



# TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm at The Tamworth Hotel on 01/02/2021.

## Attendees

Melissa Siddons, Jeff Benson, Elsie McKenzie, Alyssa Rogan, Lachlan Butters, Michael Crummy, Ross Aylwin

## Apologies

Peter Thistle

## Approval of minutes

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 07/12/2020

**Moved:** Melissa Siddons

**Seconded:** Ross Aylwin

**Carried**

## Matters arising

1. Rock of Renown - still to be finalised
2. Volunteers grant - moved ahead and have purchased the Davy petrol pump and fire hose. 4 stroke brushcutter has been purchased. Now have 2 backpack sprayers. Fuel card is there to reimburse volunteers using their machines in our park.

**Motion:** Jeff Benson to obtain quote for BearCat to bring to the next meeting.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Ross Aylwin

**Carried**

3. COVID plan - does it need modifying for our next Twilight series?
4. AusCycling online entry system - we need more people trained up to set up races etc.

## Reports

### President's Report:

Since we last met in December, we have had some progression in terms of trail development in Tamworth Mountain Bike Park. We have had a lovely mild summer and lots of people have been riding the trails. We have used funding to employ a professional trail builder to work on our trails. Member numbers are fairly steady at approximately 100.

Thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping out with the repairs after the storms, and with weed control. Finally a huge thank you to Jeff Benson for 40+ hours work on the grant; to the Lifeblood donors who contributed to our 27 donations; and to Mel Siddons for updating the website.

## Treasurer's Report: financials to 28/01/2021

Westpac General Account:	\$7,493.46
Regional Australia Bank General Account:	\$9,336.18
Regional Australia Bank SCCF Account	\$0.00
Regional Australia Bank Debit Card:	<u>\$285.24</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,114.88</b>

Significant Income:

RAB Perpetual \$59.44

Expenditures:

Tam Small Engines - Honda Brush cutter \$379 (funded from Volunteers Grant)

Angry Goat Trails - YBR (part 3) \$13185.82

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Melissa Siddons

**Carried**

**Motion:** Jeff Benson to purchase a drum of glyphosate for further weed control in Tamworth Mountain Bike Park

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Ross Aylwin

**Carried**

## Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the last 2 years of meetings have now been uploaded onto the website.

We are still receiving massive amounts of junk emails which are immediately deleted.

Correspondence in:

- Congratulations from Kevin Anderson on our Regional Access Award
- NSW Office of Sport available grants information
- Notification that our application for the defibrillator grant was successful
- Our application under the Crown Lands improvement fund was unsuccessful
- Sam Ericsson from TRC sent through links for various grants available

## Park Committee Report:

Not a whole lot has happened activity wise within the park. Ross has been in contact with Trail Fairies to ascertain their continued level of involvement with Tamworth mountain Bike Park. As it stands Pha Pha, Creekline, Goanna Crawl, Skyline are in need of Trail Fairies. A call will go out via Facebook and at our next Twilight Race to obtain more volunteers to take on the trails.

We have done some recces around the park about places where we can do mechanised trail maintenance. Potentially we can hire machinery for approximately \$6000.00, and several members have volunteered their time to use the machines to carry out this maintenance.

Due to the resignation of some members of the Park Development Committee, we will need to replace these members.

## NIAS Report:

### NIAS Update

NIAS MTB Trial was held on the 28NOV20. 7 athletes attended (5 new athletes), returning riders weren't required to attend, six returning riders applied. Offers went out to all those who applied (up to 15).

Selected riders for 2021 come from all over the region this year, Gunnedah, Inverell, Uralla, Tamworth and now Armidale.

Local support has been agreed with The Broken Spoke and Compass Physiotherapy. NIAS continue to act as an intermediary between athletes and coaching staff and organise the "all NIAS" events.

Support from JetBlack MTB Racing was agreed again to by NIAS and served to provide race entries. In 2020 JetBlack provided a marquee and event bike rack for all future events.

