

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	20/08/2018
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steve Pryor, Andrew Hardy, Dean Kozlik, Coleen Kehoe, Rick Kehoe, Alesha Kehoe, Michael Clarke, John Richardson, John Philippa, Alicia Reed, Paula Gresham, Rohan Betts, Jason English, Paul Monk, Joel Allen, Georgia Majoribanks.

1. Registration of Members:

The chairman confirmed that the numbers for a quorum had been reached.

2. Apologies:

Steve and Leanne Ardern, Mark Welsh, Dallas Barham

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Alicia Reed and seconded by Coleen Kehoe, accepted by meeting.

4. Membership

Steve Pryor reported that Club membership has now exceeded 300 (302).
Some statistics: 20% U18 (60), 18% Over 50 (57), 10% female (34), Youngest 6yrs, Oldest 70yrs

5. Monthly racing reports

XC – Awaba Trails. 56 Starters. First use of the timing system and worked seamlessly. Windy day. Track included reverse section on Wayne’s World. No incidents except a few fashion disasters – Lycra doesn’t look good on everyone people.

XC - Next race day will be at Singleton on 16th September 2018.

XC - Interclub challenge starts again in September – see website for details.

XC – Night Race at Glenrock on 21st September 2018

Downhill – 20 Starters. Great day of racing. One rider injured (Suspected broken collar bone)

DH – Next Race is at Awaba on 16th September 2018.

Hunter Schools XCO Championships are being convened at Glenrock SRA on September 21 2018 (HMBA Night Race afterwards)

5. Build days –

The build day on 5th August had 38 people. 8 worked at Jenkins Road Entry area – Bollards and remainder went to continue with Road Gap access.

Some participants have asked for a heads up prior to photos being taken so they can suck their stomachs in.

No Build days scheduled for September due to the busy riding calendar.

All riders are welcome at build days (kids too) – besides shaping and maintaining the world class, unique trails, we eat sandwiches and tell jokes.

6. Financial Report

Bank Balance at 16/07/2018 - \$34,360.18. Balance at 19/08/2018 - \$33,448.66

Major Outgoings – Two way radios - \$2,020.00
 Timing tags - \$344.00

Major Income - Licenses \$795.00
 Race income - \$1,300.00

Club credit card – Discussion on who is to have one so that consumables can be purchased from time to time. Committee members to see Rohan after the meeting and will be added to the signature list at the bank.

7. Correspondence –

Steve Pryor volunteered to check the post office box.

Colleen tabled an update from Dave Robinson (Cessnock Police) regarding The Precinct Crime Diversion Strategy – Kurri Kurri Trails. Discussions are continuing with Crown Lands and Cessnock Council.

Peter Hallet received feedback from Destinations Port Stephens and continues to liaise with Crown Lands

8. Advocacy

Kurri Kurri.

Coleen Kehoe continuing liaison with “The Precinct” Stakeholders at Kurri Kurri

Port Stephens.

Peter Hallet continuing advocacy for Port Stephens Trails – Peter is in contact with Port Stephens Council and Crown Lands Dept.

Schools.

Paula Gresham, Paul Monk and Jason English continue their involvement with coaching High school age kids at Glenrock.

Hunter Schools XCO Championships now 5 weeks away. Discussion on financial contribution from the club. All entry fees to go toward the event costs (being paid by Jason). HMBA to hold night race after the schools event.

Wallaroo.

Michael Clarke continues advocacy for trails at Wallaroo.

Training and coaching

Momentum is Your Friend, Newcastle Mountain Bikers, Johnno's Riding Adventures, Bike and Fitness, Jason English – all engaged in coaching and training.

Ride n Sweet will be on again in the September school holidays.

General business.

Lap counter – Maintaining an average of 500 laps per week during the last month.

Schools - All Schools XC racing at Glenrock – 21st September 2018. Coleen, Paula Clint, Jason and Paul are all involved in organising / assisting.

