

Hunter Mountain Bike Association (HMBA)

MONTHLY MEETING

Date:	15/04/2019
Location:	Club Macquarie
Meeting Started at :	7.15 PM

Chairman – Clint Musgrove

Present: Andrew Hardy, Rick Kehoe, John Philippa, Rohan Betts, Joel Davies, Mark Welsh, Alicia Reed, Michael Clarke, John Richardson.

1. Registration of Members:

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

2. Apologies:

Josh Bridson, Leanne and Steve Ardern, Steve Pryor, Paula Gresham, Coleen Kehoe, Dean Kozlik, Dallas Barham, Joel Davies

3. Minutes of previous Meeting

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes proposed by Clint Musgrove and seconded by Michael Clarke, accepted by meeting.

4. Membership

Club membership has risen to 377.

5. Monthly racing reports

XC – No Racing in March due to weather.

XC - Next race day will be at Awaba on 28th April 2019 – with the AGM being held prior.

DH – No racing in March due to weather.

DH - Next Race is 28th April 2019 at Awaba.

6. Build days –

Dallas and Rick will be foremen at the next build day on April 7th.

XC work will include new Development trail preparation and realignment of bridge entry section before the tunnel. DH will be working on water diversions.

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 letting the energy of the Australian Bush wash over their souls 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 19/03/19 was - \$6,071.67 and Balance at 15/04/19 is - \$1,079.51.

Club account

Major Outgoings – Timing decoder – \$5,329.00

Major Income - License income - \$560.00

Working Account

Bank Balance at 19/03/19 was - \$20,421.00 and Balance at 15/04/19 is - \$20,177.00.

Club account

Major Outgoings – Excavator Hire – \$1,094.00

Trail consultancy - \$4,590.00

Mulch - \$1,584.00

Sandstone Blocks - \$2,805.00

Major Income - LMCC Payment - \$10,807.00

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.

Anna Bay pump track. A Port Stephens community Group has requested a letter of support from the club to include in a grant application they are submitting for funds to build a pump track. Discussion. Agreed to provide letter of support. Andrew Hardy to action.

NSW department of Sport – have written asking for evidence of Defibrillator and Shade Structure purchase. Andrew Hardy to send photos.

Photographer – A local photographer has requested permission to photograph races and sell to competitors. Discussion regarding commercial operator's licence and Working with Children checks etc. Clint to respond in the negative at this stage.

9. Advocacy

Dungog MTB

Alan Shrimpton reports increased 'hits' on new Dungog MTB website.

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. Peter has been in touch with Port Stephens Council once again to try and get some movement regarding existing Gan Gan land claim.

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 along with a Tier 1 XCO event. HMBA has been asked to broadcast details on social media – all agreed. Jason has offered to distribute club pamphlets to competitors.

Wallaroo.

Michael Clarke. No movement on Wallaroo at this stage. Discussion on exploration ride at the site. Michael to organise.

Training, rider development and coaching

Alicia has drafted an expression of interest for potential coaches to respond to. Hank Duchateau is the first to have completed the coaching course (at Bright National Championships) – Hank is the club's first Adaptive MTB coach.

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

Singleton

Rohan will report back on developments at Singleton.

Women and Girls rides

There has been discussion and movement on organising rides for women and girls at Awaba. All are in favour. More info to come.

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

Tony Edwards, Andrew Hardy, Nick Hardy and Hank Duchateau competed at the MTBA National Championships at Bright, Victoria last week. Hank took out second place (even with a mechanical) and Nick did an outstanding job in making up field numbers – also raising eyebrows and had people asking “Who cheats in a National Championship race???”

Tony, Nick and Andrew attended the Break the Boundary Committee meeting at Bright, VIC.

Next grant application will be for Adaptive bikes and an Adaptive coaching program.

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.

MTBA National Achievement awards

HMBA and members took out 5 awards

Cameron Ivory – Performance of the year

Coleen Kehoe – NSW Volunteer of the Year

Mark Welsh – Commissaire of the year

HMBA – Friends of the trails award

HMBA – Collaboration award

Congratulations everyone on your outstanding performances.

National Championships

Congratulations to all HMBA members who competed at the National Championships held in Bright Victoria last week. HMBA was well represented in the Downhill and Cross Country disciplines.

William Ireland placed second in the U15 Downhill and 10th in Jnr Men Pump Track
Cameron Ivory placed First in Elite Men XCC and second in Elite Men XCO
Laura Renshaw placed first in Masters 1 women XCC second in the Masters 1 Women XCO

Lap counter – Dean absent tonight - will report at next meeting.

Awaba Development – P450 committee continues consultation daily. Carpark is nearing completion / Signs have appeared and will continue to be installed / trail truthing works continue on the higher gravity trails / bridge structures are complete on the Development trail.

Grants –

Next closing date is in May 2019 – looking at Clubs NSW, Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation and NSW Office of Sport grants.

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 (28/04/19) and Race start time will be delayed by 1 hour.

The chair of the AGM will be Mark Welsh.

Kids doing D Grade

Very successful having the younger kids on the main trail and thanks to those riders looking after the back end of the field. Note that these kids are thrashing some of their older counterparts – displaying politeness and finesse as they fly past.

Trail walkers and trail runners

While we all like to see people being active in the forest, trail runners are advised to not use the Mountain Bike trails for safety reasons – There are some amazing walking trails in the Watagans – just up the hill.

Further Notices of Motion

Call for motions from the floor.

MTBA National Cup – Tier 3 will be held on 20th October. DH will have a practice day on the 19th October 2019.

Club events for 2019 and beyond – Calendar is complete – check website. Rumour is spreading about a 24hr race in 2020.

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 20th May 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 8.35 pm.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS for 20th May 2019

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

Current items for discussion are:

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