



WAMBA

WEST AUSTRALIAN
MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1-2012

PARTICIPANT NAME	DATE	22 May 2012
ATTENDEES	TIME START	6.30pm
Jake Hannah – Secretary		
Louise Wallace - Treasurer		
Travis Deane		
Ian Humphrey		
Lindsay Alsop – Vice President		
Kyra Eddy		
Tony Ratcliffe		
Phil Wilson		
Margaret Mcllroy		
Martin Danger		
Cyril Laurent		
Rob Evans		
Steve Janiec		
APOLOGIES	TIME FINISH	8.45pm
Gus Stuart	LOCATION	Dept. Sport and Rec
Murray Wynne	RECORDER	Jake Hannah
Martin Shurlock		
Marie-Claude Baars		
Alex Wade		
Jesse Wicks		
John Barton		
Bec Barton		
John Wallace		

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RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

ITEM	ITEM DETAILS	PRESENTER
1.	Apologies	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting	JH
3.	Financial Report	LW
4.	Black Stump Pump Track	IH
5.	Skills Loop at the Camel Farm	IH
6.	Road signs and vehicle count update	IH
7.	Quarterly DEC meeting outcomes	LA
8.	WAMBA contribution towards upgrades at Turner Hill and Marrinup	JH
9.	WAMBA contribution towards new Black trail on the KC	LA
10.	2013/14 Planning	
11.	AOB	

<p><u>Apologies</u> Apart from those received by email, there were no other apologies.</p>					
<p><u>Minutes from previous meeting</u> Jake ran through the actions from last month's minutes. All have been acted upon, or will be expanded upon during tonight's meeting with the exception of the lack of minutes from the AGM in March, which John Barton has yet to produce.</p>	JB				
<p><u>Financial Report</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Opening balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12,499.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current balance (16/04/12)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$14,066.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>Louise has investigated new bank accounts and BankWest fits all our requirements. It was proposed by Kyra Eddy and Seconded by Louise Wallace that we change accounts. However Louise warns that this may take a little time.</p> <p>Louise also advised that she has just received a bank statement and the next one won't be available until 31st July.</p>	Opening balance	\$12,499.84	Current balance (16/04/12)	\$14,066.12	LW
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<p><u>Black Stump Pump Track</u></p> <p>Ian outlined the proposed Pump Track at the Black Stump car park which has already gained full DEC approval and has been cleared by DEC.</p> <p>We now need to decide how to build it. It would be good to do it with volunteers but the fear is that we might not get it right. We do have one quote and are seeking a second.</p> <p>Further liaison is needed with DEC as to what they can provide in terms of soil and machine work.</p> <p>It was suggested that clay was obtained from the Water Corps and the huge excavations at Mundaring Weir.</p> <p>Phil asked if a fence to keep motor bikes out had been considered.</p>	IH				

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<p><u>Skills Loop at the Camel Farm</u></p> <p>Ian has also been working on a 500m skills loop to be located between the Camel Farm and Mundaring Weir Rd (accessed from the Camel Farm).</p> <p>DEC have given initial approval.</p> <p>Ian has been speaking with Mark from Rock and Roll mountain biking. They are very keen to be involved with the project and have offered their design services and to erect instructional signage on the loop.</p> <p>Ian is applying for a \$5000 Switch It health grant, which is not for capital works so we will need to hold some sort of opening and follow up courses.</p> <p>The use of the prison crew was discussed in clearing the trail.</p> <p>Ian has initially budgeted \$3 – 3,500 for TTFs.</p>	
<p><u>Road Signs and Vehicle Count</u></p> <p>Ian has been investigating getting road signs to mountain bike trails.</p> <p>The Shire of Murray won't place vehicle counts on gravel roads. They are interested in signing the trails and are sending through the costs involved.</p> <p>Kyra suggested sign posting the Kalamunda Circuit from Mundaring.</p> <p>Kalamunda Shire have provided data for Paulls Valley Rd (outside the Camel Farm). 1066 cars pass a week (both directions) ie 500 cars. There are only 4 other properties on Paulls Valley Rd. The peak periods are Saturday and Sunday mornings.</p> <p>Any signs for the Goat Farm or Forsths Mill will have to be approved by main roads as they are accessed off of Gt Eastern Hwy.</p>	
<p><u>Quarterly DEC meeting outcomes</u></p> <p>As reported by Lindsay from his meeting with Jamie Ridley and Elisa Skillen, also attended by Alex Wade, on 15th May:</p> <p>Forsyth Mill – PMBC and Jamie Campbell are proposing to submit a \$15k Lottery West grant to solve the drainage issues at the start of the trail.</p> <p>DEC will support the proposed works and will supply a letter for the grant process (via Elisa). DEC would like WAMBA to manage the project, rather than PMBC as they want everything run through the peak body. DEC needs more information regarding materials used in raising the trail tread. Are there going to be imported materials? If so, ferro-crete is preferred?</p> <p>Turner Hill and Marrinup – DEC aware and happy to hear about trail maintenance currently being undertaken by Jamie Campbell (and funded by PMBC). Suggestion about using Alcoa to sponsor trail maintenance group for both sites, as all parties are willing – just lacking a WAMBA facilitator. Several local volunteer members completed IMBA maintenance course last year.</p> <p>State NRM community grants – Gungin Gully to Farrell Grove – DEC supportive of the grant proposal and would like proposed document. DEC remain keen to have a link trail between KC and Farrell Grove, that links into the Scorpion. Very receptive about abolishing crossing at MWR and changing this closer to Gunjin Road (rather than Lockwood) due to better line of sight.</p> <p>Blackline Trail – DEC have done the environmental assessment and have given approval to this trail, which will run parallel to Mercury St. (Some paperwork still to be received by WAMBA from Elisa). The trail is to comply with IMBA single black standard. DEC want uniform standard between other trails</p>	