Awaba Development – Grant application will be decided in August. Discussion on web based booking system and cost of same. Andrew Hardy to discuss further with Forestry to share the cost. Rick Kehoe would like the build program revised prior to finalising with the Department.

Grant for Sunshades. Andrew to provide John Philippa with options for alternative structures.

DANTIA – Meeting was held this month at Charlestown with Dantia / Lake Mac Council – Dallas, Andrew, Rick and Clint attended. This was an ideas workshop and discussion revolved around increasing economic opportunity for businesses in the Mountain Biking space – throughout Lake Macquarie area. Council is also meeting with Forestry and other stakeholders. No plan has been tabled to date – discussions and consultation continue.

Gan Gan MTB – Licence application for the use of Gan Gan Hill as an XC MTB Park is still with Crown Lands.

Schools Championships and Kids Coaching – Discussion led by Jason, Paula and Paul regarding the club providing more coaches as the demand is high. Generally agreed that the club will sponsor 10 coaches (for the cost of the MTBA course). Andrew to do Grant application. Candidates to apply to the club.

Discussion on Holmesville trails – good for beginners. Question “Are we able to utilise it as a club?” – Clint to find out.

Further discussion on the All Schools Race day 21st September 2018. HMBA will ask Bronwyn (Red Cross) to be first aid. HMBA to provide all entry fees to Jason English.

Radios – Confirmed that the radios used for marshalling work for the whole of the DH track.

Defibrillator – Andrew reported that a storage cabinet is available from Red Cross – all agreed to buy one. Andrew / Risky to action

MTBA National Cup – Discussion on hosting – Jason (Hunter Christian School) will host one event at Glenrock. HMBA to host two at Awaba.

Office of Sport Development Grant – Next round.

Nothing submitted as yet. Intention is to submit for funding to have coaches trained.

Break the Boundary – Adaptive Off-Road

Andrew Hardy is now on the BTB committee.

Discussion on HMBA becoming a ‘Club’ member of BTB for \$160 per year – all agreed – Andrew and Risky to action.

Individual membership of BTB is free – Andrew encourages everyone to join to show support.

Rocky Trail Entertainment – Coleen to continue discussions with RTE.

Number Plates – Discussion on colours of the new plates. A Grade is Red, B Grade is Blue, C Grade is yellow, D grade is Green, E Grade is Purple and Paula wants a pink one!

Advertising through the club media

Discussion on giving other events any free advertising on the Club’s media – all agreed ‘NO’. Permission only to events being held at Awaba or involving HMBA. Policy is fluid and may be changed in special circumstances.

Port to Port donation

Discussion on what happened to the donation – everyone considers Dallas to know but absent today – Clint to follow up with Dallas.

Volunteers

Downhill comps are seeing fewer volunteers.

Suggestions 1. Provide a yearly volunteer calendar and volunteers can book. Volunteers get one race entry paid by the club.

2. Compulsory volunteer roster?

Further discussion required.

Clint noted that a call must be made 3 weeks before the event to cancel the event if there are not enough volunteers. All agreed.

DH – Bus account.

It was suggested that HMBA open an account with Thrifty to hire buses. All agreed.

Further Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor.

Tear Drop Banners – All agreed to purchase 4 @ \$150.00

T-Shirts – Josh offered to order a supply – same numbers as last year – all agreed.

Next committee meeting 20th August 2018 – Club Macquarie, Booragul. All welcome. Arrive at 6.00pm for dinner and robust discussion about bikes, trails and personal exploits in the Club Macquarie Bistro prior to the 7.15 pm meeting. New members especially welcome to come and have an impact on the development of Mountain Biking in the Hunter region and surrounds.

Meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS for 17th September 2018

Please email requests to Clint Musgrove – presidenthmba@gmail.com

Current items for discussion are:

- 1.** Awaba Grant application –
- 2.** Special Guest – Evan Steverson
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