



# TAMMTB Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc was held at 7pm at The Tamworth Hotel, on June 3, 2024.

## Attendees

Alyssa Rogan, Shannon Sipple, Sharon Sipple, Mel Siddons, Marty Siddons, Andy Dehm, Cameron McDonald, James McDonald, Ross Aylwin, Peter Thistle

## Apologies

Angela Phillips, Elsie McKenzie

## Approval of minutes

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 6/5/2024

**Moved:** Peter Thistle

**Seconded:** Mel Siddons

## Matters arising

- Ongoing - Redevelop Corporate Plan.
  - Alyssa took a list of items over the past few weeks. We need to look at these and prioritise items to apply for grants - Ongoing - Alyssa and Ross will arrange meeting before next meeting.
- Finish last trail build - Need another working bee - James
  - Martin to organise a date with Lachlan Butters who has offered to assist with shaping
  - Ongoing - Marty and Lachlan to work out a time between work/school etc to coordinate.
- Trailer rego
  - Ross was talking to Service NSW about putting it in the club name
    - Carry over
- QR code for donation options
  - Angela has tested Square as a donation option with success. Propose to add the QR to socials posts and the front gate
- Additional storage container
  - Angela has spoken with Richard Willis at TRC who has requested the following information so he can gain appropriate sport and rec approval
    - Size - small box or container
    - Location - screen shot on a map
    - How will the storage unit be fixed - post wall or building
  - Continuing - Marty has been investigating - open to suggestions from club and community members.
- First aid kit - Mel
  - Ongoing - Mel and Marty will visit prior to next event

## Reports

### Club Activity and Park Activity:

- Grass cutting YBR area.
- All lower trails have been cut back of vegetation.
- Lower Trails water management/erosion has been worked on also
- Plate Compactors have been sent to Piallamore for loan, who will also be conducting a service on the units.

### Treasurer's Report:

Please find below and attached the report to the 30/04/24, which shows that we have:

Statistics to date (Jan - May):

Membership fees collected:	\$ 325.40 (up by \$12.89)
Race fees collected:	\$ 1109.50
Twilight Dinner Income:	\$ 454.57
Park hire/donations:	\$ 49.16
Total Income:	\$1938.63

Track maintenance:	\$ 190.23 (up by \$77.35)
Equipment Purchase:	\$ 869.00 (up by \$869.00)
Twilight Dinner Expenses:	\$ 495.09
State Round Drink Expenses:	\$ 275.10
Trailer Registration:	\$ 217.96
Government Fees:	\$ 117.24 (up by \$25.20)
Total Expenses:	\$2164.62

Account Balances:

General Acct	\$28,464.55
Debit Card	\$ 500.00
Square	\$ .00
Paypal	\$ .00
Total	\$28,964.55

A net difference of \$ - 958.66 since April 30th, 2024

Moved: Sharon Sipple

Seconded: James McDonald

### Secretary's Report:

Email from "James" - The new jumps at the start of YRB must be knocked down and replaced with rollers TAMMTB response is this is part of the MTB trails (under development), and are classed as an avoidable obstacle on a green trail.

Deridre @ TRC - Feedback about events posted on Tamworth Region whats on page. - Need to create events on FB or website with clear rego and info details, not just a link to either.

This is feedback from TRC regarding the TAMMTB events which are being set up on the Tamworth

## Destination Website

Regional Australia Bank - Anyone who refers a home loan to RAB, RAB will donate \$500 to the club

