

# Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

## MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	17/12/2018
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Steve Pryor, Dallas Barham, Andrew Hardy, Dean Kozlik, Coleen Kehoe, Rick Kehoe, John Philippa, Rohan Betts, Joel Davies, Josh Bridson, Michael Clarke, Mark Welsh, Alicia Reed, Paula Gresham

**1. Registration of Members:**

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

**2. Apologies:**

Nicki and Simon Campbell, Leanne and Steve Ardern, John Richardson, Rod Verstegen,

**3. Minutes of previous Meeting**

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

**4. Membership**

Club membership has now exceeded 338 (333 last month).

**5. Monthly racing reports**

XC – Awaba. 57 Starters. Track was dry. 3 flat tyres reported. 8 Starters in the Kids race. Race was followed by the annual Christmas BBQ.

XC - Next race day will be at Awaba on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

DH – Awaba. 23 Starters. No timing – Social with shuttle. BBQ followed.

DH - Next Race is 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Awaba.

Discussion – Proposed to have an XC night races on the two Wednesdays prior to the first February XC race – that's be January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. To be confirmed.

Club to provide St John Ambulance the dates for 2019 events so they can organise to be on hand to bandage, spray, re-hydrate, massage, wipe away tears and console.

**6. Build days –**

Next build day on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019.

XC work will include new Development trail preparation.

DH work will be directed by Rick on the day – probably the Junior Downhill.

All riders are welcome at build days (kids too) – besides shaping and maintaining the world class, unique trails, we eat sandwiches, chips, biscuits, lollies, vegemite,

chocolate bars, baked beans, cold sausages, the occasional piece of fruit and tell jokes. We also ponder the meaning of life and thank our lucky stars that Donald Trump is not our president (Clint is!!).

## 6. Financial Report

Thanks to Risky's superior financial skills the Bank Balance at 20/11/18 was - \$36,780.17 and now the Balance at 17/12/18 is - \$38,429.27.

Major Outgoings –	Club Jerseys –	\$260.00
	Active kids expenses -	\$224.00
Major Income -	Coaching grant -	\$2,000.00
	Licenses -	\$807.00

## 7. Correspondence –

MTBA – Come and Try day application has been submitted.

Dual memberships – there is a move by MTBA to accommodate dual memberships in the re-vamp of their IT system.

The post box has been checked.

## 8. Advocacy

### Kurri Kurri.

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

### Port Stephens.

Crown Lands Dept. Meeting with Andrew Hardy on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Application for access to Gan Gan Hill has been deferred pending agreement with Native Title office and current Worrimil land claimant. Some issues also with proximity of the local pistol club. Peter Hallett and Andrew Hardy to maintain the application and keep moving forward.

### 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 to be re-ignited in 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. Alicia Reed volunteered to be the coaching advocate for the club – Thanks Alicia you absolute champion.

Ride n Sweet will be on again prior to and after the Come and Try day on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Coleen to organise – you are also an absolute champion.

### Singleton

Rohan is yet to action works on the ‘forked’ tree near the trail finish. The whole of the mountain bike community is waiting with baited breath to see how long the jump will be!!

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

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

Three bikes are now at Lynch's Hub and available for hire. The official launch will occur at Lynch's Hub on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Development trail extension will be the focus at the next build day (3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019).

Lynch's Hub has offered to have Break the Boundary as their 'business' charity. BTB will respond in due course.

**General business.**

**Lap counter** – Andrew Hardy passed on quotes. Committee is deliberating (contemplating – Rick... they are thinking about it!!!).

**Awaba Development** – P450 committee continues consultation daily. Main Car Park concept plan is complete. Road upgrade and repair has commenced. Signage package has commenced. Bridge design is approved - proprietary engineered design from True scope steel. Forestry has approved the use of quarry material from their quarry on Freemans Waterhole Dr.

Dean is organising bench seats be established along the trail network. Dallas has already installed one bench with two bricks and a bit of wood – thanks Dallas – very helpful.

**Green Corridor to Cooranbong** – No further information from Lake Mac Council - discussions continuing.

**Come and Try Day** – To be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2019. Coffee Van has been organised and Dallas is liaising with Lake Mac Council to supply mechanical services and test rides.

**Awaba Fees** – Committee voted to keep the fees the same for now.

**Grants** – Coaches grant has been approved for \$2,000.00. Alicia Reed will begin the process of advertising for club members to apply to be trained as coaches. Club will require 20 hours of return service over 4 years from New Coaches who's course is paid for by the club. No other grants pending.

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

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

**Commercial operators** – Awaba continues to attract coaching and race promoters.

**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** – On the back burner but still alive - 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.

Hunter Schools MTB are invited for a meeting to coordinate the Schools MTB being held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Club events for 2019 and beyond** – Further discussion required on what sort of events are 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 still 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 approved.

**T-Shirts and Riding kit** – T-Shirts are in and will be available from Josh.

Next committee meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 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 9.00 pm.

## **AGENDA ITEMS for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

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

**Current items for discussion are:**

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