



WAMBA

WEST AUSTRALIAN
MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION

Meeting 4-2012

PARTICIPANT NAME	DATE	31 July 2012
ATTENDEES	TIME START	6.30pm
John Barton - President		
Jake Hannah – Secretary		
Louise Wallace - Treasurer		
Ian Humphrey		
Lindsay Alsop – Vice President		
Margaret McIlroy		
Bec Barton		
Martin Shurlock		
Steve Janiec		
Phil Wilson		
Cam Wishart		
David Wilcox – MRORCA		
Alex Wade		
APOLOGIES	TIME FINISH	9.00pm
Angus Stuart	LOCATION	Dept. Sport and Rec
Cyril Laurent	RECORDER	Jake Hannah
Marie-Claude Baars		
Travis Deane		
Tony Ratcliffe		
John Wallace		
Jesse Wicks		
Kyra Eddy		

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RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

ITEM	ITEM DETAILS	PRESENTER
1.	Apologies	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting	JH
3.	Financial Report (Amended)	LW
4.	WAMBA Planning Update	LW
5.	MRORCA update	DW
6.	Gunjin Grant	LA
7.	IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking	JH
8.	Perth Hills Trails Master Plan Meeting report	AW
9.	Camel Farm Skills Loop	IH
10.	Pump Track update	IH
11.	Possible movie night	PW
12.	Merchandising	TD
13.	FaHCSIA grant	JH
14.	Bike to Work Breakfast	JH
15.	Trails Reference Group update	JB
16.	WAMBA Membership	JH
17.	Trail Maintenance	All
18.	AOB	

<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>As well as those received by email, Kyra Eddy sent her apologies.</p>					
<p><u>Minutes from previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting, as published on the WAMBA website, were accepted as correct and all actions had been acted upon.</p>					
<p><u>Financial Report</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Opening balance</td> <td align="right">\$14,301.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current balance (29/07/12)</td> <td align="right">\$17,270.24</td> </tr> </table> <p>The main transactions in the last month were the \$4,400 income from the Kalamunda50 and the paying of Jamie Campbell for the maintenance work at Turner Hill and Collie for the trail workshop.</p> <p>Louise still has to cash the \$600+ in change collected at the Kalamunda50</p> <p>(Amendment 14-08-2012)</p> <p>Louise got John Barton to sign one more form – another step closer to WAMBA getting our new Bank West business account</p> <p>It was agreed that the following committee members would be signatories on the account:</p>	Opening balance	\$14,301.12	Current balance (29/07/12)	\$17,270.24	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>
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<p>Louise Wallace Jacob Hannah John Barton The method of operation will be any two to sign.</p>	
<p><u>WAMBA Planning Update</u> Louise reported that the last planning session went well. She will circulate the new mission statement developed. Ian has filled in the project planning/costing forms. Possibly next meeting we will have devote some more time to the next phase of planning.</p>	LW
<p><u>Planning</u> The remainder of the meeting was used to conduct a planning session to determine the future of WAMBA. The session was led by Louise and Margaret. The findings will be reported in full elsewhere once the process has been completed.</p>	
<p><u>MRORCA Update</u> David Wilcox from MRORCA gave us an update on what is going on down there. Planning is complete for 5km of new trail in the Pines (north of Carters Rd) with some in the native forest at the edge that won't get logged. MRORCA relationship with the Cape to Cape organisers is good and they are currently negotiating a small fee per rider. David reported that there is a good MRORCA committee who will achieve much. Lindsay encouraged them to record all their volunteer trail building hours. Jake to send through the forms.</p>	JH
<p><u>Gunjin Grant</u> Lindsay was very pleased to report that we have been awarded \$120,000 from Lottery West to redevelop Mount Gunjin. The extra \$20,000 (we only applied for 100) was given to us because Water Corps backed out on their promised funding and was thanks to the work of Steve Bennett.</p>	
<p><u>IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking</u> John Wallace (via email) asked if WAMBA were organising an event linked in with the IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking day on 17/10/12. The SW club have been doing this for a while. The Goat Farm skills park was suggested as an ideal location. No-one present was interested in taking this on but Margaret said that Kyra might.</p>	MM/KE
<p><u>Perth Hills Trails Master Plan Meeting report</u> Alex reported from the meeting he attended on 17th July. Aside from the people from consultants Tredwell, other attendees were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three people from the Shire of Kalamunda; • Two people from the Shire of Mundaring; • Elisa Skillen from DEC; • Clare Robinson from the Department of Water; • Chris ? from the WA Horse riders association; and • Linda Daniel representing both the Bibbulmun Track foundation and TrailsWA <p>There were a couple of key things that came out of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treadwell want to conduct detailed stake-holder interviews and will be back in Perth in early August (7/8th) for that purpose; 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treadwell are planning to manage their public consultation through online surveys; and • Treadwell would like to share information with Single Track Minds. • Treadwell are in favour of multi-use trails. <p>The people from Treadwell spent a fair bit of time talking about the notion of "linking" trails which, as you know, is a subject close to my heart.</p> <p>The TrailsWA database was given a fair bit of attention and Linda did good job of selling the concept. Elisa from DEC said that they were keen to rationalise trails - preferring quality over quantity although she was referring more to the walk tracks that the Kalamunda Shire had publicised in brochures and on line more than our trails.</p> <p>Clare from the Water Authority put a real damper on things with her interpretation of Statewide Policy no.13 - Recreation within public drinking water source areas on Crown land (http://www.water.wa.gov.au/PublicationStore/first/101495.pdf) which basically is that the Department of Water simply will not allow access to catchment area unless there is very clear historical usage that has tangible government-endorsed. We had a bit of an off-line chat about which side of the line the Kattamorda Heritage Trail falls. Clare sees it as an interesting test of the policy decision given that the trail wasn't actually "created" using the appropriate mechanisms but was "endorsed" by agencies - like being published on the Mundaring Shire's website (http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/YourCommunity/RecreationAndLeisure/WalkingCyclingTrails/Pages/KattamordaHeritageTrail.aspx).</p> <p>Thankfully Clare also has a bit of good news - there are quite a few areas where the Department is relaxing their strangle-hold. She mentioned two that might be of interest - around Bickley Reservoir and near Gooralong Brook. Whilst not directly "on point" it's something that we probably want to put a bit of effort into...</p> <p>The messages that we've been getting from DEC about complaints about bikes on the Bib are over-stated. The Bibbulmun Track Foundation are more worried about trail bikes than us.</p>	
<p><u>Camel Farm Skills Loop</u></p> <p>Ian reported that WAMBA have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Heart Foundation under their Live Lighter campaign to construct and open a small skills loop on the land between the Camel Farm and Mundaring Weir Rd. DEC are ok with this as it is a pine plantation.</p> <p>Rock n Roll mountain biking are going to assist with the design, construction and the opening (a key part of the grant).</p> <p>We have a deadline of December to complete this.</p>	
<p><u>Pump Track</u></p> <p>Ian and Jake are exploring the options for running a pump track construction workshop with Dirt Art to educate WA trail builders about the construction of berms and table tops and reduce the cost of the project.</p> <p>DEC have been extremely helpful so far clearing the area (at the Black Stump) and providing gravel.</p> <p>Hopefully we will have this project up and running soon.</p>	
<p><u>Movie Night</u></p> <p>Phil has emailed the makers of "Where The Trail Ends" to try and get a WAMBA premiere. He has yet to hear back from them.</p> <p>Leon Fry's new film is another that we could show.</p>	<p align="center">PW</p>
<p><u>Merchandising</u></p> <p>Travis Deane sent through some details about merchandising.</p> <p>The committee was in favour of the bandana idea. Margaret will work with David on a design.</p>	<p align="center">MM/DW</p>

