

GIPPSLAND MTB INC

Assoc No A0051590Z

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 7.00PM ON 15th NOVEMBER, 2011
30 KAY STREET, TRARALGON

PRESENT

Committee: Simone Morris, Melissa Cosson, Mark Baines, Stephen James, David Moss, Nick King, Terry Trewern, Adam Downes, Ian Johnston

Sub Committee/Other: N/A

APOLOGIES

Graeme Trewern, Spencer Morris, Andrew Sharpe, Lenny Van Berkel, Richard Northover

CHAIRPERSON

Ian Johnston

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 18th October, 2011 were confirmed as a true record.

MEMBERSHIP

As tabled

7 new 'paid' memberships were approved and

36 new 'day licence' memberships were approved.

Membership now stands at 231 'paid' and 'day licence' members

ADMINISTRATION

Training

- *MTBA Coaching* -. Awaiting notification from MTBA as to when they will schedule Level 1 coaching courses. Kingy to follow up.
- *Commissaire Accreditation* – Awaiting final version of the policy from MTBA. Simone to follow up.

Volunteer Register Requirements – Simone had contacted MTBA regarding this issue and word back from them is that from an insurance point of view there is no legal requirement to have a volunteer register.

Presentation Night – Friday December 9, 2011. Venue – Turks Sports Bar in Traralgon. \$200 has been paid for venue via cheque. 6pm start, presentations at 8.30pm. **GT** will organise a ‘slideshow’, do a welcome address to everyone and do Club Person of the Year presentation. **Kingy** will do a DH wrap up and **Adam D** will present a XC wrap up. We’ll get pizza from downstairs.

Championship Trophies/Jersey – **Melissa** has organised trophies (max value of \$50 each). It was decided to scrap the 2nd and 3rd placing medals.

Discussion took place regarding the DH junior trophy. It was decided to award a trophy (ones that we already have in stock) to the ‘highest placed’ Gippsland MTB junior in each of the VHDS junior categories (ie. Under 19/Under 17/Under 15/Under 13). **Kingy** to work out whom each of these recipients will be so that a plaque can be engraved to stick on to the trophy. There will also be a DH Senior Male and DH Senior Female trophy awarded.

Adam D presented the version of the ‘2011 Club Champion’ which will be printed on two jerseys and presented to the overall GMTB Club Champion. It’s too late to get the current sponsor’s logos on.

XC Trophies/Jerseys will be awarded for

Overall Club Champion (Jerseys)

Solo Male (glass trophy)

Solo Female (glass trophy)

Team (glass trophy)

Junior (glass trophy)

Mt Baw Baw Critical Workshop – GT had indicated to Mt Baw Baw management that he would attend this meeting on behalf of Gippsland MTB on Wednesday November 9th but the meeting was postponed by Mt Baw Baw management.

Community Groups Expo in Latrobe City – we have accepted an invitation from the Latrobe City Council to attend an expo on April 15th, 2012 to display/advertise our Club. **Melissa, Simone, Kingy** and **Bainsey** all indicated that they are willing to attend.

TREASURER’S REPORT

As tabled.

Melissa presented the Treasurer’s Report.

The current bank balance stands at \$27,477.17

Discussion took place regarding the fact that we are currently underinsured. It was decided to wait until the on road trailer (which has just been built) and the dh trailer (currently being built) are finished and then we will increase the amount that our assets are insured for, to include these two items. It was also noted that there is no discount on the insurance premium if our equipment is stored in a secure storage shed.

Melissa will follow this item up.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Gippsland Foot Clinic have indicated that they would like to put on a 'ride day' for their employees.

Adam D will follow this up.

Discussion resulted in the following decisions being made:

- Cost will be \$1,000 for up to 10 people or \$1,200 for up to 20 (max)
- For this they will get:
 - a sponsorship event
 - their logo on our website for 12 months
 - we will provide; transport, bikes, trail guides, first aid and insurance (by way of riders signing a participation permit)

CLUB CLOTHING/MERCHANDISE

Melissa has merchandise items for printing but is unable to get hold of the lady who does our work. Kingy will follow up to see if he has any luck

Adam D has been working on the Club's dh jersey and presented the design which everyone agreed upon. It was decided to order 16 mixed size dh style jerseys, 2 pair of dh style shorts (size 32 & size 34) and 2 pair of dh style pants (size 32 & size 34). This will take our total to the minimum of 20 pieces ordered.

RIDES & ACTIVITIES

DH

Jan 28

Club Event/Ride Day

Baw Baw

Feb 18

Mar 17

** These dates are have been scheduled for Club ride days at Mt Baw Baw. We may however move the Mar 17 Club ride day to Mt Taylor given the works taking place there. Kingy, Simone & Melissa to work out details of these days.*

Social

Nov 11/12/13

Social Weekend

Forrest

** all in attendance had a great time by all accounts!!*

December 9

Presentation Night

Turks
Sports Bar

Enduro/XC

Nov 27

Bulldog Junc

** Jobno has applied for the permit and is awaiting approval*

** GT, Rodger N, Lenny and Jobno will mark course*

** Dr. Gunter has given approval for the use of his airstrip paddock for a staging area.*

Major Events

Victorian Enduro Series

Round 6 VES Evaluation Report – Jobno will complete. Adam D to forward Jobno Rotorburn comments.

Adam D has been in contact with others (Robin Adams, Geelong MTB) regarding the VES for next year. At present there is no series coordinator and it is left to individual Clubs to organise events. Goldcross have again taken on series sponsorship. Adam will put forward our Club to host a VES round for next year (as close to same date as this year's i.e. end July).

