

# Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

## MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	19/11/2018
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steve Pryor, Andrew Hardy, Dean Kozlik, Coleen Kehoe, Rick Kehoe, John Philippa, Rohan Betts, Joel Davies, Josh Bridson, Leanne Ardern, Nicki, Simon Campbell, Mark Welsh, Liam McGuire, Alicia Reed, Michael Clarke, Rod Verstegen

**1. Registration of Members:**

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

**2. Apologies:**

Dallas Barham, Steve Ardern, John Richardson, Paula Gresham,

**3. Minutes of previous Meeting**

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Andrew Hardy and seconded by Mark Welsh, accepted by meeting.

**4. Membership**

Club membership has now exceeded 333 (328 last month).

Some statistics: 26% U18 (87. 69 last month), 20% Over 50 (65. 56 last month), 12% female (39. Same), Average age 35.8.

Facebook has 3,500 likes.

**5. Monthly racing reports**

XC – Awaba. 52 Starters. Very wet day out – beautiful weather for ducks. 15 Starters in the Kids race.

XC - Next race day will be at Awaba on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018. BBQ.

DH – Awaba. 20 Starters. No timing – Social with shuttle.

DH - Next Race is 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Awaba – Social, Shuttle, BBQ.

**5. Build days –**

Next build day on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

XC work will include new Development trail preparation.

DH work will be directed by Rick on the day.

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 16/10/18 - \$33,971.15 Balance at 19/11/18 - \$36,780.17

Major Outgoings – T Shirts - \$1,056.00  
Toilet hire - \$267.00

Major Income - Licenses - \$769.00  
Race income - \$1,000.00  
Rocky Trail - \$1,947.00

## 7. Correspondence –

Nick from Green Valleys – wants to run a State DH Series and wants 4 clubs involved. Discussion – HMBA will not be involved.

## 8. Advocacy

### Kurri Kurri.

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

### Port Stephens.

Crown Lands Dept. head office has passed the application for Gan Gan on to the regional office in Maitland for assessment. No feedback from Maitland as yet.

### Schools.

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

Hunter Schools XCO Championships will be held at Glenrock on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### Wallaroo.

Michael Clarke advocacy for trails at Wallaroo on hold now until 2019.

### Training, rider development and coaching

Discussion on setting up a page on the club website. All agreed. Voted that Josh be engaged to do this. Thanks Josh.

Ride n Sweet was on again in the September school holidays but was rained out. It was suggested to run this at the Come and Try day on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Coleen to investigate.

### Singleton

Rohan reported that the forked tree near the trail finish had lost its fork! Requested to purchase some materials to make a feature from the debris. All agreed – now the pressure is on Risky to show us what he’s made of – critical acclaim or hide in shame!!

## 9. Adaptive MTB – HMBA continues liaison with Break the Boundary.

Adaptive bikes will be available at the come and try day in January 2019.

Two bikes are now at Lynch’s Hub and available for hire. An official launch will occur at Lynch’s Hub during the week starting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 is International Day of People with a Disability.

Development trail extension will be the focus at the next build day (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018).

## **General business.**

**Lap counter** – Discussion on updating the Lap Counter. All agreed. Andrew Hardy to get prices and pass on through email to committee.

**Awaba Development** – P450 committee meeting was held 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Site meeting with Landscape architect occurred on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – focus on Main Car Park. Site meeting with Forestry occurred on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Focus on road upgrade and repair. Signage package has been passed over to Coleen to manage. Bridges will be based on proprietary engineered design from True scope steel. Forestry has approved of a gate being established at the Northern end of Jenkins rd. to assist with traffic management during events. Dean suggested some more bench seats be established along the trail network because he likes to sit down a lot. Discussion – confirmed that seats would be strategically located to enable Dean to sit.

**Green Corridor to Cooranbong** – Corridor options were investigated by HMBA members and a report by Dallas was passed on to Lake Mac Council and Forestry Corp. No decision as yet but discussions continuing.

**Come and Try Day** – To be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Clint to apply / notify MTBA. Andrew liaising with Lake Mac Council. Discussion on getting a bike brand to supply demo bikes – Dallas to investigate. At this stage it's 'bring your own bike'. Dallas is considering Breakaway Cycles to offer mechanical assessments on the day.

**Awaba Fees** – Discussion on Fees charged to commercial operators. Do we reduce fees for Kids coaching – discussion went 'off – line' and committee voted to keep the fees the same for now.

**Gan Gan MTB** – No movement on this over the past month.

**Grants** – Submission for funding to have coaches trained is now in. The club is preparing a grant application for another set of toilets – one will be an accessible toilet. Andrew H is running with this. Lake Mac Council has called for applications for 2019.

### **Break the Boundary – Adaptive Off-Road**

HMBA members are encouraged to join break the Boundary. Increased membership assists with the grant application process.

**Rocky Trail Entertainment** – Enduro at Awaba in November was successful – 198 riders. Coleen to continue discussions with RTE for the 2019 season.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers to send their hours to Andrew Hardy. Text Andrew on 0409 329 676.

### **DH – Bus account.**

Account with Thrifty to hire buses is not yet open.

### **Further Notices of Motion**

Call for motions from the floor.

**Investing Club funds** – Nothing to report this month as feasibility is still being investigated.

**Advertising** – Short discussion on the Club's advertising policy – remains the same. The club does not advertise any events unless they are at Awaba or benefit the club. New policy will be sent to committee in due course for discussion.

**MTBA National Cup** – The Club has registered a Tier 1 XC event in June 2019. Discussion regarding

- a) Keeping the date – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 –decided in favour.
- b) Changing from XC to Gravity Enduro –decided against – the event will be XC.

**Club events for 2019 and beyond** – Further discussion required on what sort of events is required. Calendar is being worked on.

Club races next year will be held each month, however, every other month will be a build day / social ride / BBQ.

**Club trailers** – Rick and Dean to investigate costs to build two bike trailers with club funds for HMBA use as well as hire out to other clubs and venues.. Further discussion required.

**Active Kids Program** - Risky has actioned and registration is pending.

**T-Shirts and Riding kit** – All happening again. Details will be provided on website and facebook.

Next committee meeting 17th December 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 8.44 pm.

## **AGENDA ITEMS for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Please email requests to Clint Musgrove – [presidenthmba@gmail.com](mailto:presidenthmba@gmail.com)**

**Current items for discussion are:**

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