



12 February 2019, 7pm / Meeting called to order by President, Matt Hodges

In Attendance

Matt Hodges (President), Geoff Jordan (Treasurer), Jamie Burton (Secretary), Nicole Burton (Assistant Secretary), Michael Dorrenboom (Registrar), Travis Bailey (Land Management), Hayley Morgan, Grant Cooper, Dave Taske, Stephen Knott, Dale Lumsden, Shaun Pope and Wade Bailey

Committee

- Jamie Burton introduced himself as the 2019 Rockwheelers (RW) secretary and thanked the committee for accepting his nomination.
 - Confirmation of RW 2019 committee members:
 - President - Matt Hodges
 - Vice President - Shaun Pope
 - Treasurer - Geoff Jordan
 - Secretary - Jamie Burton
 - Major Event - Paluma Push - Hayley Morgan
 - Major Event - Dam Dark - Davey McBaron
 - Cross Country (XC) Series - Daniel Croft
 - Assistant (XC) Series - Daniel Croft
 - Downhill (DH) Series - Stephen Knott
 - Gravity Enduro (GE) Series - Dale Lumsden
 - Adventure and Social Riding - Aaron Elkin
 - Trail Building Committee - Wade Bailey
 - Land Access Advocate - Travis Bailey
 - Sponsorships - VACANT
 - Training Coordinator - Chris Browning
 - Race Registrar - Michael Dorrenboom
 - Timing Coordinator - David Taske
 - Junior & Skills Development - VACANT
 - Media Liaison - VACANT
 - Technical Race Regulations - VACANT
 - Funding Applications - Vicky O'Brien
 - Social Media/Website - Justin McIntosh
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President's Report

- Advertise for unfilled positions – Namely Media Relations, Sponsorship and Technical Race Regulations.
- New position created and filled – Funding - Vicki O'Brien.
- Lockable trails open/closed sign to be sourced for Douglas Park entry. To be discussed at Mar meeting.
- E-mail from president of Mt Isa MTB club offered to help fix up Douglas Park in any way they can.
- Kristy Kerrisk has asked about Level 1 courses for Juniors, existing level 0 to be upgraded. Facebook page to add request for interested members to gauge numbers

- First Aid courses to be organised.
- Nicole Burton raised the question of a Golden Ticket for committee members. Standing agreement for RW Committee members to receive free entry to events, the Registrar arranges this as part of registration.

Matt Hodges to Action

Treasurer's Report

- Separate Bank Account for Paluma Push. Approval from the committee was given for a new bank account to be created. Hayley Morgan is authorised to access and have transactional abilities.
- \$95K in RW account.
- December BAS due at the end of the month.
- Funds available for trail reconstruction
- Australian Sports Foundation contacted the club and advised that an account had been created to accept tax deductible donations. This will allow Douglas recovery project to be a charity event.

Geoff Jordan to Action

General Business

- Townsville Bulletin has expressed an interest to do a story on RW being the third largest MTB club in Australia. Matt Hodges to be the point of contact for the RW.
- Sign-on sheet is to be created for track maintenance days which can be used to track those who are volunteering to maintain the trails - Michael Dorrenboom/ Jamie Burton to provide a list of those who have registered as volunteers.
- Paluma Push
 - William Bird from Blackchrome / Cairns has been approached to be the Commissaire for the Paluma Push. He is a national level Commissaire. Club to pay for flights and accommodation.
 - Sponsorships – Mick Carney (\$7,500 = Platinum), Top Brand (in kind in prizes and cash - \$3,000), BN Glass and Aluminium (3,000 cash), PDS Conditioning and monitoring services (Bronze \$1,500), Markwell Group (in kind). Townsville Airport have declined. Townsville Bulletin nil response. Gough Plastics – offered to supply the private land owner plastics for his property e.g. water tanks but this doesn't benefit the club so an alternative is to supply a water tank for Douglas instead. No response from Mackey Wales law firm.
 - Marketing. Date that registrations will be open will be announced shortly. Add in Newspaper, 1 week before registrations open and one shortly after.
 - 1 March is when registrations open.
 - Townsville City Council (TCC) grants – send to Vicki to action
 - Hidden Valley have booked in Paluma Push but waiting for quote to come through
 - Permit with Queensland parks and wildlife, form is done and ready to go but will only accept cheque or money order.
 - Committee supported the idea of a Paluma Push Jersey – Nicole to action
- Race Registrar
 - Cut-off times for Paluma Push. Checkpoint 4 to export results. Registration for the push, live on 01 March. If you don't have current MTBA membership that day, you have to pay a day licence.
 - There is currently 493 members of RW.

