



WAMBA Committee Meeting 3-2013

Date: 2nd July 2013

Time Start: 18:30

Location: Online

Attendees:

- John Barton – President
- Louise Wallace - Treasurer
- Jake Hannah – Secretary
- Margaret McIlroy - WOW
- John Roberts – PMBC/Dwellingup
- Ian Humphrey – Kalamunda Trails
- Kyra Eddy - WOW
- Dave Wilcox – MRORCA
- Myles Happ – Cape Mountain Bikers
- John Wallace – Collie Mountain Bike Club

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1. Apologies

The following apologies were received by email:

- Tony Cooper – Munda Biddi rep
- Dave Marshall – Albany
- Bec Swan – Geraldton
- Dean Bertenshaw – SWMTBC
- Lindsay Alsop

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 21st May were accepted as accurate.

The following actions had been resolved:

- Fraser Glendinning has been paid for setting up MYOB. He will invoice us again at the end of the year for the audit

- Jake provided John Roberts with the contact details for Dwellingup Adventures
- Lindsay chased Jamie Ridley about Scarp Rd DH. DPaW/DEC are not keen as the trail runs on Western Power land

The following actions have not yet been resolved:

- **Louise to add Lindsay as a signatory on the account**
- **To the best of our knowledge, Martin Danger has yet to contact Paddy Palin about the Banff Film Festival**
- **Jake has not yet organised a WAMBA stand at Gunjin one Sunday morning**
- **Club affiliation is ongoing**
- **Louise will circulate the latest WAMBA strategy after her meeting with DSR on Friday**

3. Treasurer's Report

Louise Wallace informed us that the current balance is \$40,598.60.

There are outstanding actions for:

- Raise invoice for \$200, Rock N Roll bandana purchase
- Bank cheque for \$9000, NRM Grant (Scorpion & Farrell Grove Project)

Louise reminded all project managers to report the GST status of their projects to her.

Jake commented that we have received several donations, including one for \$2000. He has already thanked the donors by email but will send a thankyou postcard as well. **Action: Jake Hannah**

4. President's Report

John Barton informed us that,

- Sarah Smith has been appointed to the MTB Development Officer role. She will start on 9th July. Every effort will be made to get her to our next committee meeting
- The SW MTB Master plan has been awarded. There were 4 very strong applications. The winner will be announced as soon they have all been informed

5. PMBC Report

From John Roberts:

- Committee meeting held on the 25/06/2013
- Greg Murison filled in for the currently vacant President role.
- Jordan Masters will take on the vacant Treasurer role.
- Discussion - Volunteers needed in the club ranks to step up and help out.
- Discussion - General racing requirements, trophies, etc.
- New timing system requires further volunteers to learn the ropes.
- Tony Tucknott attended a meeting in Canberra regarding performance cycling in WA.

- Discussion - Developments in Dwellingup. TT discussed some history on Dwellingup trails and past approval discussions with DEC. Two trail audit quotes for Marrinup trail have been requested. Some funds can be used for maintenance and re-alignment for upcoming races and general improvement.
- 12 Hr race organising needs help or may not be going ahead.

John asked how the PMBC 12 Hour donation is to be spent. Louise responded that she is in the process of formulating a maintenance plan for Langford Park and that all the funds will be spent there.

6. MRORCA Report

From Dave Wilcox

What We Did Last Month

- Hosted Margaret River Stakeholder forum - 35 attendees
- Hosted community forum with Q&A session panelled by experts - 50 attendees
- Held our AGM (31 attendees) and elected new committee members for 2013/14 year - 9 committee members, 6 existing 3 new
- 4 Committee Members attended the fantastic Collie trail workshops (open invitation)
- Made our website live - integrated with our membership system (Group Spaces)
- Started a new 'Official' Facebook page
- Held our first night brewery ride - now monthly event
- Held weekly social rides
- Extended Long Macchiato on volunteer day
- Undertook extensive trail maintenance at creek trails (caters) and pines.
- Submitted DAP (detailed area plan) preliminary release of Compartment 10 Facility design to DEC / DPaW
- Met with DEC, trails & interp and reviewed signage plans

What We are Doing Next Month

- Hosting our monthly brewery ride this Friday night
- Submitting NRM and TIRF grants.
- Working with DPaW to finalise realignment of trail that traverses a TEC.
- Starting work on 2013 pines expansion. 5km of planned works.
- Hosting multiple volunteer build days
- Working with consultant and DPaW to finalise DAP for Compartment 10 MTB facility.
- Presenting to Rotary with regard to proposed skills park
- Working with consultant on South West MTB Master Plan
- Working with some key stakeholders to assist with funding trails.
- Working with business' on commercial trail potential (with WAMAB trail sponsorship document?)
- Continuing maintenance and resolving drainage issues.

