



Minutes General Meeting

Thursday 29 September 2016

Location: The Woolshed, Stratton St, Normandale, Lower Hutt, 7:30 pm

Present: Paul Scoble (Chair). Dan Forster, Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Karl Laurence, Ron Harfield, Craig McGinnity, Bruce McHardy & Marco Renall.
Wayne Boness (GWRC).

Apologies: Jeremy Paterson (GWRC)

1. Minutes last Committee Meeting 25 august 2016

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

2. Financial Report

See minutes of the AGM.

3. GWRC Update. (Wayne)

3.1 Connect 4

Trail signage is complete except for a signage adjustment required at the intersection of 4 Degrees and Connect 4 and the trail is now ready for the final inspection by GWRC. Gravel may be required over the top section in the shade but this can be scheduled for Autumn as the trail will dry out over the coming summer and the soft surface will not be an immediate problem.

3.2 Hill Rd Natives Planting

A big thank you to BAMBA for assistance in planning out natives at the bottom of Bull Run.

3.3 General

Lambing and calving are currently in full swing. Having Hill Rd open at this time has been of great benefit for the Park users. Lambing restrictions end 21 October. Next year the Hill Rd - OCR circuit will be open for use during lambing because of fencing modifications planned for next summer. Barking dogs of Hill Rd have gone - to everyones and the farm animals relief. It is proposed fit out a lunch room in the old bomb disposal building where the new toilets are located.

The Dry Creek free camping ground became very popular last summer with the closure of other free camping sites in Wellington. This overloaded the ranger resources who supervise the camping ground as part of their duties. For the coming summer action has been taken to ensure the camping is not a drain on ranger time.

3.4 Hill Rd Uphill Connector Trail

The consenting process work on the track is taking longer than expected due to DOC staff changes but is still hoped the trail can be completed before lambing in 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 is to be tendered out by GWRC.

3.5 Skills Track

GWRC is currently considering a more comprehensive facility which will include the utilizing a large part of the existing stream track.

3.6 4 Degrees

The Bridle track top section is scheduled to be fenced off this summer which will reduce chance of horse presence on the 4 Degrees trail.

4. Trail Maintenance

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.

Next fortnightly work day is set down for 2 October so that the work party day is out of phase with Sunday MTB racing schedule.

The program is for the next three work party Sundays available before the race day is to groom the trails on the race circuits. These trails are 4 Degrees, Weta, Connect 4, Bull A Varde, Bull Run and Borderline.

4.1. 4 Degrees

Nettles require spraying.

4.2. Weta

Bypass/diversion of steep section completed last Sunday. Both sections of the track to be maintained and sign posted as Easy and Difficult. Trail is now 99% complete and built to grade 3 standards. May require a berm at lower bend at bridge

4.4. Bull Run

Minor tweaking on the lower section bends and ruts.

4.5. Borderline

Trail needs to be checked over and some berms reinforced.

5. New Trails

5.1. Choppers Replacement Trail. (CRT)

Names put forward by for the trail to date are:

Karl: **Lightnin** or **Lightning** and **Pine Cone Alley**.

Dan: **Electric** or **Electric Avenue**.

Bruce: Continuing the insect theme of **Weta**; eg **Butterfly**, **Daddy Long Legs** or **Huhu**.
Seismic to reflect the excitement of the run down the trail.

More suggestions for the trail name are required.

The proposed CRT trail is a big task and may take BAMBA up to a year to complete. Using a digger would be of immense assistance to reduce the construction time and the manual effort required so the trail could be ready for Open Day 19 March. The GWRC digger is not available to BAMBA. Craig suggested the club consider approaching Darren, a digger driver who has track building experience to obtain a quote for work on that part of CRT not allocated to Valley Landscapes. Wayne advised this would be acceptable provided the work was done under the supervision of BAMBA and compliance with the BAMBA Safety and Operational Rules for Track building.

5.2 Taupo Rock

Marco has explored the options of a looped track from the saddle on Bull A Varde to Taupo Rock by bush bashing through the gorse. The route proposed is more complex than a straight loop with the visit to Taupo rock the feature of the trail and the view over the Hutt Valley. It also may encroach on the DOC reserve.

5.3. Grade 5 Downhill

Graig has marked out a proposed grade 5 downhill trail starting from the top of 4 Degrees and aligned to the north of the Stratton Track/ Firebreak to Connect 4, then up a short section of Connect 4 and then off downhill to the end section of 4 Degrees.

5.4. Horokiwi MTB Trail

The advice from Wayne is that the proposal trails and the area of the park required for the trails need to be incorporated in the Park Network Plan before any meaningful track planning and building can be done.

It was noted that no one from the Horokiwi group turned up for the scheduled work party on 11 September.

6. Revenue Raising Projects

8.1. Karma Keg at Queen of Jackson Bar

Karma Keg at the Queen of Jackson in Petone is scheduled for 3-5pm Saturday 19 November 2016. The keg is Baylands Pale Ale. Notices have been posted on Web site and Facebook page. Members are urged to get friends, family and mountain bike acquaintances to turn out for the big afternoon.

8.2 Woolshed Productions BBQ

The Bamba application for the Sons of Bitches and Mel Parsons concert burger catering on 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. Bruce and Ron have agreed to plan and organize the catering.

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. 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 and the Grade 5 downhill are the next new tracks in the planning pipeline. However, a more comprehensive review is required to agree on new trails for the next 3-4 years.

10. Summary of Actions Arising

Working Bee 2 October Borderline and Bull run.	All
Explore options of using Darrens digger to start on CRT.	Craig/Paul
Arrange audit of club finances.	Angus
Dream up an original name for CRT	All
Confirm GWRC sign off on completion of Connect Four.	Paul/Wayne
Start preliminary planning of Burger catering woolshed concert	Bruce/Ron/Jane/Trish
Checkout Taupo Rock proposed trail route.	Paul/Jeremy
Priority and ideas on new trails for the future.	All

11. Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 27 October Stratton St Woolshed.

Bruce McHardy, Secretary, BAMBA