



## WAMBA Committee Meeting 3-2014

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time Start:** 18:30

**Location:** DSR Office, Leederville

**Attendees:**

- Louise Wallace
- Sarah Smith (Westcycle)
- Jodie Stembridge
- Danielle Stone (DPaW)
- Margaret McIlroy
- Kyra Eddy
- Ashley Genefaas
- Nigel Wade
- Lindsay Alsop
- Phil Wilson
- Colin Brown (Colin Brown Consulting)

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### 1. Apologies

The following apologies were received by email:

- Jake Hannah
- Dave Willcox
- John Roberts
- Ian Humphrey
- David Marshall
- Sam Russell
- Andrew Mann

### 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were accepted as accurate and all actions had been completed.

Further actions to come out of previous meeting discussions:

**Action: Jodie to find out from Jake whether the condition put on the SWMBC slush grant application for the Secret Witcher signage has been satisfied, so the money can be paid to them.**

**Action: Lindsay has done a stocktake of the tools required for WAMBA trailer. Margaret to buy tools.**

### 3. WAMBA Strategic Plan and Constitution Review

From Colin Brown:

He spoke to the committee about his consulting work with WAMBA to support the constitutional and organisational changes necessary for WAMBA to deliver its future intentions as the representative body for mountain bike riding in Western Australia.

The project's three objectives are:

- Review and update WAMBA's 2006 Constitution
- Develop an appropriate and achievable strategic plan that will enable WAMBA to define and deliver its short, medium and long term goals.
- Align with WestCycle and provide a governance model to support shared services.

He posed some questions as food for thought:

- What do we want WAMBA to be in the future?
- What do we consider WAMBA's role in mountain biking?
- What would mountain biking in WA look like if WAMBA didn't exist – better, worse, the same?
- What does WAMBA need to protect?
- What makes our role special?

Colin is keen to speak individually to each committee member; to compile information and then have a group brainstorming session. He will be contacting everyone by sending out an email shortly.

### 4. LotteryWest/ Mt Gunjin Project Funds

From Louise Wallace:

The majority of the committee voted to spend the reimbursed Lotterywest funds on retrospective changes to the Mt Gunjin trails that were requested by DPAW (verbally) at the completion of the project in 2013. The work will be done by Lindsay Alsop, via agreement between WAMBA & KMBC. Lindsay Alsop did not take part in this vote.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

From Nigel Wade:

Balance at 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014: \$58,260.84

Balance at 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014: **\$50,851.84**

Received cash from:

- Memberships
- BankWest Grant

Spent cash on:

- Slush grants
- BankWest tools

Awaiting cash from:

- Alcoa for Dwellingup work US\$3,000
- Lottery West for green trails \$13,750

We owe:

- KMBC green trail works \$24,580
- Louise for trailer rego \$100
- Remainder of slush grants \$2,000

## **6. WA Mountain Bike Strategy**

From Sarah Smith:

Sign off by steering committee in a couple of weeks. Public consultation in August. Final document expected towards November.

## **7. SW Master Plan**

From Sarah Smith:

Draft documents nearing completion. This plan will be quicker than WA one. Happy with strength and detail of content – good quality document expected.

## **8. Perth – Peel Master Plan**

From Sarah Smith:

Information about this was presented at the Metro Trails Forum. Feedback was good from shires and councils (keen to get involved). Awaiting funding approval.

## **9. Social Media Policy for WAMBA Committee**

From Louise Wallace:

There's some concern about the tone and nature of some of the discussions on Facebook and other mountain biking forums. Suggestions that if public conversations between committee members and members of the general MTBing community turn nasty and personal, they should be taken offline. Can't control a lot of what is said and how it is said in the public arena, but it is felt that some communication guidelines could be worked on at a later date.

## **10. Communication of Planning Information on Website**

From Louise Wallace:

Louise has been talking to DPaW, DSR and other parties about putting updates on our website (e.g. approved trails, LotteryWest/DSR grants, updates on strategic plans and MTBWG guidelines, etc). We want WAMBA to be seen as the ones with our finger on the pulse, and for people to go to our site for all WA mountain biking information as a starting point.

Louise will liaise with Jake and our new webmaster, Shannon over the coming weeks.

## 11. Wanneroo Dirt Jumps

From Louise Wallace:

We were contacted by Jon Lumb about some dirt jumps in Wanneroo that the council have decided to remove. He is keen lobby the council to postpone the demolition and is wanting some advice and support from WAMBA. Margaret said she would talk to Paul Neve about what could be done to help.

**Action: Louise to prepare a letter of support for Jon.**

## 12. Code of Conduct

From Margaret Mcllroy:

The code of conduct is a MTBers code and will form part of the MTBing guidelines currently being produced. They aren't rules to be policed; are simply about respectful riding. Want it to be marketable, and while it is a WAMBA driven initiative, it won't have the WAMBA name in the title (needs to be seen as coming from the riders themselves). Needs to be finalised by 10<sup>th</sup> July, in time for presentation at the next MTBWG meeting.

**Action: Margaret will email current ideas out to the committee for comment. Any further ideas are welcome.**

## 13. AOB

### Vice President Resignation

From Lindsay Alsop:

Lindsay resigned from his position as Vice President. WAMBA would like to thank him for his dedication and hard work over the years, and he will be sorely missed.

### Outdoors October

From Sarah Smith:

Outdoors October is an initiative from Outdoors WA to get more people outdoors during the month of October, and is pushed very strongly this year by the Department of Sport and Recreation. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote mountain biking and get more people riding. Great opportunity to tie in with group's existing activities, and can post onto the website's calendar.

**Action: Sarah to forward information out to the committee.**

### A Day in the Bush

From Lindsay Alsop:

Has been approached to take key people from DSR and DPaW out for a day's mountain biking again this year. Was a successful event last year – great networking opportunities and a great way to raise the profile of mountain biking in these two organisations. Will be looking for volunteers from WAMBA to help out Mark from Rock'n'Roll. Will possibly be during Cape to Cape week in October.

**Service Agreements**

From Louise Wallace:

A service agreement is been fleshed out between DPaW and Southern Hills Mountain Bikers about work being done in the area that DPaW can't do. An audit will be done and a SOW produced. Formalised agreements between districts and groups around maintaining trails in their areas is the way to go. DPaW keen to run workshops and pass knowledge onto clubs and groups. Louise will work on getting a list of potential workshop topics.

**Meeting Closed:** 20:50

**Next Meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014, online