What is Stopping Us

- Only ourselves, you get back what you put in.

What We Learnt That Could Help Others

- Communication to members is very important.

7. Collie Mountain Bike Club

From John Wallace

What We Did Last Month

- Ride. Social groups sat arvos and wed nights.
- Funding was approved for the IMBA road show in the SW.
- Held the 2 day Sustainable trail workshop .
- Realigned a section of rays trail for the workshop, to be finished
- Received funding from the shire of \$5000 from the community grants.
- Received funding for delivering phone books. \$2000
- Attended the MRORCA community forum in Margret River
- Attended the SW club 20 year celebrations.

What We are Doing Next Month

- Continue planning for building XC course
- Investigate funding for an IMBA 4 day master class workshop to be held in Collie for professional trail builders and volunteer leaders
- Detailed mapping of further planned trails.
- Investigate large funding grants.

What is Stopping Us

- Time/conflicting shift rosters
- SW master plan. Unable to progress planning until the SW plan is in place.

What We Learnt Last Month that Might be Useful to Others

- Positive trail advocacy using IMBA

Wal asked if WAMBA would consider assisting with the funding of the IMBA master class. He was encouraged to put a formal application of costs/dates etc to the committee for their consideration. The same applies to any other club seeking funding. **Action: John Wallace.**

8. Albany Report

From Dave Marshall

Albany Month that was...

- Trails Hub Master Plan was finalised and the consultants brief will be published on the city website soon.
- Hosted Troy and Nic for a very successful two day forum
- AGM 2nd July
- Began planning on a skills track in the Albany Senior High School Grounds

Next month

- More social rides
- Adding a web page to the Cycle Club website
- Trails maintenance day on City Mounts
- Win lotto

What's holding us back...

- As soon as the planning is finished we will need money for trails.

What we have learnt...

- Good relationships + professionalism = trust. Would you give money to someone you don't trust?

9. SWMTBC Report

From Dean Bertenshaw

What We Did Last Month

- Attended MRORCA information night.
- Hosted the 20th year celebrations of the SWMTBC. Thanks to all that attended!
- Continued auditing the Pile rd trail map network.
- Trail maintenance for section 34 of the Munda Bididi trail.
- Onsite meeting with trail planner, compiling letters of support and correspondence with City Councillors for the proposed "urban mtb park" in Bunbury.

What We are Doing Next Month

- Progressing the urban mtb park proposal.
- Club committee meeting.
- Awaiting news of the SW Master plan appointed planner.
- Trail maintenance.
- Club ride.

What is Stopping Us (ie where we could do with some help)

- SW Master Plan rollout.
- Only so many hands.

What We Learnt That Could Help Others

- Plan ahead!

10. Dwellingup Trails Group Report

From John Roberts.

What did we do this month:

- Alcoa US\$3000 GRANT APPROVED! And will most likely be spent at Marrinup. PMBC have offered to match this grant

- Working on the details to define the project, due in October.
- PMBC requested quotes for trail work on Marrinup
- Added Dwellingup Adventures to the DTG.
- Planning a meet and greet on the 7th. Depending on if i can get there and the response i get.
- New DEC contact for area contacted. Works out of Mundaring.

What will we do next month:

- Continue working on the details to define the Alcoa project, due in October.
- Liaise with stakeholders. Document area history.
- recruit help.

What is stopping us:

- Master trail plan for the area needs to be developed before any new trails will likely be approved.

Lessons Learned:

- Sits under Perth/Peel Master plan. Master plan funding was lost, (Lottery West grant) need to start again...?

11. Cape Mountain Bikers

What We Did Last Month

- Attend MRORCA Information Night
- Attend IMBA Workshop in Collie
- Attend SW MTB Club 20yr Party
- TMP for Zone 6
- Mapped existing trails network again
- Audited Remnant Vegetation Block
- Zone 6 Management
- Continued developing DRAFT Management Plan document for Zone 6
- Proposed weed management
- Trail Maintenance -Drainage on Brown St
- Rides -fb Promoted
- Three Open Invitation Club Rides on the weekend.
- Three Open Invitation rides on a thursday.

