



TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm at West Tamworth Leagues Club on November 2, 2020.

Attendees

Jeff Benson, Melissa Siddons, Michael Crummy, Lisa Roberts, Nathanael Sharples, Ross Aylwin, Martin Siddons, Eric Day, Alyssa Rogan, Steven Roberts via phone

Apologies

Chris Shaw

Approval of minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held October 7, 2020.

Moved: Jeff Benson

Seconded: Peter Thistle

Matters arising

Shade sails on Skyline went to Rotary last night, we are still waiting on an answer. Placement of the posts was questioned as it might block some of the view, but the posts were placed carefully to catch the sun.

Reports

President's Report:

This last month we had our 10th birthday anniversary rained out. Rescheduled for November 25, not a bad thing as it gives us more time. Twilight started with a bang! And has been disrupted thanks to the weather, but numbers are still high. Many thanks to Steve, Lisa, Eric, Jeff & Ross who held the fort on the first race back which was incredibly stressful with the COVID restrictions. Perhaps next series we don't run Dirtmasters on the first race back. It has also been a busy month from an administrative perspective trying to navigate how we work and fulfill our grant commitments and develop our park. People are passionate and committed about this and volunteer to help find our way through. Also challenging as MTBA move over to Auscycling, there is not a lot of clarity about what that means and we still don't have a great sense of how road cycling fits in. As that becomes clearer we should post to the mountain bike community about how it will all work. At this point, a separate membership would need to be taken out with Road Cycling to be covered but the BMX, Cyclocross and MTB are all mutually covered.

Treasurer's Report: financials to 29/10/2020

Westpac General Account: \$7,342.58

Westpac Grant Account: \$0.00

Regional Australia Bank Main Account:	\$6,124.50
Regional Australia Bank SCCF Account:	\$13,185.82
Regional Australia Bank Debit Card:	<u>\$335.32</u>
TOTAL:	\$26,988.22

Income from Twilight online registration \$1,410.20

Moved: Jeff Benson

Seconded: Melissa Siddons

Secretary's Report:

Please remember that ALL official club correspondence should be initiated from the official TAMMTB email address, or have the club email copied into the messages.

Correspondence in:

- Self timing option using QR codes from Webscorer
- Receipt of application for a grant from the Office of Sport
- Park Development Committee re: structure and responsibilities
- MTB Direct - re dollars for dirt
- TRC - signed up to My TRC Online Community
- Information on TRC Access Awards - nominations close November 11
- Request to TRC to include Tamworth Mountain Bike Park into the Open Parkland Management Survey
- Australian Sports Foundation introducing ISC Sport as their preferred apparel partner
- Lots and lots of spam

Correspondence out:

- Invitations and postponement notice for 10th birthday race
- TRC advising that the draft Open Space Mgt Plan cannot be amended while on display

Park Committee Report:

See below in general business.

NIAS Report:

NIAS nominations for coaches and athletes are now open, and close at the end of the month.

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 (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. 2nd, 8th, 12th, 2x 13th, 15th, 16th and 36th across the junior categories.

Select Skills Session 2 – Tamworth carried out.

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

Regional Training Session 4 – TAMMTB carried out.

Select Skills Session 3 – Was cancelled due to wet weather.

Jollynose SuperFlow. 13th and 16th.

Jollynose and Kempsey GP. 3rd and 4th (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 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Solo Furious, 2nd and 3rd Pair Furious. 1st

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

NEMTB Club Championships. U15 Male – Kalean Blair. 1st and 2nd U17s, 1st and 2nd U15s.

Glenrock GP – 9th and 24th GP7 Overall. Winning their category.

Most recent Results

Ourimbah SuperFlow – 8th Hardtail, 3rd and 31st U15s.

NEMTB "Subby" 3hr – 1st and 2nd U17s, 1st and 3rd U15s (Ashton Scales competed in a TAS team 3rd)

Upcoming local events for November – Copeton 6hr (2x Pair teams), TAMMTB Birthday 3hr.

Upcoming NIAS activities; Regional Training Session (Borah) 14NOV and JetBlack 24 in December.

Crummy - 02NOV20



General business

1. 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 (carried over from last meeting)

Alyssa will start a document and email it to others on the committee to contribute.

2. 2021 Off-Road National Championships & T2 Proposed Calendar PT

- After discussions with Alyssa during the week I believe that as a committee we should address our 2021 plan before the end of the year. With the changing world that we are currently living in planning is key.
- A little while ago Mark Willis strongly pushed for a XCC and XCO event to be held over a weekend (possible XCM during that weekend).
- I believe that we have the trails, team and recent exposure to put on a high quality event.

1. Tier 2. I would plan state just in case the border wars continue or explode again.

2. I would think big and plan big. Lets not down play who might or might not turn up. Just plan and put on a great event.

