

# **BAMBA**

## **Minutes General Meeting**

Thursday 25 February 2016

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

**Present:** Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Dan Forster, Ron Harfield, Karl Laurence, Bruce McHardy, Marco Renall, Paul Scoble.  
Wayne Boness (GWRC)  
Alastair Hicks

**Apologies:** Jeremy Paterson (WRC)

### **Minutes last General Meeting and Special General Meeting 25 January 2016**

Minutes have been circulated to the committee and amended as required. Minutes were approved on a motion from Paul seconded by Dan. Minutes are to be posted on the Bamba web site.

### **1. Financial Report**

Presented by Angus

Last meeting

Bank balance	\$6,087.20
Unpresented cheque	\$65.98
Balance	<u>\$6,021.22</u>

Expenditure since last meeting

Tools: Mattocks and shovels	\$300.25
Wheelbarrow	\$147.00
Work party morning teas	\$27.50
Meeting refreshments	\$51.66
Balance	<u>\$5,494.81</u>

Although most financial transactions will be done by Angus using internet banking, new cheque signing authorities are required with the change in secretary and president. The meeting agreed the authorised cheque signatories were to be Angus, Paul and Bruce.

### **2. Belmont Regional Park Gate Keys**

Wayne advised that GWRC is asserting greater control of the Park gate keys. Bamba has been allocated one key and a spare key which are to be held by the President. Members of the club who currently hold gate keys are required to return them to the GWRC via Paul. The key on the post at Stratton St Woolshed is also available to members.

### **3. Mill Stream Track**

The track has been reconstructed, bridges replaced or rebuilt and the track made wider and more user friendly for MTBs. The track is scheduled to be open to the public at the end of March in time for the Easter holidays.

Work on the Woolen Mills dam repair is ongoing.

### **3. Connector Track**

The Connector track has been approved by the GWRC and building can proceed.

The charge out rate of Valley Landscaping for track building using a digger is \$980+gst per day. A proposal to hire O'Hagen's firm for 4 days at a total cost of \$4508 incl to construct the bottom end of the track was put to the meeting by Paul and seconded by Marco.

This motion was carried unanimously.

It is hoped work can start in May. Volunteers are requested from all members to assist the contractor during the four day work period to maximize the length of track built by the digger.

### **4. Skills Track**

Wayne confirmed that the GWRC was strongly in favour of the concept of the proposed Skills loop track located adjacent to Stratton St.

It was planned to build the track in the year commencing July 2016. The GWRC are open to and welcome any Bamba input on the track design.

### **5. GWRC Park Network Plan.**

Wayne advised a new parks network plan was due out in 18 months.

Bamba should make submissions to the plan for new MTB tracks proposed from 2017 onwards.

### **6 Hill Rd Uphill Track**

Track survey work is almost completed to enable a request for consent to be lodged.

The building of the track is to be managed by the GWRC.

### **7 Belmont Park Farm**

From 1 July 2016 the management of the farm is to be transferred from Landcorp to a private farmer. It is expected arrangements will be made with the new farm manager to keep the access between the OCR and Hill Rd entrance open during lambing so riding is available all year round.

The new manager is required to be communicative and cooperative with all the park users and it was suggested they may attend a Bamba meeting to get to know the Club.

Refurbished toilets at Hill Rd are to be opened to the public in the old shearers quarters within the month.

### **8. Horse Riders**

A connector track to provide a complete horse-only loop track is only awaiting erection of a new fence. This will ensure there is no need for horses to ever use 4 Degrees track.

## 9. Belmont Park Mountain Bike Open Day 20 March 2016 10 am to 2 pm.

Dan advised arrangements are coming together.

Paul is to design 5 or 6 riding circuits of varying length and difficulty with posters for visitor information.

Paul, Marco, Matt, Karl, Alistair and Angus agreed to lead teams of riders around the proposed courses.

Dan, Jeremy and Bruce will be available at the woolshed to greet and inform the visitors about MTB in the Park.

Dan confirmed Cycle Science will have Demo bikes available for the public to trial on the trails. BBQ sausages and soft drinks are to be sold by the local scouts.

The event is advertised on the GWRC web site.

The Hutt News have erred with the date in the notice of the Day and Dan is to sort it out.

A Track to be mown for children's track on field below Woolshed.

Notices are to be made and posted to guide the visitors on the open day

## 10. Track Maintenance

- Working Bee 6 March to tidy up Weta: and build an alternative line around the switchback and shute section to retain Grade 3 track rating. The new line has been marked out.
- Maintenance required on 4 Degrees to remove some of the humps.
- Wayne advised that spraying weed and gorse can be done by borrowing a GWRC sprayer from Jeremy. Spraying is best done in April after the autumn flush.

## 9. Bike Wash

Matt Clarke is on the case though is not getting much assistance from the local councils about existing bike washes facilities at Makara and Wainuiomata.

## 11. Summary of Actions Arising

Complete Weta track maintenance on 6 March	All
Arrange mowing kids track on grassy field.	Dan
Meet at Stratton St on the open day at 9.00am for preparation	All
Contact Paul O'Hagan for to confirm order for work on the Connector track	Paul
Post minutes of meetings on Bamba web site	Angus & Bruce
Arrange authorization new cheque signatories with Bank	Angus

## 12. Next Meeting

7.00 pm Thursday 31 March at Stretton St Woolshed.

Bruce McHardy, Secretary, BAMBA