

# CENTRAL COAST MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes

DATE: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 TIME: 7:00PM SHARP

LOCATION: REAR ROOM TALL TIMBERS HOTEL, PACIFIC HWY, OURIMBAH

### **In Attendance/ Apologies:**

**In Attendance:** Paul Cook, Dee Watkins, Mark Lindsay, Michael Blanchflower, Paul Carlsson, George Allertz, Rob Nash, Ivan Herman, Greg Allen, Ryan McDonnell

**Apologies:** Joel Thompson

**Witness:** N/A

### **Confirmation of previous committee minutes: Meeting held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.**

- Discussion of the minutes of last meeting.
- Minutes accepted.

### **General Business/Progress/Actions Arising:**

#### General matters for committee review

- National Cup - remainder of events & 2019 schedule
  - Question of creating more national events was discussed. Consideration given to extra cost to MTBA of \$440. Attracts a different crowd to Ourimbah. Very little on offer for east coast and nsw competitors in the series. We are the only national event in nsw. Profits were positive on last national event. Quality of event suffers beyond a certain number of racers. Will be alleviated by the second line from the top to allow more riders. Inclusion of photos and race plates was raised for discussion. Financially positive but the whole event is a higher load to organise. Volunteers on the day will be the same regardless of tiered or non-tiered. Do we want all our event big, or more at a club level in line with previous rounds. Consideration of a members only DH race on social days for the local vibe. Focus needs to be on a quality event with a reasonable cap on attendance. Raised the idea that when the trail head is improved, we can call racers by number to deliver shuttles from trailhead with an area to enjoy while waiting. Noted that it is a load on volunteers for bigger national events and also a cost increase relative to historical club rounds. Junior development was noted as enhanced with a national ranking. Members only pricing vs non-member pricing was discussed.
    - Committee considered increasing the number of national events. Financial and intangible benefits were noted. 3 DH and 3 GE races remain. Paul Carlsson recommended 2/3 DH as national cup T2. Ivan noted again that we are the only T2 GE race on the east coast. Ivan suggested to leave next round as a club event and see how this affects turnout. Decision was for GE & DH remaining will be national cup T2.
- Event inclusions ie photographers, race plates etc
  - Consideration was given to inclusions. Photos add a lot of value to racers who share via social media. DH was more logistically efficient for photography than the GE setup. The importance of suppliers providing invoices was noted by Mark for the maintenance of a paper trail for club finances. 194 current members plus another 20 dual club members.

- Considered by the committee and decided for tier 2 events include race plates and photos. For non-tiered club events then no photos or plates.
    - Timing chips were discussed and have 70 currently. Would need a further 15 to comfortably accommodate 80 riders. Can currently hire an additional 50 as required. Decision to put off any new chip purchases until 2020 and hire when numbers are big.
- Trailhead devt - Budget and commencement
  - Go fund me campaign is over \$2300 currently. Target is \$5k.
    - Exact cost needs to be determined based on area, tasks required and general scope. Scale of dirt required is significant and it needs to be clean. Given enough time we should be able to get the dirt for free from a civil or excavation business.
    - Container move is a two hour crane job, will need some pavers as foundation. There are some trees that need to be removed and general preparations that can be done in advance of dirt dump and building pump track. \$440 budget.
    - Sandstone blocks are \$50 per ton. 12 – 13 blocks per truckload. Likely that one load will be sufficient to protect the pump track. \$1k budget.
  - Rockytrail raised concerns about space at the trailhead being limiting with the pump track. Committee considered this concern and the view was that the area will be adequate and more inviting for these larger events, including using areas further up and down red hill road for parking.
  - It was noted that marking out the new plan using paint will sanity check the plan.
- Gravity Start Area
  - As part of the new GE trail extension we will have riders near the top of the fire trail. Management of the start area was discussed. The importance of safety was noted. Options were discussed. Signage would go a long way to alleviating this. Building a small fence around the new GE start area. Dirt will be removed and there will be room for a drop off only at the top with an obvious parking area just below the top section to minimise congestion. No parking at the top. Request needs to be put in to forestry about what our options are for parking lower down.
- Tree works
- Rubbish pick up
  - Need for a maintenance day focusing on rubbish collection.
  - Old ramps and wood needs to be removed. Could be burned as part of a social event.
  - Signage plan was put together by Daniel Paine. Utilise free forestry timber and committee member owned tools/labour to implement.
- Event Schedule - maintenance and social
  - Maintenance days need to be fitted in around busy event schedule. Once per month was suggested as a program of activity.
    - Next date suggested as Sunday 2/6. Focus on XC drop off remediation and improvement and rubbish collection.
    - Gravity maintenance for July. Focus on switchies. Needs an excavator and volunteer labour. Sunday 30/6 suggested.
    - Secret squirrel and top rollercoaster berms noted as focus for August maintenance day. Sunday 4/8 suggested.
  - Consideration of regularity of social days. Quarterly suggested. Sunday 7/7 suggested for next social day.
- Grant update

- Still waiting to hear on the digger grant. This would be 50% club funded and would need to be for new equipment only.
  - We have an opportunity to purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand digger from trailshare. It was already 2<sup>nd</sup> hand before trailshare purchased. It would need a full service. Suggested \$7k might be a good price. Would leave more money for optional extras to add tools to the second hand digger. Consideration of a more expensive 2<sup>nd</sup> hand excavator around \$15k might be a better option in slightly better condition. Consideration of cost of hiring as needed vs ownership.
- My community project update – it is voted upon by residents of NSW over 16. Ryan prepared a PR release for this purpose. This is in play. Important to get community support behind this for success. Need to collate a list of organisations/schools that we could approach to garner votes.
  - Barker and Knox were noted. Rockytrail have said they will promote this too. NSW health promotion branch were contacted by Paul Cook. MTBA could be an option for promotion. Community groups and others. Forestry. Committee members were encouraged to think about who else to approach and to email them through.
- Sponsorship update
  - Proposal sent to our existing sponsors and some new prospects. Silver is most popular \$1500 upfront payment for 3 year sponsorship based on current indications.
- Racing update
  - Cross Country,
    - Mothers day xc race. Browns trail was noted as being tough & needing work.
  - Gravity Enduro
    - Big numbers at last race. Next round to be smaller with max 80 for more club round. Positive feedback was received. Suggested by some racers that for stage 2 being run twice that it should have added the times together. Some technical thought required to deal with this from a timing system standpoint.
  - Downhill &
    - Redass coming up 18 and 19 May. Toilet and shuttle is organised.
- Protocol for paying suppliers is to ask treasurer to pay direct as first preference. Where reimbursement is required by a committee member then it is important for an invoice to be provided to the treasurer.
- Trail works: progress review and general update
  - Darren is out of action and has given go ahead to continue construction of crossover bridge over BK.
  - Water was discussed for maintaining the trails.
  - Trail counter is at 7,250 last check. Relocate this to the new GE trail when opened. Add this to the website as a counter if possible.

### Risk Management

- No specific risk management items raised for this meeting.

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**Finance:** Usage reporting to be completed.

**Correspondence In:** N/A

**Next meeting:** Date to be confirmed.