What We are Doing Next Month

- Presenting to City of Busselton in support of \$30k grant submission
- Seeking Support Letters for above grant
- Seeking partners for the TIRF Grant so we can make an application
- Start Drafting TIRF and DSR Grants
- Continue drafting Zone 6 Managing Mountain Biking Document
- Presenting Final Draft TMP to our Land Manager (Meelup Park Committee)
- Developing club profile:

- Club Rides
- Facebook Likes
- Club Sign for Zone 6.
- Distribution of Planning documents
- Volunteering and participating in 3hr Enduro (Single Track Minds/Duns Cycle Club)
- Participate in WAMBA
- Developing an after school MTB program with Duns Primary for term 4

What is Stopping Us (ie where we could do with some help) (optional)

- Advice and Peer review of our present strategic documents: the Trail Master Plan and Management Plans
- Being pushed into more and new networks to develop relationships
- Self Confidence.
- Not enough Admin Support- no help expected
- Lack of community engagement- we need encouragement on ways to promote ourselves
- Ways for other local riders to become involved in advocacy process when we still don't have a "legal" place to ride and trails to maintain.

What We Learnt That Could Help Others (optional)

- Not sure on this one. Anyone who wants to ask questions might find useful answers but I think we are still pretty green and learning fast ourselves.
- THE COLLIE WORKSHOP WAS AWESOME- Thanks Wal
- Was it 4 or five clubs coming together to build a trail. Each club only provided a few people but together they were formidable.
- That forwarding emails you don't understand even if the person asks you to can be a stupid thing.
- That the SW clubs see greater opportunity in working together and helping each other.
- That the Mundabiddi need trail maintenance volunteers and Albany needs a sector leader.
- We are exploring ways that club outings can be used to support this fabulous trail.
- The TIRF Grant can be put in by a consortium.

12. Kalamunda Trails Group Report

From Ian Humphrey

What We Did last Month:

Trails:

- Mt Gunjin finished and signed.
- Scorpion finalising new realignment works,
- Luvín Shovels - more trail building days.
- Green – commenced design.

Maintenance:

- RnR to completed final drainage work on Camakazi.

- Hosted 3 (+?) volunteer days.

Maps and sign posting:

- Add a couple of "You Are Here" signs at crucial junctions on Gunjin (top/bottom Rocky, top/bottom Gunjin)

What We will do this Month:

Trails:

- Scorpion, finish alignment to top of hill (lube me up) and down back onto existing Scorpion.
- Farrell Grove, commenced pin flagging of new climb.
- Luvin Shovels – volunteer build days to occur
- Green – finalise design

Maintenance:

- Couple of mid-week and weekend volunteer maintenance days to be run.
- Push the Dig This! TREK bike giveaway launched with FreeWheel bike shop, and other Volunteer bike shop discounts.

Kalamunda Mountain Bike Collective

- Over 350 now on open facebook group set up to form a community of riders in Kalamunda

Trail Sponsorship

- Working through a trail maintenance sponsorship standard agreement. This will be trialled in Kalamunda and then available to clubs/areas throughout WA to allow them to raise funds for trail maintenance. Will be a standard "sales" prospectus and legal agreement (hopefully already pre agreed by DEC).

Future Planning

- Bickley Brook WPA has recently been decommissioned, have started conversation with DEC, DSR and Dept of Water as to how to gain support/access to the area for MTB trails and possibly DH venue.
- Looking at forming alliance with Munda Biddi in the Kalamunda area in terms of maintaining trails and possible future realignments.

What We Learnt Last Month that Might Help Others

- Keep signage clear and concise. Be minimal but think of every eventuality.
- Mid-week trail building can work, especially with FIFO/Shift workers

Ian expanded on the trail sponsorship package that is hoped will be the first project to provide a steady stream of trail maintenance funding.

Wal suggested trying to access the National Trust funding that is currently used for maintenance on the Munda Biddi. **Action: John Barton to add to the agenda at next TRG meeting.**

13. Women of WAMBA Report

From Kyra Eddy.

14. Downhill Report

- Mark Hood has moved to Melbourne
- Lottery West application for a plan for Murray Valley/Tom's Crossing is close to being submitted
- Bickley Brook has recently been deproclaimed from the water catchment. Initial enquiries with DEC/DPaw have been promising as they are keen to move trail development away from catchment areas. To get the full 200m vertical required, DSR land will need to be accessed.

