



Minutes General Meeting

Thursday 30 March 2017

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

Present: Dan Forster (Chair). Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Karl Laurence, Bruce McHardy, Ron Harfield, Aden Komarkowski and Jeremy Paterson.

Apologies: Paul Scoble, Marco Renall and Wayne Boness (GWRC).

1. Minutes last Committee Meeting 23 February 2017

Minutes have been circulated to the committee. Minutes were approved on a motion from Matt seconded by Ron. 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>\$2,994.77</u>
Expenditure since last meeting	
Weed eater consumables	\$66.88
Meeting refreshments and gift for volunteers.	\$110.94
Belmont Open Day food supplies	\$32.98
Videographer	22.00
Income since last meeting	
Interest	\$2.85
Donations	\$209.52
Closing Balance	<u>\$2,974.32</u>
Reinstate 2 cent error from January 2017closing balance	<u>\$2974.34</u>

Expenditure committed: \$1300 for digger hire from Rapid Earthworks.

Receipts expected: \$ 200 donation by cheque received from Paul Hastie.

3. Funds and Donations

3.1 Matt is to arrange a Template for use as the Official Acknowledgement of Thanks from Bamba to Donors. First use of the template is to send thanks to Paul; Hastie.

3.2 Dan is to apply to Slush Funds for a contribution to the cost of building Electric Avenue. He is unsure if retrospective applications will be accepted.

3.3 Matt has been advised by a contact in Land Transit Authority (LTA) that funds will be available from the Petone to Grenada Bypass project for trails that benefit the community and have connectivity with the Bypass and its environs. It was agreed Matt should investigate further and report how we can qualify for a share of the funds available.

4.GWRC Update. from Jeremy

4.1 New Lane Way at Barking Dogs

The New laneway to allow access to OCR from Hill Rd without encroaching on the farm has been fenced and only requires signage.

4.2 Hill Rd Riser Trail

EOS report has been completed and referred to DOC for consideration. It is thought nothing of special conservation value was found. Consents have been given for Trail earthworks. Application for consents for the culverts is the next stage.

4.3 Korokoro Dam Track

The Track is being upgraded to replace a bridge with a culvert. Upgrades are now include replacing structures where possible to reduce maintenance and compliance issues.

4.4 Skills Area

Feedback on plans has generally been favourable. Aim is to be family friendly with trails up to grade 2 & 3 trails. Angle parking for 16 cars is planned of Stratton St with a flatter area of the field used as an overflow carpark. The start of construction is scheduled for after Winter using funds from allocated from Transmission Gully project.

4.5 Freeway Track

This track to through Transmission Gully works is now closed.

5. Trail Maintenance

4.1. Weta

The next work party on Sunday 2 April is to work on notorious right handed bottom bend of Weta. The objective is to lower the approach and entrance to the bend by up to a metre and build up the run out of the bend to reduce the change in elevation through the bend. Treated timber planks and posts are available from the GWRC to build the retaining wall necessary for the lower section of the bend. Aden is to supply a powered post hole borer and chain saw to assist in construction of the wall.

4.2. Electric Avenue:

Moving the entrance of Electric Avenue by building a traverse from OCR at about 10m past 4 Degrees entrance was discussed but no decision was taken.

5. New Trails

5.1. Electric Avenue Uphill

There is significant rider feedback/request for an uphill return track for Electric Avenue which looks viable in the terrain uphill of Weta towards OCR. This is not in trail plan but we could review its viability and propose to GWRC if it looks good.

5.2. Electric Ave/Weta/Connect 4 Hub

Developing the EA/C4/Weta trail junction Hub with mapboard and seat/picnic table etc was proposed.

5.3. Taupo Rock & Mid - Point View

Enthusiasm for building these trails is waning. A decision is required whether to progress or not.

5.2. Grade 5 Downhill

The proposed trail route has been agreed with Jeremy, marked and GPS'ed. The trail is expected to be built by Craig and his mates to their specification.

5.3 Trails in new areas of Upper Korokoro Valley.

Matt was keen to promote the exploration of possible new trails out to the north of 4 Degrees. However, it was thought that all possibilities within recognized trail area should be considered first.

6. Committee 2017- 2018

The President Paul Scoble has advised that he will not seek re-election at the AGM scheduled for 25 May 2017 but will remain a member outside the committee. Dan Forster stated that he is willing to stand for the office of President at the next AGM. Aden is prepared to stand for the committee.

7. Bamba Discussion Forum outside formal meetings

It was agreed that the discussions of current topics of interest to the committee using email strings are cumbersome and that a Facebook Group would facilitate better discussions. Non - Facebook committee members will be invited to join the BAMBA Committee and Friends Group on Facebook.

8. Wellington Enduro Series

Karl advised that there may be an opportunity to get Belmont trails into the Wellington Enduro Series for 2018. Karl is in the process of liaising with the Wellington MTB club to check the feasibility of racing at Belmont next year.

9. Summary of Actions Arising

Working Bee 2 April, maintenance bottom RH Weta bend
Investigate and report what funds may be available for new trail construction

All

from LTA from Petone to Grenada freeway
Invite reluctant committee members to join Facebook and the Bamba Group.
Market Belmont trails to Wellington MTB for the 2018 Wellington Enduro Series

Matt
Angus
Karl

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 27 April 2017 Stratton St Woolshed

Bruce McHardy; Secretary, BAMBA