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<p>within the state ie Southshore and KC. Discussion to change the Lancaster to blue trail (by filling in one 40cm gap jump) or changing it to reflect the black standard.</p> <p>Also, when DEC mtb representative is employed, then this will be the person in charge of these processes. Work can commence when ready on the blackline!</p> <p>Green trails proposal – DEC have given the ok to the Black Stump Green Loop (requires environmental assessment before construction), the Pump Track, the Kids Loop and Skills Park. There are issues on the northern side with neighbours, Watercorp , access and congestion, and the Bibbulmun track! So no go for the Camel Farm Green Loop. Suggestion of having a second skills park near the pump track.</p> <p>Potential for green loop opposite the Dell, with small carpark to come on Gungin Road</p> <p>Kids Loop and skills park can begin once gpx file submitted and ok'd Kids loop is bounded by the Bibbulmun and KC. Very supportive of pump track – will get someone in to clear it up for us, ie remove the wood. Also offered bobcat and driver to shift dirt prior to shaping. Also offered to bring in extra dirt! Can start Pump track when ready!</p> <p>Future trails expansion area – within 5 year plan.</p> <p>DEC is happy to develop trails within the KC circuit, like the blackline, but only on the state forest side, south of MWR.</p> <p>Also to develop trails towards Pickering Brook, in the area where the Munda biddi now traverses, plus possibly the area where the Kattomordo trail runs – ie Whore no more area. This includes the sweet ridgeline adjacent to the Patterson (roadie) hill climb. DEC request files of existing trails within this area and those to the east of Pickering Brook, to lobby Watercorp on our behalf.</p> <p>Signage of KC – DEC intends to put 900 x 1200 map of KC at the trail, just outside Camel farm land. DEC does not want Camel Farm to have a map or shelter, in no uncertain terms! DEC says maps are 2 weeks away? DEC going to review signage where Bibbulmun and KC diverge, so that it is clearer to all.</p> <p>Funding for Volunteer maintenance program – suggest to speak with Steve Bennett about clubs grant to have pain volunteer facilitator. Also DEC wants all clubs to record volunteer hours to give a clearer picture, but also for insurance coverage. Martin Danger agreed to research the forms required for this and investigate a way forward. An online log, like the Munda Biddi, was suggested.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we contact Barrie's Block for their trail usage study.</p>	<p align="center">MD</p>
<p><u>WAMBA Contribution towards upgrades at Turner Hill and Marrinup</u></p> <p>Jamie Campbell is currently being employed by PMBC to do maintenance work at Turner Hill and Marrinup. He is being paid \$2000 per trail. The work he has doneso far at Marrinup has been highly praised by those who have ridden it.</p> <p>WAMBA have been having discussion with him about further employing him to upgrade</p>	

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<p>the trails. The maintenance work he is completing, whilst much needed, will not add significantly to the rider experience. Any additional money will see new features which will be much more visible for riders.</p> <p>It was agreed that no extra money is required at Marrinup.</p> <p>It was proposed by Jake Hannah and Seconded by Lindsay Alsop that WAMBA pay Jamie Campbell \$1500 for upgrades at Turner Hill; specifically to the A/B line (<i>Double Trouble</i>) near the end of the loop. The committee voted unanimously in favour.</p>	
<p align="center"><u>WAMBA Contribution towards new Black trail on the KC</u></p> <p>We now have full DEC approval to construct a new Black Line on the Kalamunda Circuit that will run parallel to and slightly to the west of Mercury St.</p> <p>To get this 1.7km trail built professionally will cost around \$35,000.</p> <p>WAMBA has applied for a \$15,000 Lottery West grant. It is intended to use some volunteer labour to construct the trail but Lindsay requested \$5000 from WAMBA to help build the trail.</p> <p>Margaret forwarded the motion and Travis seconded it. The committee voted unanimously in favour.</p> <p>It is hoped that the trail can be built ie the money spent within the next 4 months.</p>	
<p align="center"><u>2013/14 Planning</u></p> <p>Lindsay advised that there will shortly be a State Trail Plan. Dafydd Davis has been engaged to write a Sustainability Framework and a consultant will be employed to complete the State Trails Master plan (currently being advertised).</p> <p>With this in mind, WAMBA should start thinking strategically about areas we think should be included.</p> <p>Rob expressed a great desire for trails to be built in the valley between Gunjin and Pickering Brook and would personally like to oversee construction of a volunteer trail in this area.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking marshals are required for the Kalamunda 50 race on June 17th. Singletrackminds will be donating \$10 from every entry (potentially >\$4000) + what we collect on the gate. The race will be very busy so we need to be organised. Jake will not be here to manage the parking so other volunteers will need to step up. Jake will email out the full details before he goes away. • John Wallace asked for clarification if Collie could access the MTBA state trail fund for their Trails Conference in June as previously agreed. It was agreed that they could access \$500 of this money but John will have to approach MTBA himself. • Louise outlined the planning process that we will be using over the next few months to determine what it is, and how, WAMBA will be doing – something that is extremely necessary with all the projects and volunteers now available to us. The next meeting (June) will be devoted to this. • Travis reported that there is possibly a new mountain bike club in Dunsborough. • Travis reported that MRORCA held their AGM and that David Wilcox is the new President. (NB. Since the meeting David has volunteered as MRORCA rep to WAMBA and has been added to the email group). • Travis described the Black Spot phone app for reporting dangerous junctions and envisaged how a similar app could be used to report where on a trail maintenance work is required. 	<p>JH</p>
<p>Next meeting will be on Tue 26th June at 6.30pm at the DSR, Leederville</p>	