

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	18/02/2019
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, Mark Welsh, Alicia Reed John Philippa, Michael Clarke, John Richardson, Jason English, Paul Monk, Allen Shrimpton.

1. Registration of Members:

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

2. Apologies:

Josh Bridson, Leanne and Steve Ardern, Rod Verstegen, Paula Gresham

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

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

4. Membership

Club membership has risen to 360.

5. Monthly racing reports

Wednesday Night Series – The Wednesday night series was a great success, attracting 140 riders over the three evenings. The racing starts and finishes in the evening light so there's no need for lights and the course is set over approx. 2 kms. It's a great atmosphere – made so by awesome riders. Bring on daylight saving next year.

XC – 75 riders at Awaba on the 16th Feb race. Massive turnout from the kids and the track was set to include the jump in the Eastern Carpark – the kids were awesome with many completing 5 laps of the Development trail – meaning 5 times over the jump.

XC - Next race day will be at Awaba on 17th March 2019 – with the AGM being held prior.

DH – Great turn out for the Down Hill – 26 riders and heaps of volunteers to Marshall the course and heckle the all riders – Downhillers leaping over the tunnel while XC riders going through. A fantastic spectacle.

DH - Next Race is 17th March 2019 at Awaba.

6. Build days –

Dallas and Rick will be foremen at the next build day on March 3rd.

XC work will include new Development trail preparation, installation of seating at the bottom of the Camelback Climb – now referred to as the Camel Toe, and some rough and tumble work up on the Down Hill track.

All riders and friends of the club 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. People are encouraged to bring a friend along to spend a few hours in the Australian Bush with a large group of other awesome people. Dogs are allowed in State Forests as well – so bring your Mutt too!!

7. Financial Report

Bank Balance at 22/01/19 was - \$20,170.15 and Balance at 18/02/19 is - \$5,245.70.

Major Outgoings – P450 Project – \$16,600.00

Major Income - License income - \$1,709.00
CCMTB fees - \$119.00

The club, in collaboration with Lake Macquarie Council are working together to manage the commercial aspects of the P450 project. The Club transfers club funds to the ‘working’ account and the Council reimburses the club (From Grant Funding held by the Council) when the working account is exhausted. Members should expect to see fluctuations in the club finances over the next few months.

8. Correspondence –

Rocky Trail Entertainment have booked Awaba on the 20th and 21st July for Downhill.

9. Advocacy

Dungog MTB

Allen Shrimpton from Dungog MTB attended the meeting and gave an excellent presentation on the development of MTB and other cycling in the Dungog area. There is a new web design and mapped rides available for viewing. Allen requested HMBA update their link. All agreed. Josh Bridson to action.

Allen showed the committee the website on the media player and its awesome – great job. We should all go and check out Munibung Falls!!

Kurri Kurri.

Coleen Kehoe – waiting on proponent for the next move.

Port Stephens.

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 7th June 2019.

Jason English requested support from HMBA for the Hunter Schools MTB event. A motion was proposed by Andrew Hardy and Seconded by Clint Musgrove that support 'in principle' be given. Vote was carried.

Discussion then revolved around volunteers and the use of the Club's timing equipment. The Club has a policy of making the timing gear available for a fee. The discussion was then about waiving the fee so that Jason could put that money towards squad costs. The decision was deferred as is Club policy to enable further discussion to be had prior to the next meeting.

Discussion on moving the HMBA proposed XCO Tier 1 from the June time slot due to it being a long weekend. It was resolved to move the event to October to coincide with the Lake Macquarie Games and to downgrade the event to a Tier 3.

Wallaroo.

Michael Clarke. No movement on Wallaroo at this stage.

Training, rider development and coaching

Alicia has drafted an expression of interest for potential coaches to respond to.

Ride n Sweet to be developed to coincide with school holidays. Coleen is working on other aspects to engage kids in MTB.

Singleton

Rohan crashed and burned but is out of his arm sling. Still maintaining his boyish good looks behind the bushranger beard.

10. Adaptive MTB – HMBA continues liaison with Break the Boundary.

Tony and Andrew are off to Armidale to be support riders for HMBA members Hank 'Legend' Duchateau (2018) Adaptive Australian Champion and newcomer Nick Hardy as they battle it out for points in the Tier 1 event.

Adaptive trails at Awaba are coming along nicely and by Projects end, there will be 4 to 5 kms of XC trails and a four minute white knuckle downhill ride for Adaptive shredders.

General business.

Lap counter – Dean is still trying to work out which way is up with the new trail counters – he was asked if he would like help and he respectfully declined saying, something about old dogs and new tricks.

Awaba Development – P450 committee continues consultation daily. The first progress claim was sent to Lake Mac Council on 2nd Feb and, being the first, the Council is following due process in the reimbursement procedure. While this process is necessary, it will clear the path for future, more expedient payments. Massive works have been done on the development trail and it is turning out to be much longer (and more fun) than originally thought possible – It is sometimes puzzling to visualise what is going on in the mind of Dallas but it all comes to light when the rubber hits the trail – nice work you exceptional rooster! The trail extension has opened up some of the most scenic parts of the forest. Meanwhile the Carpark is starting to look like a picture – old and diseased trees have been removed along with the annoying stumps, all mulched to give the remaining trees a nutrient rich base from which to flourish. Rick has been up on the Junior downhill corridor 'truthing' and getting ready for the big machines to roll in. Coleen has been busy developing the trail signage concept, bringing colour and sense to the new network.

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

Grants –

A couple of grants are on the radar – Andrew has stopped twiddling the thumbs and is chasing.

Break the Boundary – Adaptive Off-Road

HMBA members are encouraged to join break the Boundary. Increased membership assists with the grant application process. HMBA members are heading to Bright in April for the Nationals.

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.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held prior to the next race meeting (17/03/19) and Race start time will be delayed by 1 hour.

The chair of the AGM will be Mark Welsh.

Kids doing D Grade

Proposal from Paul Monk to encourage Kids to step up from development trail to main race (D Grade). All were in favour as it has been noticed that random club members hang back with the kids anyway (Joel has been doing this!!). Committee agreed to formalise to ensure an experienced (not necessarily 'Old') club member be allocated sweep to ensure kids are looked after on the main trail.

Further Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor.

MTBA National Cup –Tier 1 XC event in June 2019. This will now change to a Tier 3 in October. Details to come.

Club events for 2019 and beyond – Calendar is complete – check website.

Club races in 2019 will be held each month, however, every other month will be a build day / social ride / BBQ.

Active Kids Program – No new vouchers this month – should be an increase after the March election – all parties are offering an increase in the funds.

T-Shirts and Riding kit – T-Shirts are still available from Josh – only for the whippets though. Larger sizes coming in the next run.

Next committee meeting 18th March 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 9.08 pm.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS for 18th March 2019
Please email requests to Clint Musgrove – presidenthmba@gmail.com

Current items for discussion are:

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