



# TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm The Tamworth Hotel on May 3, 2021.

## Attendees

Alyssa Rogan, Ross Alwynn, Jeff Benson, Crummy, Elsie McKenzie

## Apologies

Grant Simm, Ben Marsh, Lachie Butters

## Approval of minutes

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 29/3/2021

**Moved:** Ross

**Seconded:** Alyssa

## Matters arising

NICXS Series - Dates have been decided and posted

Defibrillator has been paid for and received. Located at Ross' house. To discuss training

Truyard trimmer has arrived

New Signage in progress

NSW MTB Grant Jeff has submitted a grant application for the balance of the timing equipment at \$3800 (total cost \$8800)

## Reports

### President's Report:

The end of March saw the close of our 6 month Twilight Summer race series but many thanks to our race crew who helped see out the series with a fun team relay Easter event. The spirit of our club was obvious as Elite riders teamed with a Dirtmaster and an intermediate rider to all work together to navigate routes, collect "batons" and complete scavenger hunts in a race for the first team back and full of hot air to blow up a balloon. Smiles all around and a great way to finish up for the year.

Without the distraction of racing the club rolled full swing into April with a flurry of activity directed at trail repair and development. 150 tonnes of red dirt were delivered by TPE (using Building Stronger Country Community grant funds) to strategic zones across the entire park to set up easy access for repairs and maintenance. Rain may have dampened our hopes of a camping/working bee weekend in the middle of April but it made for perfect conditions to widen the final 150 metres of Hillside so we can now claim a full 5 km race loop compatible to Adaptive Cycle standards. Thank you to the more than 30 club members who donated blood, sweat, cupcakes and heavy machinery to get the job done. The rest of the month saw groups of Trail Fairies target ongoing repairs to return the flow to Creekline (thank you Roberts Family), re-vitalise Vertical Horizon, bed in the walking trail re-direction down the old Fenceline, mow, spray, prune and de-rock the Gonana Crawl climb in preparation for some big plans for the top of Central Mountain.

The school holidays brought with it an increase in bike traffic and walkers to the park with the Club answering numerous enquiries from visitors and new users regarding the facilities. It is heartening to hear the stories from club members about positive interactions with visitors and the feedback about the quality of the park and its facilities.

The lifting of COVID19 restrictions has opened up racing opportunities again and Tamworth Mountain Bikers and the NIAS athletes have been able to compete across the region and over to the coast in several different genres of mtb racing. It is lovely to receive positive feedback from other athletes about how well these athletes represent our clubs skill, fitness and good sportsmanship. We have collaborated with the Inverell and New England Mountain Bikers to bring a return of the long standing local winter race program called the Northern Inland XC Series. (cancelled in 2020 due to COVID). Race dates have now been set and the respective clubs are into planning their respective rounds.

We are continuing to navigate some of the administrative changes which have presented since moving over to AusCycling.

### **Treasurer's Report:** financials to 30/4/2021\*.

Westpac Grant Acct	\$-
Westpac General Account	\$7,545.46
Regional Aust Bank Main Acct	\$8,012.12
Regional Aust Bank SCCF Acct	\$23,040.42
Regional Aust Bank Debit Card	\$500.00
Total	\$39,098.00

#### Significant Expenditures and Income:

##### Payments:

St Johns Ambulance for Defibrillator	\$2,500
Tam Chainsaw & Mower Centre - Truyard 2 wheeled Trimmer	\$995
Fair Trading - Annual return back to 2016	\$283.58

##### Income:

Ross Aylwin -donate towards defibrillator	\$1250
Office of Sport Grant 50% defibrillator	\$1250

**Moved:** Jeff Benson

**Seconded:** Elsie McKenzie

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

Incoming Correspondence

Grants unit - Timing grant - \$5000 grant approved by NSW Sport

Agree to purchase at \$8800. Balance of \$3800 from existing resources

Tidy HQ - Training video

TRC - Have your say

Bicentennial Park Light Upgrade

Viaduct Park Developments

Footpaths and Lighting for Cycleways

Kamilaroi Walking Track Upgrade

Kootingal Gate Street Beautification

Active Transport Strategy

NRMA - Info on accom close to bike parks

So much spam!

## Park Committee Report:

Park Management Group report

- Almost full crew of trail fairies, but always keen to have more (skills park unassigned).
- Working Bee - Conducted over the weekend 17-18th April  
Unfortunately the camping was cancelled due to the wet weather (and the opportunity for PMG meeting), however it was a success with more than 30 people involved throughout the day despite damp/sticky conditions.  
The day was productive with 13 key areas of note ticked off the list (9 on the day, with 4 others areas being actively improved leading up to and since the working bee by trail fairies).
- Next working bee to be scheduled - will look to set timing a week or 2 prior to a race (suggest Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June or 4<sup>th</sup> July?)
- I will look to conduct a PMG/trail fairy orientation session. What do we want to have included in this?  
Process following (trail reports, feature requests etc).  
Trail-building guidelines/information. Need to checked information available to share on Google drive.  
Equipment use?  
Anything else this group thinks should be included?

## NIAS Report:

See Attached

## General business

1. Defibrillator update - RA  
The Defibrillator has arrived (currently parked at my house).  
The next step is to arrange procedure for storage and access, as well as training (training will be provided by supplier to suit our availability).  
I suggest race event organisers (administrators) be key for this.
2. Park Sponsorship opportunities - RA  
- what are the rules about carpark advertising (strictly for park sponsorship)? Perhaps a sign placement for each carpark bay?  
\*can put signs on fence in the carpark
3. Email and other communique from Peter Thistle expressing concern? - RA  
Peter has joined the trail fairy crew looking after Goanna Crawl and is making progress there.
4. Communication received from James Eason via FB message - RA  
Makes a good point about the requirement of following trail direction, and keeping trails clear particularly around the picnic area.  
This I anticipate is a PMG responsibility, but I believe the solution is simple with signage to be erected outlining trail direction on the trails leading in and out of the picnic area (suggest 'one way' sign for outbound, and 'Wrong Way' visible on the back side).  
\*communication received - new signage to go in

5. Winter Series - RA  
Run a Sunday afternoon race (similar to twilight format with simple loop options), which is used to record the virtual challenge for the remaining week. The following Sunday will be the same loop and last opportunity to participate before we close the challenge for the 8 day period. Then, the times can be reviewed with finishing placed announced via Facebook.
  - o My questions to the group - do we wish to do this?
  - o If so, do we want to make it an official event (officially timed with race fees) or just a social challenge / donation possible?
  - o Further, how would we tie this challenge in for weekends when other park events are on (such as NIXCS and our endurance events)?  
\*discuss with Ben Marsh about endure race
6. Community Partnership Building Grant application - JB  
Pump track refer to my email  
\*defer for now
7. Fair Trading - JB  
Reporting Annual return required within a month of our AGM. Penalties/Business Address
8. Truyard Brushcutter - JB  
- Has arrived
9. Website updates - EM
  - Jeff to provide walking trail information
  - Add QR code for donation payments
  - Check email addresses for enquiry form
10. Tidy HQ - EM
  - Remove non committee members

## Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held The Tamworth Hotel at 7pm on 7 June.

## Meeting close

Meeting closed at 830pm

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President

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Date of approval