

ROCKWHEELERS COMMITTEE MEETING

11th July /2017, 7pm

Bicentennial Room Thuringowa Council Office

Present: Geoff Jordan, Matt Hodges, Tim Hughes, Keith Spencer, Tony Peroz, Michael Dorronboom,
Ian Conrads, Grant Cooper, Aaron Elkin, Chris Rigano

AGENDA

INITIATIVE	DISCUSSION LEADER	Notes	Actions (Leader)
Presidents Report	Matt	Policy reminder with regards to Social Media and other Communications.	Matt has emailed and passed on the RW Communications Policy following some controversial FB posts. A reminder to all about online behaviour particularly if representing the club. We now have several members able to post via RW FB and now more than ever with a strong junior membership we need to be mindful of our own posts and remove inappropriate posts made by others if required.
Treasurers Report	Geoff Jordan	About to process June Quarter BAS	Geoff to re-send Mike Carney Sponsor invoice to Keith. Events Bot - need to look at some outstanding invoices
Major Event Paluma Push	Keith Spencer Tony Paroz	Event Date 23/7/17	All going well with preparations. No more volunteers needed. Tshirts, prizes and Track organised. Adventurethon is doing the timing with RFID rider numbers are down. Only around 400 registered, Ian Conrads will organise some promotions via various media this week prior to registration cutoff.
Major Event Dam Dark		<p style="text-align: center;">Gary Hutcheson</p> <p>DAM Dark. The general organisation for Dam Dark is well underway. There are some sponsors who are keen, food and novelty events are roughly sorted – just need some final tweaks to the details and timing.</p> <p>HOWEVER: I just come back from riding at the dam and have some serious concerns at the viability of running a race at the dam.</p> <p>Weeds: The trails are overgrown in places. While most of the trails tread is clear there are a lot of places where grass and woody weeds are up obscuring the trails. There are a couple of new 4x4 roads along Jet Stream making the single track hard to follow through the grass. Not sure why they are there but they certainly will make course marking more important than ever before.</p> <p>Rocks: All of any trails used would need to be raked to clear the rocks or to mark the trail or to tidy it up. The bottom and top section of Roller Coaster are bad, as is Mariners and Bakers Mark lower sections. The bad sections would need to significant work to make them smooth. The remainder would probably</p>	<p>The committee has agreed that the Dam trails are an important and valuable asset that RW would like to keep.</p> <p>TCC - RW agreement is due next yr. Hopefully TCC will continue to allow access + during week also.</p> <p>Timbo is asking Shalom College if people may be available for trail grooming</p> <p>Nathan to follow up with Corrections re grass slashing availability</p>

		<p>get away with a light rake.</p> <p>I am guessing the trails as worse than last year because of lack of use and virtually no maintenance. I ran a couple of working bee before last years Dam Dark – mainly tidying up some of the worst sections (these areas a pretty good), but the rest has deteriorated.</p> <p>I am not sure when the last event was at the Dam? Dam Dark 2016? The lack of bikes riding the dam hasn't helped keeping the trails clear. In 2016 the Hot Rock ran so the trails hadn't changed before the Dam Dark which may explain why there wasn't this issue last year.</p> <p>This year there was no Hot Rock and I see the XC races have chosen not to use the dam – due to the condition of the trails at the dam?</p> <p>I doubt that I will have the resources to get the trails up to scratch. I had scheduled a couple of working bee but that won't be enough even if well attended. The response I got to the working bee last year was very poor.</p> <p>The questions I have are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is the club committed to retaining the trails at the dam? 2) If yes – what resources can I get to clean up the trails. 3) If no, what does the committee want to do with the Dam Dark? 	
Downhill (DH) Series	Chris Rigano		
Gravity Enduro (GE) Series	Grant Cooper Chris Browning	<p>DH & GE events have been going well</p> <p>Grant expressed some concern re the section of Stuart trail next to barbed wire.</p>	It was suggested that we obtain some PVC conduit to cover wire in affected area.
Adventure and Social Riding	Aaron Elkin	55 people attended the Paluma Social ride next ride is 13 Aug at Aligator Crk	
Trail Building Committee	Nathan	<p>I have had several communications with the corrections at getting some cutting done, they pulled out when the cyclone hit Airlie Beach as they tied their resources to that, said they would get back to me. I had since contacted them to cut the dam trails and they said they could and would get back to me, i will chase them up again this week. As in the past they can help but unlike the past when they supplied vehicles, man power and equipment, they now can only do cars and man power. we have to supply the equipment so will be four guys max. I will keep you notified.</p> <p>Ps I wont be there at meeting. But some good trail maintenance has been getting done by some volunteers of late, many hundred hours have been logged on trail</p>	Committee agreed to fund another \$350 as requested from Nathan