First Regional Training Session will be held on the 20FEB21 in Tamworth. Followed by the second Regional Training Session on the 20MAR21.

In 2021 NIAS coaches will continue to use the NIAS TeamApp to officially correspond with athletes. A NIAS MTB 2021 Facebook Group and Strava has been created as non-official correspondence with parents and athletes.

Our first non-compulsory event was to be held at Awaba on the 30JAN21. We had one pair team and one solo NIAS rider attending. Due to wet weather the event was postponed twice to a date that clashes with a NIAS Regional Training Session.

There may not be the same supply and delivery issues with jerseys this year with an early December order due to arrive by the first Regional Training Session in February.

### Crummy 01FEB21



## General business

### 1. 3 race 4 hour series in the North West - PT

With 2020 being a write off for most cyclists 2021 is opening up as an opportunity to let loose.

Plan.

- Armidale, Inverell and Tamworth host 1 4 hour race each over a 3 month period. The races will consist of 2 options, Solo or Pairs. To make it simple I believe that within these options we could have Open Solo, Open Pairs, Masters (over 30) Solo, Pairs (Any age, mixed gender), and E-bike Solo.
- Hold the events on a Saturday to allow for local stays, dining etc.
- Request timing unit from Armidale to be utilised for all three races with a set amount per rider allocated to Armidale to cover any cost.
- Once you have entered a group that is your group for the triple header.
- Each Club supply a trophy, plaque, etc for each event. With the three clubs to divide up the cost of an overall winner pack.
- Promote this as a RACERS event. Encouraging new riders to enter to experience the distance riding.
- Promote local foodies to supply the food and beverages.
- This idea is not designed to replace the NIXS series but to enhance the engage local trails and local areas.

**Discussion:**

- Is it possible to do both NIXCS and a 4 hour series?
- Use endurance tracks for the 4 hour and shorter, harder courses for the NIXCS

**Action:** Alyssa to email all clubs and propose that we run the 2 series this year.

### 2. Twilight Registrations - JB

Twilight Racing Registrations

Due to covid requirements we have elected to go online for all registrations.

I want to draw to your attention one considerable financial impediment in doing this:

If a Dirtmaster/Gravity Groms registers their \$2 entry, we only receive \$1.62 due to transaction charges. My \$30 term race registration resulted in our bank receiving only \$28.15

I wonder as some covid restrictions have now eased, should we allow Dirtmasters/Gravity Groms/rec rider pay on the dayStuff.

**Discussion:** We need to be flexible, and accept on the day registrations and cash. We can also advertise our bank details so that members can send through payments electronically.

**Result:** All in favour.

### 3. NIAS.

I'm planning for our region's NIAS MTB athletes again and I'm interested if TAMMTB have locked in any events and dates for 2021?

Our dates for NIAS training are 20Feb, 20Mar, 17Apr, 15May, 12Jun and 24Jul.

We'd be interested to use TAMMTB trails on the 20Feb and 24Jul, if possible

**Result:** All in favour.

#### 4. Defibrillator grant awarded - next steps and costs - RA

We have been awarded a grant to cover half the costs of purchasing a defibrillator for the club. The agreement was that the unit would be locked up and only brought out for events and races.

##### Discussion:

- Would it be worth it due to the time it could take to transport the unit to the patient?
- Is it worth the cost to purchase and maintain?
- Do we proceed with the grant?

**Motion:** That we proceed with the grant and purchase the defibrillator. A member had generously offered to fund our half of the purchase with money they have raised for the community.

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Ross Aylwin

**Carried**

#### 5. Park signage to the No Stopping pole at the South Entrance.

Signage will be installed as part of the SCCF Grant.

#### 6. AusCycling training

We need members to be trained up in the use of Auscycling's applications including Entry Boss, AusCycling events, Tidy HQ etc.

To be addressed when the new committee is elected at our AGM.

#### Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held at The Tamworth Hotel at 7pm on 01/03/2021.

#### Meeting close

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

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President

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Date of approval