



TOWNSVILLE ROCKWHEELERS MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

MINUTES

22nd November 2019, 1830 / Meeting called to order by Secretary Jamie Burton

In Attendance

Matt Hodges (President), Jamie Burton (Secretary), Nicole Burton (Assistant Secretary), Geoff Jordan (Treasurer) Travis Bailey, Hayley Morgan, Michael Dorrenboom, Michael Brosnan and other members of Rockwheelers Townsville.

President's Report

- As of 22nd November there are 434 members. This comprises 87 females and ranges in age from 3-76.
- The membership numbers are down by about 90 from 2 years ago and this is across the board – from XC to Downhill and Gravity Enduro.
- Race participation is also down on numbers.
- This year the race numbers were as follows:
 - Paluma Push – 373 registrations
 - XC Series – 184 registrations
 - Gravity Enduro series – 230 registrations
 - Downhill Series – 67 registrations; and
 - Junior races – 118 registrations
- The president said that there were no events until May 2019 and no MTB festival this year so this could be the reason why event participation was low. Matt Hodges thanked Michael Dorrenboom and Dave Taske for their efforts at all events this year.

The Pro's from 2019 were:

- New Trails
- Revamped trails
- Happy Sponsors
- Volunteer working bees
- Fund raising and
- Park Counting System

The Con's from 2019 were:

- Flood event
- Park Closures
- Memberships down
- Race participation

Things happening in 2020

- MTB Festival – weather pending

- XCM Nationals
- New Trails
- New Committee – New Direction
- New Compound
- NQ Games (Junior Event on 11th April)

Treasurer's Report

- Clubs financials are very healthy at the moment.
- This is due to government grants not from races which has been our main source of income previously.
- Total income: \$332,348
- Expenses: \$238,313
- Profit: \$94,935
- Currently \$98,088 in bank
- \$260,000 paid from grants
- Thank you to Townsville City Council, Queensland Government and RACQ Foundation for their sponsorship / donations
- \$13,000 was received in donations in 2019
- The club spent \$26,500 in new trails between Oct 18 and September 19.
- A further \$90,000 was spent in October 2019 on repairs and building which included the revamped pump track at Douglas
- XC Series had \$5,863 profit
- GE Series had \$4,996 profit
- DH Series had \$713 loss
- Club financials were accepted by the various members present
- The president thanked Geoff Jordan for all of his efforts as treasurer for the last 5 years

Paluma Push

- There were no serious injuries in 2019. The race director provided positive feedback.
- He loved the coloured arrows which Nicole & Jamie Burton created and the coloured number plates for the different race distances were also very helpful.
- The start and finish areas were also very well set-up.
- \$14,000 was received in financial support from sponsors
- Registrations were down from last year
- Income was over \$78,000
- Expenses was over \$66,500
- The club pretty much broke even. They only made about \$1,600.00

Plans for 2020

- It was recommended that this event will no longer be a tier 1 race.
- This is due to there being less compliance and juniors are unable to race.
- Next year the club will be outsourcing (leasing) this event to Outer Limits Adventure Fitness
- Outer Events said the event manager was in excellent condition due to everything being documented.
- They will only make small changes but mostly everything will be staying the same

- Outer Limits intend to lease this event for a period of 3 years initially.
- They will put on some social rides prior to the event and will mark the course
- Outer Limits have some magic tape that cows won't eat (we'll believe it when we see it)

New Committee Nominations for 2020

- President – Michael Brosnan
- Vice President – Shaun Pope
- Treasurer – Stephen Knott
- Secretary – Hayley Morgan
- Major Events – Paluma Push – Not Needed
- Cross-Country Series – Vincent Wheeler
- XC Series Assistant – Chris Browning
- Downhill Series – Reese Jones
- Gravity Enduro Series – Vacant
- Social Rides – Vacant
- Trail Building – Wade Bailey
- Land Access – Travis Bailey
- Sponsorships – Michael Brosnan
- Training Coordinator – Kristy Kerrisk
- Race Registrar – Michael Dorrenboom
- Timing Coordinator – David Taske
- Juniors Skills Development – Cheryl Rennie
- Media Liaison – John McEvoy
- Technical Race Regulations – Vacant
- Funding Applications – Vicki O'Brien
- Social Media / Website – Justin McIntosh

The club welcomes all new committee members for 2020.

Land Access Coordinator

- During 2019, various counters were positioned at Douglas Mountain Bike Park. This enable the club to monitor the foot and bike traffic. As a result it was found that the park is used by:
 - 48,688 riders per year
 - 31,967 walkers per year
 - 280 users per day
 - But the club only has 460 members
- 2 lasers were installed but 1 was stolen. A grant has been raised to try and replace it.
- The aim of the counters is the club wants to demonstrate to the council what the benefit of mountain biking is and what it brings to the community.
- A new sign has been installed at Douglas – no walkers on mountain bike trails. This is because the primary purpose of the trails at Douglas reserve is for mountain biking. This is part of the review for the club and forms part of the risk management plan.
- If there is a walker / rider collision on mountain bike trails – the walker will be at fault. Walkers can continue to use the green trails and the stairs on the JCU side but that is all.

The future

- The Mt Stuart vision was presented to the Townsville City Council in 2019. As a result the regional MTB strategy will be developed in 2020.
- The Ross Dam trails are in disrepair and there are no plans currently to fix them due to there being no road.
- It is estimated that this will take a minimum of 500 volunteer hours to fix the trails because they have completely washed away.
- At this stage it's not viable for the club to spend money to fix the trails while access is only from Friday afternoon to Monday.
- The club needs to build on its membership numbers first.

Facilities

- The club has signed a licence to occupy some land from Riverside Ridge near Douglas Mountain Bike Park.
- This is a 5 year agreement / sponsorship
- The club will be gaining access to 800m² of land. There are no native title issues.
- The club has the ability to install a water access point and 400m² of storage
- A grant application has been submitted to fund the construction of the compound. If approved, hopefully this will be completed by May 2020.
- There will be shipping containers installed on this land for the storage and a link trail built from Easy Street to access it.
- An environmental policy has been added to the website. This was done in collaboration with Envite Environmental.
- Envite Environmental host a training program in conjunction with JCU to help with weed management and soil erosion at Douglas Mountain Bike Park.
- There are 20 personal involved with this project. They have also offered to help with trail maintenance.

Travis to action
(Unless otherwise indicated)

Presentations

- The evening concluded with the presentations from the GE and XC Series for 2019

Next Meeting

To be announced for a date in 2020 by the new committee.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2015.