15. Gravity Enduro Report

From Steve Janiec

What We Did Last Month

- Formal approval by DEC and the Department of Water to hold an event on August 24.
- Worked with Westcycle to develop a sponsorship package to present to our first major potential sponsor, Opel. This was unfortunately declined
- Visited the proposed 'race village' and planned its layout
- Liaise with PMBC regarding equipment
- Spent every weekend there 'assessing' the track (i.e. shuttling our asses off!)
- Sent documentation to Shire of Kalamunda (final major hurdle)
- We now have a domain name (www.wagravityenduro.org.au) where we can host details for this and hopefully future races
- Whispers from Sam Hill that he would be happy to race if he was in the area at the time (thanks Phil)
- Clearly organised and addressed the conditions by DEC and DoW (thanks Mark)

What We are Doing Next Month

- Follow up with Shire of Kalamunda
- Prepare a breakdown of costs and present to WAMBA to seek approval for funding
- Lock down timing system and all associated race equipment (eg signage, bunting, gates etc)
- Send invitations to key stakeholders
- Lock down all other event inventory (eg toilets, audio, traffic management plans etc)
- Setup promotional material including flyers, website, facebook page and MTBA event setup
- Briefly look at a race for Goat Farm

What is Stopping Us

- Final approval
- Finances
- Assistance with the race setup
- What We Learnt Last Month that Might be Useful to Others
- Approval times vary greatly between different organisations

- DEC are working to streamline future event applications with other organisations which may improve times
- Sponsorship avenues have been difficult

16. Marketing Report

From Jake Hannah

What We Did Last Month

- Facebook: 120 new likes (now up to 1115) - one of our best months ever. Total reach during this month = 38,250 people
- Newsletter 28 (Gunjin special) sent. 591 reads. 141 clicks
- Newsletter 29 sent. 529 reads. 142 clicks
- WAMBA T shirts have gone on sale
- WAMBA team lead by Martin Danger won the V Adventure Race
- Won \$100 in the Grill'd promotion (yet to receive)
- Car park marshaling at 6 Hour - \$400 collected
- Advised TrailsWA on new website

What We are Doing Next Month

- Facebook caption competition with Cape to Cape entry as first prize
- Start to populate TrailsWA new website (not launched until October)
- Start using Instagram integrated with Twitter and Facebook (now that fb has #)

17. Geraldton

News for us is that we are reformed, constitution is updated and accepted and so once affiliation with WAMBA is formalised we will grow our membership and seek to (eventually) host some events in our area.

18. WOW – Women of WAMBA

What We Did Last Month

- Decided that Louise Wallace to look after Silent Revolution (SR) Website and put the social rides through SR and share them on WOW face book page and that rides are levelled as either beginner or more experienced. That there needs to be two people in attendance so one can lead and then a tail end charlie
- WOW facebook group to be there as and advocate to support women in Mountain Biking. Any material on the Facebook page deemed to be unsatisfactory to be removed by Margaret McIlroy
- Decided to keep a record of the social rides and how many people attended (in case needed in the future for possible grant applications)
- WOW Meetings are open and next meeting and minutes should be put on Facebook File and looking into creating a drop box

What We are Doing Next Month

- Getting a survey up and running to find out what women want in Mountain Biking and would like from WOW

19. AOB

- Jake suggested trying to get the new MTB Development Officer added to the TRG committee. **Action: John Barton**
- Wal has a box of IMBA shirts to sell with the proceeds going to the club nominated by the purchaser. Jake offered to help set up the online payment system. **Action: John Wallace**
- Wal asked if WAMBA can put pressure on DEC/DPaW (via TRG/WestCycle?) to get local DEC departments to allow some small trail building projects as volunteers are being lost whilst we wait for the planning to be done. **Action: John Barton**
- Margaret reminded everyone to get their WAMBA shirt orders in soon and requested that some WAMBA funds be made available to purchase some stock. She was asked to propose how much was required. **Action: Margaret McIlroy**
- Dave Willcox requested a letter of support from MRORCA's Compartment 10 construction application. This was agreed upon. **Action: Jake Hannah**
- Stuart Harrison of DEC/DPaW would like to attend out next meeting. Wal suggested that we pre-plan some questions for him. **Action: Jake Hannah to coordinate**
- Geraldton Mountain bike club would like to be affiliated to WAMBA. This was proposed by John Barton and seconded by Dave Willcox. There were no objections.
- Margaret suggested that Karratha MTB club might be interested in affiliation with WAMBA. **Action: Jake Hannah**
- Jake informed that the Lottery West "small" grants (ie the rolling ones that matched funding is not required for) have risen from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This increase was universally welcomed
- A proposal was put forward for a formalised process where clubs/associations can apply to WAMBA for small amount of funding from our general "pool". To be discussed further.

Meeting closed: 20:30

Next Meeting: Will be at the DSR, Leederville. Date: TBC.