMTB Club President had not been able to negotiate same. Similarly, attempts to co-ordinate timely communication with the PDC regarding progressing decision making on SouthPark had been met with minimal engagement. TAMMTB Club President reported a number of conversations with key club members regarding replacement of the lead for the PDC however had been unable to gain a sense of leadership or that the PDC were having conversations re same. Discussion touched on frustration regarding perceived inability to progress park development (i.e. nil communication back from Trail Feature Requests) or ability for the club to make decisions on priorities for or ability to spend SCCG funds; Discussion on poor engagement of trail fairies with regard to responsibilities for trail maintenance and recognition that we (Club and PDC) have not communicated clearly with them or enabled initiative re these responsibilities under the current structure. Discussion re how we can better recruit volunteer support and promote their initiative to complete work and thus decrease work load on the small number of regular workload contributors. The meeting members discussed recognition of the necessity to maintain constructive and positive relationship with our volunteers and that in the past volunteers have been “burnt” through lack of recognition of their efforts or worse undiplomatic and/or overly critical feedback and gossip. Discussed the need to remember we are all volunteers, we all are working towards the same goal of improving our park facilities and creating fun trails and opportunities for recreation and that we are all human. It is a steep learning curve, we will make mistakes but it is important to communicate kindly re these and move forward.

It was proposed that a potential solution to our current difficulty in continuing to progress TAMMTB Park development and to use SCCF Grant funds was for the club to select a project from the 5 Year Plan - i.e. Kids track extension (to allow racing during main race event) and to engage a trail builder to form the track to enable utilisation of the current \$13,182 cash available. This will allow the PDC time to focus on consolidation of their structure and process and to address the introduction of a flow-trail down Skyline and to commit our Milestone No.2 advance of \$28,004.60.

Moved AR Seconded P T carried

Action: AR to communicate with PDC re above discussion

Action: As the related Trail Fairy Eric Day to take on Project Lead to engage a professional track builder to complete Kids Track Extension (approx. 700-800 m), deliver an upgraded pump track and beautification of Picnic Area with a budget of \$13,000.

**Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.**

**Meeting closed at 9 pm**

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President

Date of approval