		<p>forks. never enough but slowly helping, I have been on school holidays and will organise some more trail appreciation days soon, prob towards end of august. Meanwhile here are some pics of some work done thanks to some volunteers and thanks to committee for the deco/clay at Stuart trails. They have almost used it up and are requesting another load at around \$350 to fix some more problem areas. Please let me know if i can go ahead and organise another load and I will set up another event for Stuart asap, again prob after the PP. Ps Travis and Farryn have been doing heaps of volunteer hours both at Douglas and Mt Stuart, its helping to bridge a gap between the gravity riders and traditional Douglas riders. These guys are in the zone and we need to keep giving them stuff to do!!! I will do up another report at a later date about the Course trail building day we did, soon to be done!</p>	
Race Registrar	Michael Dorrenboom	<p>Impact of new MTBA gateway and the way refunds are handled. Update on PP numbers.</p>	<p>MTBA have changed the way refunds for cancelled race registrations are processed- now handled via treasurer 397 registered for the Push</p>
Junior Skills and Development	Tim Hughes	<p>Year to date we have had 16 junior rides this year with around 1000 sign in so far. So we have had a good first 6 months. I have all the ride sign in sheets. Are they meant to be saved to google drive?</p> <p>Blue Cards – Not sure how up to date the blue card register is? I will see if I can bring a copy to the meeting. First Aid – Maybe can introduce a First Aid register with the Blue Card Register?</p> <p>MTBA have given us approval to hold “Grading laps” of Scrubs (timing the kids within a social ride) to help sort out groups out We have also been advised anyone from 3 years up with a Dirt Master license has Race insurance and can race (contrary to their Junior Policy)</p> <p>I have approx \$400 for banking from Thursday afternoon donations and last sausage sizzle. Am looking at getting some corflute signage and stickers made up for the different Thursday afternoon groups to help identify and organise the groups a little easier.</p> <p>Spoke with Nathan Waters about possibly using the MTB Direct donation he received to purchase a couple of decent First Aid Kits to have on hand at the Junior Social rides?</p>	<p>Motion passed for Tim to purchase a better First Aid Kit and Corflute signs for juniors.</p> <p>Geoff to Chase up Blue Card renewals in mail and send to Tim.</p>
Online Communications	Justin McIntosh	<p>Things are ticking along as always.</p> <p>-All Events for the year are on the website/Facebook events -DH2, GE3, XC4 Targa coming soon</p>	

		<p>-Getting to the pointy end of the Push, rego reminder/request for volunteers/minor sponsor plug email going out soon. Individual sponsor plugs on FB coming soon, the final push for volunteers and rider info to go.</p> <p>A few of our events are a bit last minute on details, but we're doing the best we can with volunteers and everybody's workload this year.</p> <p>As usual, I will not be in attendance. Please feel free to call, email, comment if you need anything, or have any feedback.</p>	
General Business			
	TIMBO	Club needs to draft a memorandum of understanding for members that have participated in the skills coaching courses	It seems Geoff Jordan is stuck with this assignment.