Victorian Summer Series

Information regarding VSS (summer series) was forwarded to Trevor Nicklen (Erica) to see if they'd be interested in holding an event during summer. Adam will call Trevor to see if they're interested.

Victorian Downhill Series

Kingy has asked that we put forward Mt Taylor as a round of the Victorian Downhill Series for the 2012/2013 season.

Kingy, Simone & Melissa will represent Gippsland MTB at the upcoming VDHS mid year planning meeting being held at Mt Beauty on Saturday December 3rd.

Trail Maintenance

Kingy will organise a trail maintenance day/weekend at Mt Baw Baw early in January to get the trail ready for the Club ride days. Kingy to let GT know the date so that it can go up on the website.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Items required to be acquired are:

- 1 x 12 bike (on road) trailer – Lenny has constructed our trailer and its first outing was at the Forrest weekend. There are a few minor modifications to be made and some sign writing to be done. Around \$1,500 has been spent to date. Will also need to get the trailer registered.
- 1 x 12 bike (off road) dh trailer – Dan Barrett has taken on the task of building our off road dh trailer. \$4,000 has been forwarded to Dan to buy materials. To date the steel has been bought, springs, wheels etc and crank holders have been made (Watty). Dan will keep us updated with photos etc. on his progress. Trailer to be registered upon completion.

Wireless Timing System – Freelap timing system is apparently no longer available through Australian distributors. GT to investigate other options

MEDIA

Kingy to forward relevant contacts/media release documents to David Moss. Simone to email Kingy with David's email address

LAND MANAGERS, TRAIL MAPPING

Mt Taylor – Andrew Sharpe (DSE) has informed us that ‘Dirt Art’ have won the tender for trail work at Mt Taylor. Andrew has indicated that he would like the dh members of the Club to communicate with Simon to ensure that the track work is as expected.

Kingy has already been in touch with Simon French from Dirt Art and Simone, Spencer & Kingy will meet with Simon on Sunday November 27th (at around 4pm) at Mt Taylor.

This is very exciting news and the Club is very much appreciative of Andrew’s efforts.

Andrew had also indicated that DSE is keen to support the Club in the form of a ‘tradie’ trailer and equipment to stock that trailer for working bees etc. This trailer would be kept in the East (Howard Blegg’s property?) and also to contribute to a bike carrier trailer (to a total value of \$8,000).

It was decided that we could approach someone in the area eg. Brad Fisher to see if he’s willing to organise the trailer and contents, or, alternatively, to see if they would prefer that we organised it from this end.

It was also decided to ask Andrew if the DSE would be prepared to contribute funds toward the dh trailer that is currently being constructed by Dan Barrett. That way, it would enable us to go ahead with the purchase/construction of a second dh bike carrier trailer in the near future, which will be needed to hold events/ride days at Mt Taylor etc.

Simone to contact Andrew and discuss the above items with him to ensure we they adhere to DSE expectations/requirements

Kingy also mentioned that following his discussion with Andrew, Dirt Art are also be involved with the building of a pump track at Colquhoun which is also great news.

Blores Hill – Licence Agreement

On Monday November 14th, Lenny & Johnno met with Mike Dower regarding Licence Agreement for Blores Hill.

- Blores Hill mostly DSE owned, Parks managed with portions of land that no-one know who owns.
- Blores is managed by Alpine National Parks
- If we want to participate in the Licence Agreement it will be at our own cost (not sure of figure at this stage) and we will have to prepare the Management Plan.
- Tourism Victoria/Destination Gippsland/Wellington Shire/Gippsport are all options that may be able to help to provide funding for a consultant to prepare the Management Plan for the Licence Agreement as no one on the committee will have the time to put into the preparation of this document.
- Discussion took place as to whether or not we forge ahead with the Licence Agreement or just do nothing...? Johnno will follow up this item.

FUNDING

Stephen is applying for a Vic Health grant on behalf of the Club. It was decided to apply for grant to get two 3m x 3m shelters rather than another large 3 x 6m shelter. This way one could go East and the other smaller one stay in Traralgon.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Next Meeting

Everyone in attendance agreed not to hold the next committee meeting scheduled for December 20th as it's too close to Christmas.

Calendar for next year – GT has the 2012 calendar well underway and given that the decision was taken not to hold a meeting in December, it was thought that GT could circulate his proposed calendar for discussion via email.

Storage Shed – After discussion it was decided to rent a storage shed (Liddiard Rd Sheds) to house all of our equipment in the one location. It was decided to hire the larger storage shed (6m x 3m) at a cost of \$31 per week as opposed to the smaller (4.5m x 3m) at \$26 per week.

A system of shelving and a borrowing 'in/out' book will need to be developed along with a decision of who has keys.

It was also noted that the Liddiard Road Storage sheds have video surveillance and that they are closed from 7pm until 7am so we will need to be prepared when planning events.

Melissa will organise the rental of the storage shed.

Insight Video – VDHS has forwarded each Club that hosted a round last year a copy of Jake Lucas' Insight Video.

Ground Effect. Johno has been in contact with the folk from Ground Effect. Their cheque has been received and Johno will forward some photos of the trail building that took place at Blores for the Victorian Enduro Series held in July 2011 for them to use in one of their newsletters. It was noted that Robert Billing took some great shots of works at Blores.

LOCATION OF IMBA GUIDES/BIKES/INSIGHT VIDEO

Guides - AD/MW/MB

Club Bikes – Trek with Lenny & Giant with Lenny's brother

Insight Video – Adam Downes

NEXT MEETING

Committee:

7.00pm Tuesday 17th January, 2011 in Traralgon

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.19pm.

Signed as a true record

Chairperson