The usual monthly updates from AusCycling, Club Builders, TRC grants etc

## NIAS Report:

### NIAS Report to TAMMTB/Sponsors/Supporters

- 13Nov23  
NIAS 2024 Induction was carried out on the 12Nov23, a couple of athletes were away with sickness and training opportunities. The remaining athletes participated in the induction which included Goal Setting by Psychologist Marnie. Athletes will have an opportunity to conduct strength and conditioning with RuralFit on Mondays at Tamworth, many athletes are taking the Track opportunity on Tuesday with TCC, Wednesdays are Twilights.  
NIAS 2024 Trials were held in Armidale in October, all athletes who attended and nominated were selected for 2024. Base testing, skills and a ride were carried out to ensure suitability.
- 11Dec23  
NIAS 2024 Session 1 was carried out on 25Nov23 at TAMMTB Park. While the weather was wet and the trails were not used, it was great to have the shelters, seats and grassed area to carry out our activities. Some skills were tested and a range of activities were carried out between showers. Most NIAS athletes have been participating in the weekly TAMMTB Twilight Racing and lending a hand with Dirtmasters. A number of athletes were recognised by their schools during end of year presentations for their MTB endeavours.  
The second session will be carried out on 16Dec23 before session 3 in January.
- Report to TAMMTB June Meeting  
Regional Training Day Mt Borah Saturday 25 May 2024  
Attended by 8 of the 10 NIAS 24 squad and coaches Alyssa Rogan and Steven Roberts and NIAS Program Director Nicole Wong.  
Many thanks to the parents on the day who assisted with transport, looking after injured riders and guiding NIAS Program Director Nicole Wong around the tracks on foot. Many thanks also to Broken Spoke who's sponsorship of the MTB NIAS program for 2024 has so far provided athletes with enduro and XC jerseys, supported an away All Schools race at Kempsey and shuttles for the day at MR Borah (much to the relief of many athletes). Unfortunately Hattie Lefmann had a slide out on her first run of the training day but only suffered bruising, With the back up of also injured athlete Sam Sowter (sporting stitches and a wrist splint) Hattie cheered on the rest of the squad. All athletes are keen to run another training day at Mt Borah particularly in light of the upcoming State Enduro Round in Sep. Around 75% of the squad are regularly attending a weekly training session at Rural Fit and a weekly crit/velodrome/road cycling training night.  
The last education session will be on June 15 in Armidale and 21 July 2024 in Tamworth.  
The last scheduled training session will be at Tamworth MTB park on the Saturday 22 June.  
Final testing will be conducted at this session to help athletes assess the outcome of their fitness and training efforts over the last 8 months.  
The NIAS awards night will be held on the Saturday 10th August 2024.  
The program's goals at present are to raise the profile of the application process and program to recruit new athletes for 2025. We are expecting a large number of current athletes to leave the program after several years in same.  
Current focus for promotion and recruitment includes:
  - Discussion with NIAS re flexibility to open an earlier stream to capture younger kids
  - Update promotional material
  - Advertise at the upcoming All Schools event in Tamworth 10 August 2024
  - ? posters at schools and inclusion in school letters



## General business

- Robust discussion on NIAS future, where to encourage participants to the sport, including discussions on park usage by schools as well as neighbouring school training programmes and other club opportunities
- Ongoing - 2024 All Schools - Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Discussions continue and progress.  
Jason English will continue to be lead for hosting the round, with TAMMTB contributing on catering, marketing, and a few other ancillary activities
- Ongoing - 2024 State round - Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Only 2 meetings left before event, not including this one. What needs to be organised still. Plan for delegation of this
  - Sponsorship - Pete - suggest sharing love between local bike shops for mechanical support  
Discussions on having showers, covered by RFS or Coastal Hire, or similar in exchange for donation
  - Docs Pete sent at previous meeting to be discussed this meeting - Who is completing and submitting AC forms? Ross Will be management coordinator, Peter to manage track
  - Race plates  
Looking to provide dedicated plates for State Round - pricing coming via Sharon
  - Advertising - We applied for a grant up to \$1000 from TRC. No confirmation of outcome yet. How much do we want to spend on promotion if unsuccessful and on what? Banners etc. If successful how can we spend \$1000. Can only be used for promo materials/advertising. Need to spend the money and council will reimburse. Advised to spend the full amount or risk being denied if applying again. Needs to show a breakdown of participants by location in a report after event if successful
- Ongoing - NIXCS series 2024 + Winter plan
  - Mount Borah has an XC loop. Is this an option? - Alyssa
  - Andy - Grant have allowed for creation of Bi-Directional Green Trail. Currently half way up to the top is completed. Next stage is to create trails from lower trails up to meet half way up the trails.  
Check on trailforks - "no name yet" is the start of the climbing loop  
May be an alternate to Copeton if there are any restrictions there also.  
Work with Andy - arrange a scouting ride to be familiar with the trail type.
- Spray packs for weed management. The electric ones straps are broken. Replace straps or upgrade?  
Obtain quote to replace  
Would also like a water source at the central mountain to make refilling spray packs easier
- Dust til Dark - postponed to July 6
- Grants
  - TRC grants - only defib available
- Fundraising
  - Greater New England Entry - waiting on votes to be open. Angela to follow up
  - Bunnings BBQ - waiting on response, Angela to follow up
- Donations
  - QR Code scanning - new Square link and QR code created, I have tested the code, really easy to use and donation went through immediately, (donation will show up in next months report). It would be great if we could add the link and QR code to our social media posts - this will reach more responders, discuss best way to add the new QR code near the front gate

## General Business

- Discussion on qualified/competent/ users of park maintenance equipment (tractor, ZT mower, brush-cutters (head re-winding) etc) was had also.  
Agreed we need to increase the workforce
- Andy request to borrow Plate Compactors to assist in development of - we agree provided they are free from other commitments
- Andy provide information - 7pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August at “The Press” = video of NZ MTB event, video named Big Bike Film Night - Andy will provide more details
- Andy has also asked for any volunteers for enduro event for the August/September weekend

## Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held at the Tamworth Hotel at 7pm on Monday July 1, 2024

## Meeting close

Meeting closed at: 8:55pm

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President

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Date of approval