

WEST AUSTRALIAN MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION

Meeting 8

PARTICIPANT NAME		DATE	03 November 2010
ATTENDEES	John Barton – Trails Advocacy Vynka McVeigh-Treasurer Lindsay Alsop Jake Hannah Andrew Royle Paul DeKlerk – Peel MBC Doug Stewart	TIME START	6.30pm
APOLOGIES	John Carney - President	TIME FINISH	8.30pm
		LOCATION	DSR, Leederville
		RECORDER	John Barton

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

ITEM	ITEM DETAILS	PRESENTER
1.	Previous Minutes and Financials	JH
2.	DEC Regular meetings	VM
3.	Trail user/rider database	
4.	MTB/Trails Tourism Hubs	
5.	Maintenance Funding	
6.	Commissaires	
7.	Racing Calendar	
8.	2011 Directions	

<p><u>1. Previous Minutes and Financials</u></p> <p>Minutes were accepted as tabled.</p> <p>WAMBA Life Cycles premiere made \$3080 profit. The evening was a great success, there was ~400 people. We're considering doing this at least twice yearly.</p> <p>There's \$3400 in the bank, without the cash sales from Life Cycles or all of the takings from MTBA tickets sales. We need to change to a bank account with lower fees, we're getting slugged for everything. We also need more signatories to the account.</p> <p>Lotterywest have granted an extension to 31/20/2010 on the money for the Goat Farm and Kalamunda. Toby Hodgekins from Cycling WA has written an official letter to Steve Hammond from Lotterywest to get the extension in writing.</p> <p>We need to make an announcement about Jamie Campbell winning the tenders for the Goat Farm skills area and Kalamunda.</p>	
<p><u>2. DEC Regular meetings</u></p> <p>The Eagle trail has been burnt today, we should make representations to get it rebuilt for</p>	

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<p>MTBs.</p> <p>We need to set up a regular (quarterly?) meeting with DEC to allow for communication on trails issues. We want to avoid potential issues like Lockwood rd area being closed without consultation. John Carney to suggest best person to contact.</p> <p>Specific issues to be dealt with in these meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What trails are and aren't considered sanctioned by DEC• What is happening in Lockwood rd area and how can we facilitate outcomes that suit both MTBers and DEC• What is the situation with logging in Dwellingup. Toms Crossing trails in particular are under a shadow of being logged at short notice. We need to know exactly what the timetable will be, or preferably negotiate that there won't be logging.	
<p><u>3. Trail user/rider database</u></p> <p>We need a list of riders in WA so that we have a support base to call upon when we need to exert pressure on an issue, and to be able to communicate with the riding community. Suggestions on how we would find people to be on this list are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signs on trails• Signs in bike shops• Club members• Entrance lists to endurance races/ John Carney's races• Facebook (WAMBA needs an official account, who runs the other one?)• Twitter• Internet forums /websites (WAMBA site, trail talk, peel trails, HTF, Perth MTB, Peel, rotorburn?) <p>Jake is going to look into how to manage the database. Trail talk is a potential stable govt. based forum to encourage interaction between riders of all levels.</p>	
<p><u>4. MTB/Trails Tourism Hubs</u></p> <p>John Barton has met with Steve Bennett from DSR and had input in to the draft scope of reference for a consultant to figure out what is required for MTB tourism hubs. This has been accepted by the trails reference group and a consultant will be engaged. The hubs are now called Trails Tourism Hubs, but it is still recognized that MTBing is the core activity.</p> <p>We need to make sure that trail maintenance costs are built into the plan.</p> <p>There will be nominations for two community places on the TRG coming up during November, John Barton will be nominating for one of these.</p>	
<p><u>5. Maintenance Funding</u></p> <p>It hasn't been too hard in the past to find funding to some degree for building trails, but very hard to fund trail maintenance. Currently maintenance is done by volunteers where it is done at all. Peel Club have Dwellingup covered for the moment. There was a suggestion that Perth Club might put some money into trail maintenance.</p>	

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<p>Ideas for funding maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paid parking at trails• Corporate funding• Club providing sausage sizzle/ drinks to help attract volunteers to maintenance days when necessary.• We need to recruit someone to WAMBA whose job it is to find money for this sort of thing.	
<p>6. <u>Commissaires</u></p> <p>John Carney has had an email from MTBA in response to emails from Peel Club about commissaire training. Some sort of action is promised from MTBA, but there is no indication what. We think that WA has made an attempt to help itself. It hasn't worked, and given that commissaries aren't linked to MTBA insurance, WA is going to go ahead with a state series for each code in 2011. WA is willing to use commissaries, but we need trainers, and probably some concessions to do with distance problems in using out of club commissaries. As these are provided we will work with MTBA.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Racing Calendar</u></p> <p>In accordance with its constitution, WAMBA is going to be involved with state racing in 2011. Clubs will handle on the day racing, but WAMBA will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race plates• Calendar (electronic and physical)• Online Rego• Online results and series standings• Racing news• Race approvals• Commissaires organization• Series/calendar sponsorship <p>A sub-committee will be needed to handle these tasks.</p> <p>Jake will collate dates for the calendar. John B will do final design of physical calendar (personal and shop versions).</p>	
<p>8. <u>2011 Directions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAMBA MTBA recreational membership will be available.• AGM late Feb• Need to chase committee members to add to current core• Two major projects (to be defined), one in Perth area one in SW	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify which trails in WA are sanctioned and which are not• Communicate successes of WAMBA - improve self promotion	
Next meeting is 30 th of November	