3. I would be looking at the KISS principle. 1 track, 1 race at a time. Electronic timing (purchased or hired)

4. Involve local business Hotel, restaurant, coffee shops etc to assist in bringing tourism back to town.

5. Speak with New England Mountain bikers and look at holding two events a month apart but support each other.

6. Set up a race planning team of people dedicated to making it happen and back them 100% with all that we have to offer.

Discussion:

- If you wish to host one of these events it will cost - approx. \$1000 for Tier 1 and approx. \$500 for Tier 2.
- Create a team, consisting of 1 committee member and the rest to be keen people who wish to plan and run a great event as long as it fits in with our plan, our vision and our tracks in the park.
- Plant the seed at Twilight and then send out an email asking for volunteers - is Mick Sherwood a good candidate to join? He is widely travelled and has the knowledge of how these races work.
- We should decide between marathon or XCO before asking for volunteers.
- Potentially no prize money, just race for the points.
- This race in addition to our 5 hour / 3 hour.
- Could we run a tier 1 race? Possibly, but MTBA/Auscycling have a lot of rules etc. Let's try Tier 2 again and perfect it.
- Let the race committee plan the race, tracks etc and fully support them.

Motion: Peter Thistle to approach Mark Willis to get a group together and start planning the race

Moved: Jeff Benson

Seconded: Alyssa Rogan

Carried.

3. Yuundu Warruri Cultural Trail - installation of maps JB

Discussion:

- Locate the walking trail signs at the main entrance a little away from the bike trail sign, at the bottom entrance and in the picnic area.
- Do we need a map that shows both trails on it? Could be too busy and confusing
- Make 2 maps, one for riders and one for walkers. Make the main trails prominent and coloured and the secondary trails monochrome and thinner.

Motion: To install the walking trail signs but include in fine graphics the mountain bike trails. Signs to be installed at the main entrance and the new cycleway entrance.

Moved: Jeff Benson

Seconded: Peter Thistle

Carried.

4. Twilight Series - race trails JB

Could we please have race trails clearly identified on the Monday prior to racing? This will allow sufficient time to have Race 1, Race 2 signs affixed to posts in readiness. We need Committee members available during Registration prior to the race to assist with race briefings, conducting junior races etc. We should allocate this task to one person from the Committee and they inform the trails on Monday. This will also allow for Facebook posts of the race trails.

Discussion:

- No expectation to advertise the trails prior to race day
- Just to get the course set up in advance as much as possible
- Should we revisit the kangaroo trail, the echidna trail, etc?
- Good to set up 5 different trails, and run each one for 2 weeks in a row
- Can we print up a map of the trails for each week? That way riders can see what the trails will be without having to ask
- Eric will plan the trails, and send them through. 5 trails per term, to be raced 2 weeks in a row.

Action: Eric will revisit the trails from previous Twilight Series, and send them through.

5. 10th Anniversary- race co-ordination, set-up - we need clear directions so that we can help out prior to the event. JB

Discussion:

- Concentrate on the Twilight riders to form a core group of entrants
- Certificates, race plates, etc are all printed and ready to go
- Trails and categories are the same as the COVID-Buster race
- We need to promote it everywhere, especially Armidale
- Promote, keep the communication going, share with everyone and get friends to share too

6. Park Development Committee (PDC) RA

- Define/clarify PDC/CEC working relationship - so we can close this subject and work progressively and positively into the future.
- I anticipate a number (perhaps all) of the PDC to be present also 😊
- Establish communication standards for within the committees (with which technology communications will be made, and who will be included).
- A community member inquired about the “recreation” category, if this aligns with MTBA membership options (perhaps this will be moot shortly with restructure to Cycling Australia).

Discussion:

There was a lot of discussion although no decisions were made, the main points are as follows:

- The TAMMTB Executive Committee run the club and manage the finances, while the Park Development/Management Committee manage and develop Tamworth Mountain Bike Park
- The PDC/PMC will no longer have a chair, just a spokesperson (currently Ross Aylwin)
- The structure is all laid out in the Park Management Handbook, we just need to follow it
- As long as we use the 5 year plan, Park Management Handbook, IMBA Handbook and stick to them we can move forward
- There has been a breakdown in communication within both committees as well as between the two committees. We need to set up a communication structure listing expectations, rules, etc and use it.
- Concerns have been raised regarding the state of our existing trails, should we concentrate on repairing them before beginning any new projects?

Action: Lisa Roberts and Melissa Siddons to work out the communication structure for both committees and bring them to the next meeting

Next meeting

We will be having a meeting to review the 5 year plan at Tamworth Mountain Bike Park on Sunday November 29,2020.

Our next committee meeting will be held in the Chillingworth Room at West Tamworth Leagues Club at 7pm on Monday 7 December 2020.

Meeting close

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.

President

Date of approval