

GIPPSLAND MTB INC

Assoc No A0051590Z

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 7.00PM ON 10 FEBRUARY 2009
AT LEVEL 2 32 KAY STRRET TRARALGON

PRESENT

Committee: Darren Humphrey, Nick King, Ian Johnston, Dean Morris, Graeme Trewern, Lenny Van Berkel.

Sub Committees: Gerry Jarvis

APOLOGIES

Darrin Wilson, Steve McRae (Sponsorship), Shane Currie (Fat Tyre Flyers)

CHAIRPERSON

Ian Johnston

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed as a true record.

MEMBERSHIP

10 new membership applications were approved and membership now stands at 91 'paid up' members as attached.

ADMINISTRATION

Communication had been received from Tony Scott from MTBA expressing sympathy and best regards to all those affected by the current bush fires. It was identified that Bryan Adams, a foundation GMTB member, had lost his home in the fires and that two local riders Nathan Charles and Luke Jacobs had lost their lives. Johnno is to pass this information on to MTBA.

A bush fire appeal fund raiser event will be held at the You Yangs this coming Sunday. This will be promoted on the club website.

Graeme has prepared event 'how to' checklists which are attached to these minutes for further input from the committee.

It was agreed that we should ask Max Cook if he will be prepared to print the monthly newsletter and be reimbursed his costs. Alternatively we should investigate purchasing a printer and doing our own printing. In addition a cheque for \$100 was written to cover costs for Max to print and laminate race numbers and signage.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Graeme presented the Treasurer's Report as attached.

The current bank balance stands at \$5,245.62.

SPONSORSHIP

Steve McRae has received some sponsorship commitments from Loy Yang Power, Latrobe Country Credit, Colin Watson Motors and Latrobe Community Health Services. Unfortunately he has not been promoting the club's official sponsorship package and this has caused some confusion at Loy Yang Power and amongst the committee. We need to be careful not to be seen as being unprofessional.

As soon as Steve is available members of the committee will meet with him to bring all sponsorship packages into line. Steve has indicated he will be willing to take a leading role with sponsorship in the future.

Sponsorship flyers were distributed to all committee members to follow their own various contacts.

Sponsor signs will need to be manufactured.

A sponsor's ride day for McMillan Partners will be held as a club sanctioned event. Club members will organise and conduct the social ride. All other costs will be at the expense of the sponsor. Kingy will be able to provide bike/trailer hire at an attractive rate.

CLUB CLOTHING

Kingy is organising GMTB Event Crew T-shirts this week and will also provide some plain GMTB T-shirts.

No further information has been received on riding jerseys from Steve McRae. Johnno is to follow up with Steve.

RIDES & ACTIVITIES

DH/4X

Kingy reported that the Mt Baw Baw DH Event had been cancelled due to the current bush fires. It is now proposed to hold the event on the weekend of 28, 29 March 2009. This is yet to be confirmed.

Kingy and Lenny had attended a meeting of Fat Tyre Flyers on 3 February and provided a report from the meeting and summary of requirements for the event. Net proceeds from the event will be split 50/50 with FTF.

Johno is to obtain a copy of the MTBA 2009 insurance certificate of currency and forward to Kingy.

Social

8 Mar – Point to Point - Cowarr

12 Apr – Lysterfield

10 May – Colquhoun night ride

14 Jun – Blore's Hill night ride

Gerry will follow up on plans to hold a suitable club family ride.

Ongoing social rides are to be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless this clashes with other clubs events.

Enduro/XC

22 Feb – Colquhoun - 4 hr

22 Mar – Blore's Hill - 4 hr

26 Apr – Colquhoun - ??

24 May – Blore's Hill (bring a friend who has never raced before)

28 Jun – Colquhoun - ??

Ongoing club races will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Major Event(s)

Bush fires throughout Victoria have now burnt out many popular ride and event locations. Johno is to contact Full Gas Promotions, Finish Line Events and Anaconda to make them aware that Blore's Hill and Colquhoun are available as appropriate sites for a major event, particularly in the winter months.

Skills Training Courses

An MTB Guiding course is being conducted in April and September this year. Kingy will be undertaking the course.

MEDIA LIASON

A media release for the Colquhoun race was circulated and discussed. Gerry will continue to represent the club to the media.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

It was agreed to acquire the following equipment to fit out an event trailer over the coming months:

GT	Radios (x6)
DH	Pit Tents(x2)
LV	Club Banners (x2)
DM	Esky
DM	Fold Up Tables (x2)
LV	Club Stickers
MC	Signage – trail -arrows- triple (x2) - double(x15) - single(x60) - warning
MC	Race Numbers (x100)
LV	Trailer (have a look at FTF trailer at Baw Baw)
DH	Suitcase generator (investigate)

Now acquired

LV	Rake Hoes (x6)	3 donated by Cattnach Welding
LV	Mattocks (x2)	
GT	Timing system	
NK	PA system (investigate)	Borrow from Schools
LV	Stake Bashers/Rammers (x2)	
DM	Drink Stations (x4)	
LV	Signage – Road (x6)	

The equipment will be stored at Kingy's home. We will need to consider insurance for these items.

LAND MANAGERS, TRAIL MAPPING & FUNDING

Follow up to 'Whole of Governments Review'

Lenny and Johnno will follow up with Jacqui Bramwell and Kate Hill on the basis that a ride location in close proximity to the Latrobe Valley should be able to be accessed via HVP. Therefore our trail priority can be better aligned with the more supportive DSE/PV district land managers.

Blore's Hill

The club has confirmed to PV that it is happy to undertake a trail network review on their behalf and also do the GPS trail mapping.

A trail bike warning notice in use in the Walhalla, Erica, Coopers Creek and Rawson area was circulated. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to Peter Lawrence and Darrin Lynch at PV with a request that a similar notice be posted at the Blore's Hill Caravan Park.

Gerry will communicate with the Australian mountain bike magazines in order to get some recognition for Blore's as a great ride destination.

The Summit (previously known as Delhuntie Park)

Kingy will maintain communications with Ryan Doughty.

HVP Plantations

Communication has been sent to the General Manager to seek a meeting to discuss possible opportunities to establish trails on HVP land. There may be delays due to the current bush fires.

Other

Small grants opportunities were discussed. Johnno will seek \$1,000 from Ground Effect for the purchase of a suitcase generator. Kingy will follow up the Country Action Grants Scheme to seek funding for training courses.

RESOURCES FOR SUBMISSIONS

One copy of each of the IMBA Guides "Trail Solutions" and "Managing Mountain Biking" have not been returned to the club.

NEXT MEETING

Committees:

Tuesday 10 March 2009 at 7.00pm – location to be advised.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed as a true record

Chairperson