



Minutes General Meeting

Thursday 27 October 2016

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

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

Jeremy Paterson (GWRC).

Apologies: Paul Scoble, Wayne Boness (GWRC).

1. Minutes last Committee Meeting 29 September 2016

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

2. Financial Report

Presented by Angus

Last meeting

Opening Bank balance	<u>\$2014.89</u>
Expenditure since last meeting	
Meeting refreshments	\$20.51
Digger Hire for Choppers Replacement trail	402.50
Income since last meeting	
Donations solicited by Matt from Paul Hastie and Maxam Corp	\$500.00
Closing Balance	<u>\$2091.88</u>

3. GWRC Update. (Jeremy)

3.1 General

Lambing has been completed. The lambing percentage was poorer than expected. The Farmer plans a staged lambing next season: early beside Public areas and later in areas away from public access to raise lambing performance.

Next year at lambing the Hill Rd - OCR circuit will be open for use because of fencing off a lane beside the OCR planned for next summer.

4. Trail Maintenance

4.1. Trail Grooming

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Maintenance for Round 4 Cycle Science/PNP MTB race 6 November 16 is to be completed Sunday 30 October. Lower Bull Run & Weta bottom berm are the priority.

4.2. Borderline:

The runout at trail end and the exit to the carpark are not well designed.

Jeremy has some native trees for planting in the immediate future. The end of Borderline was suggested as a possible planting site.

5. New Trails

5.1. Choppers Replacement Trail.

Electric Avenue was voted by acclamation to be the new name proposed for this trail. This name to be submitted to GWRC for approval.

The trial of using a hired digger for two days on the Labour Day weekend with Darren as the operator went reasonably well.

230 m of trail was formed in spite of the digger having mechanical problems.

Lessons taken from the trial are:

- Using a digger is value for money where large earth movements are required to form the trail.
- Darren is a capable operator and will be useful in the future.
- Consider digger hire for one 10-hour day to minimize cost.
- Require more BAMBA labour on site to supplement the diggers operation.
- BAMBA labour may best be deployed in shifts throughout the day.
- The hire diggers available are not the most suitable machines for trail building.
- The design of Paul Hagens digger is specialized for trail building and he should be approached to check if it is available for hire to BAMBA with Darren as the operator.
- BAMBA may have to consider a change in direction to devoting more resources to raising funds if digger hire is to be used in the future for building tracks.

Big thanks to Craig for supervising the digger work over the weekend.

Matt stated he was able to source more funds from donations to fund trail building.

We have in hand Paul Hagen's donation of a digger day to construct the start section of Electric Avenue trail from Slogger Logger.

There was no objection to the public riding the newly built part of Electric Avenue as it may encourage more hands at dig days to complete the trail.

5.2. Taupo Rock

The propose route is being developed by Paul and Jeremy with a view to gaining approval.

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. Hill Rd Uphill Connector

Progress is being made on submitting a consent to build the Trail.

6. Revenue Raising Projects

6.1. Cycle Science/PNP MTB Race Round 4 Belmont Regional Park

The race date is Sunday 6 November 2016 with pre-racing on Saturday. The club is to provide some marshals. Marshals briefing is at 9.15 am. First race starts 10.00am. Paul will arrange transport of Bamba marshals to the marshalling points in his ute.

6.2. 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. Ron and Bruce are to get together soon to plan and organize the catering.

6.3. 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.

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 30 October, final trail grooming lower Bull Run & Weta bottom berm.	All
Arrange audit of club finances.	Angus
Commence planning of Burger catering SOB concert	Ron/Bruce/
Advance approval of 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 24 November Stratton St Woolshed.

Bruce McHardy, Secretary, BAMBA