Hayley Morgan to Action
(unless indicated otherwise)

Michael Dorrenboom to Action

- Land Access Coordinator

- Travis Bailey – Funding Australian Sports, RW eligible for \$5,000 (level 1) \$20,000 (level 2) for disaster relief.
- MTBA have agreed to offer assistance but not funds.
- Douglas recovery plan (official name), assessment conducted to highlight various areas of damage detailing areas requiring hand or machine repair. Easy Street / backside will require extensive repair. Estimated 16km of trail to be repaired. Possibility of using a ‘dingo’ for repairs – not harsh on trails and cheap to hire. Around 366 locations identified as requiring attention throughout the park. Pump track needs a complete re-build. Level 1 funding and use of existing dirt to improve drainage. Numerous locations to be closed. Need star pickets and bunting.

Announcements

- XC Race Coordinator
 - Is Daniel Croft still interested in being the coordinator this year, Dan Rubach is happy to provide assistance.
 - First XC race is 28th April, this is also the same date as XC4 in Cairns
 - No E-Bike category for XC Race.

Daniel Croft to provide update
- DH Coordinator
 - First DH1 race on 3rd March. Nicole Burton to provide the BBQ. Marshalls and time keepers required. For action ?
- Gravity Enduro Coordinator
 - New E-bike category proposed - to be discussed further
 - Biggest task is getting the trails open and ready to go.

New Business

- William Bird (Blackchrome Cairns) asked about trophies that Rockwheelers awarded at races last year. Blackchrome requested a photo of the ones produced and rough cost. Blackchrome are looking to expand upon their range of products and this was one area that has been proposed. The club used Bamford lane Trophies last year. The committee agreed that it is not viable to use Blackchrome and it is preferred to support local businesses.
- Renewal of Blue Cards – working with children. Tim Hughes can provide further information. On-line renewal. No cost for renewal. Forms and ID to him and then club gets confirmation of who members are. For action Juniors Coordinator
- Create quarterly bulletin or newsletter. So members know what’s happening with the club. For action RW Secretary
- Log annual return. For action Geoff Jordan
- Additional signage for Douglas. Have all been organised and will be put up in a few months.

- Wade – Douglas has been shut down for safety. Full assessment done last Saturday. Working bee planned for Saturday 16th Feb. Getting good traction on social media. Expecting a reasonable turn-out. Over the next few weeks, getting an idea on what can be done by hand and then what needs to be done with machines. Trail maintenance to be done weekly. Nicole to bring esky for drinks.
- Order of repairs – wobbegong, spider bait, rock and roll 1, whiptail, frog, flow, blue ring
- Juniors to fix the green trails - Thursdays, fruit loop, scrubs and creeks.
- Hammerhead to backside, long way to iron bark to the new hut, whiptail = good to ride.
- JCU walking trail will be maintained by JCU. They have inspected and repairs need to be done. They will provide funding to help with our trails.
- Plumbing application – request for quote has been submitted and waiting for a response – generally takes 10 days. For action Sam Gilbert.
- Storage compound – Has been approved on principal and will be put to council on 26th March. Requires material change of use and could cost up to \$10,000 because it's state land. Lease agreement conditions – 12 month rolling lease – but can be taken off us at any time. This cost is worst case scenario.
- A tool register has been set up and more tools need to be purchased. It will probably cost about \$1,000. The register is on Google Drive.
- Access at the dam. Open and keen to maintain dam trails. But club has decided against using them unless we use a snorkel. Dam trails are officially closed.
- Mt Stuart vision statement is on hold. Not the right time to approach the council.
- Signage container is in bad need of repair. Needs to be fixed properly. Speak to Tony (?) to organise a new container if necessary. Once repaired or replaced needs to be sorted out. Follow up next meeting
- Club trailer suffered some water ingress but was not a significant amount of damage, nothing vital. Needs a bit of a clean-out. Follow up next meeting
- MTBA correspondence – damage reports have been supplied. Rough estimate looking at \$10,000 of damage in Douglas MTB park + Mt Stuart. E-mail has been sent to QPS about the trails at Pallarenda.

- Hire of a digger at Mt Stuart has been requested. Travis Bailey has some quotes. Supported by all at the meeting. To be organised for 2-weeks time. For action Travis Bailey
- Council have been approached to request funding to repair trails. So far no response has been received.
- Trail building course. Mozzie (?) has information which is specific to Douglas. Wade Bailey to search for the information and put a link on Facebook. For action Wade Bailey
- Ideas for a new jersey for RW members to be advertised on Facebook. Members will have the option of designing a new jersey via Blackchrome. Winner to receive free jersey. For Action Nicole Burton
- New sponsor – Russell Fabrio Diesel Services. When he services a car he will donate \$20 back to RW. Initiated by Matt at Cranked Cycles.
- The President proposed the idea to thank volunteers for work at Douglas. Run a volunteer event that the club pays for. Social ride with a BBQ / drinks at the end. Another idea is a voucher for race entry, 1 per person. Grand re-opening event with food and drinks / social riding + jumping castle? To be discussed at next meeting

Next Meeting

12 March 2019, 7pm. Location to be advised.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Mathew Hodges
President
Rockwheelers Mountain Bike Club

Jamie Burton
Secretary
Rockwheelers Mountain Bike Club