

BAMBA

Minutes General Meeting

Thursday 26 May 2016

Location: The Woolshed, Stratton St, Normandale, Lower Hutt, 7:00 pm

Present: Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Bruce McHardy, Marco Renall and Paul Scoble.
Wayne Boness and Jeremy Paterson (GWRC)

Apologies: Dan Forster

Minutes last General Meeting 25 March 2016

Minutes have been circulated to the committee. Minutes were approved on a motion from Paul seconded by Marco. Minutes are to be posted on the BAMBA web site.

1. Financial Report

Presented by Angus

Last meeting

Bank balance	\$5,395.27
Expenditure since last meeting	
Chainsaw scabbard and file holder	\$89.90
Dig day refreshments	\$30.00
Meeting refreshments	\$39.96
Valley Landscape Connect Four construction	\$4,508.00
Pay Pal fee for Trail Forks donation.	\$1.00
Income since last meeting	
Trail forks donation	\$23.45
Balance	<u>\$750.86</u>

The arrangements to change the clubs authorised bank cheque signatories' was completed with Paul and Bruce the new signatories together with Angus.

Now operating in the new 2016/2017 financial year for the club which commenced 1 April 2016. Angus is to arrange for review of 2015/16 accounts by the auditors.

2. GWRC Update.

2.1. Mill Stream Track

Track repair work was completed with installation of the large bridge and re-opened in April. The Track is settling in well with use. Further work is planned to be done in the future to upgrade other parts of the track. The track is graded easy tramping and is not a walking track.

2.2. Hill Rd Uphill Connector Track

Due to the consenting process work on the track is not expected start before November 2016.

2.3 Park Farm

During closure of the park farm for lambing from mid-August Hill Rd and Belmont Rd will remain open to the public. Next year new fencing will allow the OCR to remain open during lambing.

2.4 Weta Track Stumps

GWRC rangers have arranged in mid-June to remove the troublesome tree stumps beside the lower Weta track with explosives. The Club will arrange a working bee on the next Sunday after the stump removal to upgrade the track in that area.

2.5 Wilding Pine spraying

The area of the former pine plantation was sprayed early in May to kill emerging pine seedlings. The results of the spraying are now becoming apparent in noticeable dieback of the pines. The spraying campaign is to be conducted annually until natural regeneration make spraying unnecessary.

2.6 Native Tree Planting Lower Bull Run August.

Date of planting to be finalised.

2.7 Hill Rd Sealing

Cold recycled hotmix road-seal from the SH1 McKays Crossing Straights was used to seal parts of Hill Rd to reduce dust and maintenance costs and improve the road surface. The experiment was successful and recycled hotmix will be used to upgrade other roads within the Park.

2.7 Skills Track Area

Amanda , General Manager, GWRC Parks is very supportive of proposed plans for a skill track at the Stratton St Park Entrance. This is a GWRC project and the role of the club is to assist as requested with ideas for elements and proposals for the track design.

2.8. Greater Wellington Parks Network Plan.

Submissions to the new park plan are to take place in 2017-2018.

Annual submissions for variations to the Plan have closed.

3. Funding

Paul's application to Trail Fund NZ for a \$1,500 contribution to the cost of building the Connector Track was successful. An invoice from Valley Landscaping is required by the Fund to enable the grant.

4. Tracks

4.1. Connector, 4 Degrees to Weta: Connect Four

The Track has been completed and is now open. Riders initial riders impressions are favourable. The Track is Grade 3. The official Track name is Connect Four assuming approval is received from the Parks General Manager.

Signage is required for the track:

- Two large signs at start and finish of the track.
- Smaller signs at each intersection with other tracks
- GWRC agreed to provide 8 NO HORSE disks for posting at intersections with bridle track

4.2. Choppers Replacement

The Choppers replacement is next on the track building program. The initial route requires planning by Paul and Jeremy.

A tentative name for this track is Tetris

Paul is to book BNZ to work on Tetris on their Closed Day 31 August 2016

4.3 Grade 5 Downhill

The proposed general route for this track crosses Connect Four so it is not feasible for reasons of safety and has been abandoned.

4.4 Weta

The track needs modifications to improve the ride:

- To lengthen out some of the steeper corners.
- Realign the track past stumps after they have been removed by blasting.
- To realign the top of the track which requires Paul and Jeremy to walk over and agree on the changes before the work can start.

Next working bee is on 29 May at Weta

5. Summary of Actions Arising

Working Bee 29 May	All
Book BNZ for closed day 31 August to work on Choppers	Paul
Arrange audit of club finances	Angus
Scope, mark and GPS route of Choppers replacement.	Paul/Jeremy
Trail signs for Connect Four	Paul
Confirm GWRC sign off on completion of Connect Four	Paul/Wayne
8 NO HORSE disks for Connect Four	Wayne
Date to be set for planting natives at lower Bull Run	Wayne

6. Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 30 June at Stratton St Woolshed.

Bruce McHardy, Secretary, BAMBA