



## Minutes General Meeting

Thursday 25 August 2016

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

**Present:** Dan Forster (Chair), Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Karl Laurence, Bruce McHardy, Marco Renall.

Jeremy Paterson (GWRC) and Francis Hoen (J'Ville Cycles).

**Apologies:** Paul Scoble and Ron Harfield. Wayne Boness (GWRC)

### 1. Minutes last Committee Meeting 28 July 2016

Minutes have been circulated to the committee. Minutes were approved on a motion from Matt seconded by Angus. The minutes are to be posted on the BAMBA Facebook and web site.

### 2. Financial Report

Presented by Angus

Last meeting

Bank balance	\$2412.12
Expenditure since last meeting	
Hilty hoes	\$259.99
Refreshments	\$25.41
Income since last meeting	
Nil	
Balance	<u>\$2126.72</u>

### 3. PURCHASES

Matt purchased two locks for tool chest and woolshed store door without charging the club. Thank you Matt.

### 4. GWRC Update. (Jeremy)

#### 4.1. Connect 4

Jeremy is arranging for 8 "No Horse" signs and the posts to display the signs at the four intersections with Bridle track.

Trail signs from Fine Signs are expected by month end.

## **4.2 Korokoro (Mill Stream) track**

The track reopened on Friday 19 August after being closed by slips.

## **4.3 Hill Rd Uphill Connector Trail**

The consenting process work on the track is taking longer than expected due to DOC requirements. Completion of the trail is now estimated to be before lambing (July) 2017. The trail route has been decided and plotted by GPS. The trail is 2.5 km long and rises at an elevation of no more than 4 degrees. There are 17 culverted stream crossings. Top of trail is at the saddle where Naked Flame meets Bull-A-Varde. Construction to be tendered out by GWRC.

## **4.4 Choppers Replacement Trail**

GWRC has approved the Bamba application to construct a replacement trail in the location of the old Choppers Trail. A new name is required for the trail and committee members are expected to front-up at the next Bamba meeting with at least one suggestion for a trail name so the name can be finalised.

## **4.5 Lambing**

Lambing is in progress on the farm which is closed off to public access from 15 August to 25 October. Hill and Belmont roads are open but it is not possible to get back to the top of Bull Run using the OCR.

## **5. Trails**

Maintenance work is the first priority on all the existing trails so they are ready for Round 4 Cycle Science/PNP MTB race 6 November 16.

In the future trail maintenance will form a greater part of the time spent on working bees and it will require a more systematic approach to ensure the trails are kept in good conditions throughout the seasons.

### **5.1. Connect Four**

The trail is still waiting official sign off by GWRC after erection of trail signage.

### **5.2 Weta**

The remaining work on the trail are modifications at the lower section is to fix the ugly S bend at the next working bee. (28 August). Jeremy is to supply some old fence posts to assist retaining at the hard right bend.

### **5.3. Choppers Replacement**

Though the track has been approved, construction will not start until all track maintenance is complete.

### **5.4. Bull Run**

Minor tweaking on the lower section bends and ruts.

### **5.5. 4 Degrees**

Nettles at edge of trail require spraying.

## **5.5 Borderline**

Trail needs to be checked over and some berms reinforced.

## **5.6. Grade 5 Downhill**

Not progressed after proposed route abandoned but the trail is to be included in next Bamba 3 year trail plan.

## **6. Horokiwi MTB Trail**

Francis Hoen of Johnsonville Cycles was invited to the meeting to talk about proposals for a MTB trails from Horokiwi Rd into Korokoro Valley. Francis has a group of regular riders and they are keen to build a MTB track from Horokiwi Rd to Baked Beans Bend. There was support for the proposal from the club with the possibility of both groups working on each others projects. The Horokiwi riders were invited to attend the Bamba working bee scheduled for Sunday 11 September to meet and greet.

To gain approval a new trail needs to align with the requirements of the Belmont Regional Park Network Plan. e.g. the park area in the valley above the Stratton St woolshed is designated a MTB track area.

If justification for the trail is not available in the current network plan then submission is required for inclusion in the new Parks Network plan due in 2018.

However given the broad policy objectives in paragraph 6.3.6 (Projected Changes) on page 55 of the GWRC Parks Network plan the proposed Horokiwi tracks could be included in the new Bamba Trail plan for year commencing July 2017.

The next stage is for the Bamba president is to discuss the Horokiwi trail proposals with Wayne Boness as required by the MOU to review the proposal and report back.

## **7. Publicity and Public Relations**

- The proposed monthly Bamba Ride day was revisited with thought that because the current BRP MTB tracks could only offer two circuits and with the competition from cycle shop group rides the Bamba rides would not be worthwhile. However it was decided to have rides among members and promote destination rides. e.g. ride to Catchpool for a BBQ.
- A second BRP MTB Open Day has been scheduled for 19 March 2017 by the GWRC. Bamba may want to consider catering for this event as well as leading rides. This could be the target finish date for the Choppers replacement trail.

## **8. Revenue Raising Projects**

### **8.1. Karma Keg at Queen of Jackson Bar**

Karma Keg at the Queen of Jackson in Petone has been approved for 3-5pm Saturday 19 November 2016. The keg is Baylands Pale Ale. Notices are to be posted on Web site and Facebook page.

### **8.2 Woolshed Productions BBQ**

The Bamba application for the Sons of Bitches and Mel Parsons concert burger catering 13 November has been approved by the promoter. There have been sufficient volunteers to make the burgers with Angus as the chef of the day. An organizer is required to manage the project and will be confirmed at the next Bamba meeting. Expect sales of up to 80 burgers at \$7-10 each from a crowd of approximately 130. Sausages are not allowed.

### **8.3. Cycle Science/PNP MTB Race Round 4 Belmont Regional Park**

The race date is the 6 November 2016 and club is to provide some marshals. As in the past it is anticipated that the club will have more volunteers than required on the day. A commercial coffee bar will be operating. Bamba is to groom MTB trails used for this event so they are in top condition.

## **9. Charities Annual Return**

Bamba is a registered charity. A new requirement for annual return are the home address and date of birth of the club's officers. Details were supplied to the secretary from officers present at the meeting

## **10. Bamba Trail Plan for 2017 to 2019.**

As specified in the MOU a plan of the trails proposed for construction by Bamba in year starting July 2017 is to be completed in September for inclusion in the BRP annual plan. Taupo Rock Trail was discussed by the meeting as a possible next track to build. Marco will do a gorse bash through to Taupo Rock to investigate the feasibility of the proposed loop" However, a more comprehensive review is required to agree on new trails for the next 3.5 years.

## **9. Working Bee Language**

It was agreed the use of immoderate language on working bees was inappropriate at all times. The only exception where swearing is to be permitted is in the case of severe provocation such as self-inflicted trauma to the body by wayward tools and the like.

## **10. Summary of Actions Arising**

Working Bee 28 August. Weta bottom section.	All
Arrange audit of club finances.	Angus
Dream up new name for Choppers replacement trail	All
Trail signs for Connect Four from Fine Signs	Paul
Confirm GWRC sign off on completion of Connect Four.	Paul/Wayne
8 "NO HORSE" disks and posts for Connect Four.	Jeremy
Contact Wayne to discuss the merits of incorporation of Horokiwi trails in Bamba Trail plan.	Paul
Volunteer for organising production of burgers for woolshed concert	All
Priority and ideas on new trails for immediate future.	All

## **11. Next Meeting**

Scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 29 September Stratton St Woolshed.

Bruce McHardy, Secretary, BAMBA

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