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<p>The relative merits of T shirts, riding shirts and hats were discussed. David will work up some possible designs.</p>	
<p><u>FaHCSIA Grant</u></p> <p>Freddie de Cuyper has submitted a \$5000 grant application for trail building equipment to FaHCSIA. The quote includes a compactor, some hand tools and money for chain saw tickets.</p> <p>We should hear back in 3-4 months.</p>	
<p><u>Bike To Work Breakfast</u></p> <p>BWA have approached WAMBA and offered us a free stall at the Bike to Work Breakfast in the city on 17th October. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for WAMBA to attend as city workers are our ideal market.</p> <p>Jake will confirm with BWA and organise something.</p>	JH
<p><u>Trails Reference Group Update</u></p> <p>John Barton reported from that afternoon's Trails Reference Group meeting.</p> <p>The Trails Hub project is almost finished. It provides a good framework of those things surrounding a trails hub. There is less detail on the trails themselves than we might like. It will be a useful tool for towns who would like to become a trails hub.</p> <p>Both DSR and DEC are getting budget cuts.</p> <p>Of the \$1m LotteryWest trails grants available only \$560k has been spent.</p> <p>As a result a special round will open in August, closing in October with a decision due in November.</p> <p>The \$15k grants are likely to rise to a maximum of at least \$20k, but non GST registered organisations are still limited to \$15k.</p> <p>Mountain biking now has its own section in the state trails implementation plan; an indication that we are now taken much more seriously.</p>	
<p><u>WAMBA Memberships</u></p> <p>After much work between Jake and Nick Bowman, the WAMBA memberships are now working (mainly).</p> <p>Jake tried to explain the benefits of the membership and why people should join. It is going to be a hard sell getting members.</p>	
<p><u>Trail Maintenance</u></p> <p>The ongoing issue of managing and implementing trail maintenance was discussed at great length.</p> <p>In the short term Murray's KC volunteer crew are going to switch their efforts over to maintenance on Camakazi. It was agreed that WAMBA should provide a BBQ after the next trail building day.</p> <p>In the long term it was concluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer work is insufficient to meet to maintain the Kalamunda Circuit • Government grants are not available for maintenance. This is unlikely to change soon. • Private sponsorship is the only way forward. Examples from elsewhere around the globe were quoted. • However WAMBA do not have the expertise nor resources to source sufficient sponsorship. • John Barton will seek a grant so that we can engage an agent to seek sponsorship on our behalf. 	
<p><u>AOB</u></p>	

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There was no other business.	
Next meeting will be on Tue 4th September at 6.30pm at the DSR, Leederville	

