



Draft Minutes General Meeting

Thursday 25 May 2017

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

Present: Dan Forster (President Elect, Chair). Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Karl Laurence, Bruce McHardy, Ron Harfield, Aden Komarkowski, Paul Scoble, Marco Renall, Barbie and Andrew Tollison.

Wayne Boness (GWRC).

Apologies: Jeremy Paterson (GWRC).

1. Minutes last Committee Meeting 29 March 2017

Minutes have been circulated to the committee.

Three additions were required to the draft minutes:

- Enduro race proposal for Summer 2018
- Electric Avenue (ELA) Uphill trail
- Electric Ave/Weta/Connect 4 Hub.

Minutes were approved on a motion from Mark seconded by Ron. The minutes are to be posted on the BAMBA Facebook and web site.

2. Financial Report

Presented by Angus

Opening Bank balance start of financial year 1/04/17	<u>\$2,964.82</u>
Expenditure since last meeting	
Digger hire. (Rapid Earthworks)	\$1,000.00
Meeting refreshments .	\$50.94
Plastic Paving (Bunnings)	\$223.84
Total expenditure	<u>\$1,274.78</u>
Income since last meeting	
Donations (Give a Little)	\$199.52
Ground Effect Slush Fund	\$1,223.84
Total Income	<u>\$1,423.36</u>
Closing Balance end of May 2017	<u>\$3,113.40</u>

Note Digger hire was expected to be \$1,300 but was only \$1,000 which allowed \$223 84 of The Ground Effect Slush Fund donation to be spent on plastic mats for stabilizing steep sections of trails.

3. Funds and Donations

3.1 Thank you Template.

Matt has devised a draft Template for use as the Official Acknowledgement of Thanks from Bamba to Donors. Dan will work with Matt to finalise the template. First use of the template is to send thanks to Paul Hastie.

3.2 Ground Effect Slush Fund Donation.

Dan's application to Ground Effect Slush funds was successful and \$1,223.84 was donated to the cost of building Electric Avenue.

3.3 Petone to Grenada Freeway Community Grants

Matt has been advised verbally by the Land Transit Authority (LTA) that a total of \$3 million is to be allocated for community projects to offset the building of the expressway. It appears Bamba should be qualified to apply for grants for new trails that meet the LTA criteria

4.GWRC Update. from Wayne

4.1 New Lane Way at Barking Dogs

The New laneway to allow access to OCR from Hill Rd without encroaching on the farm is complete with direction signs recently posted ready for lambing and calving from 1 August.

4.2 Hill Rd Riser Trail

Awaiting DOC approval. Expect a start August / early spring.

4.3 Korokoro Dam Loop Track

The Track has been upgraded and is now back in service with new signage.

4.4 The Woolen Mill Dam

The dam has been repaired after undermining and flood damage over many years. A fish ladder has been installed.

4.5 Skills Area

The layout has been finalised and now requires submission for resource consent.

A plan for the End of Stratton St is to be developed to provide the facilities for the extra park visitors expected to the skills track and the MTB downhill area. Wayne is to send the plans & proposals of the Skills tracks for Bamba to view but **not** disseminate outside Bamba.

4.6 Tree Planting Hill Rd

This Bamba annual event is scheduled for August.

4.7 Tree Planting beside ELA downhill area

Jeremy has only a few trees for planting out. Natives are currently in short supply. Wayne is check if more plants can be made available. A date for planting the available trees is to be scheduled.

4.8 Dry Creek

A new septic tank and toilet block has been built for the large number of freedom campers now using the area. The income from Dry Creek now is equal to that of the Battle Hill camping ground.

5. Trail Maintenance

4.1. Weta

Extensive work was completed by Bamba work parties on the bottom right hand sharp steep bend of Weta. A sturdy retaining wall was installed to allow for a wider, less steep trail with the correct camber.

Recently there was an accident on the lower section of Borderline.

To prevent a recurrence and improve rider safety the exit from Weta onto Borderline has been permanently closed. Weta has been extended down along the north side of the Jumps area to exit at the top of the first rise of Slogger Logger so it is completely separated from Borderline.

The jumps area has been reduced to a single track with two table tops between Borderline and Weta. Access to the Jumps track is available from only one point on Borderline and only one point from Weta. This work was done by Jeremy on the digger with assistance from Paul, Aiden and Paul O'Hagen over the last two weeks.

Future minor work to be scheduled is to reinstate a berm drain.

4.2. Electric Avenue:

Moving the entrance of Electric Avenue by building a traverse from OCR at about 10m past 4 Degrees entrance was not progressed. Slight tweeking to a berm to improve the line of sight and better drainage in one section is to be scheduled.

4.3. Weed spraying

4 Degrees lower section. Weed spraying is urgently required which is the responsibility of the GWRC.

Dan retired father in law is available to spray trail weeds as required. Wayne advised the GWRC through Jeremy can provide the sprayer and all chemicals for trail spraying.

4.4. Signs

Paul has some new signs to be fixed at major entry points by next weekend showing all the current MTB trail network.

4.5. Borderline

Craig stated he would like this trail to remain untouched and ruts not groomed. This was not universally accepted.

4.6. Bull Run

Better drainage is required at several points.

4.7. BNZ Closed for Good 2017

Labour is available 23 August for Bamba to consider using for trail maintenance/building.

5. New Trails

5.1. Uphill from end of Electric Avenue.

The route requires scoping to determine if feasible.

5.2. Electric Avenue/Weta/Connect 4 Hub.

Requires better specification by Bamba and then discussion, planning and approval with the GWRC.

5.3. Taupo Rock & Mid - Point View

Progress on these trails will be revisited when the Hill Rd Riser is complete and in use. Then with feedback from riders a better appreciation of the pros and cons trail options can be evaluated.

5.3. Grade 5 Downhill

The proposed trail route has been agreed with Jeremy, marked and GPS'ed. GWRC approval has been delayed by non - submission of the GPS data due to problems with Jeremys computer. Wayne has agreed to talk with Jeremy get the approval process back underway.

6. Committee 2017- 2018

With the resignation of the President Paul Scoble at the May AGM Dan Forster was elected president and Aiden joined the committee as vice president.

7. Bamba Discussion Forum on Facebook

The Bamba committee members have all joined the Facebook group which is proving an excellent forum for discussion and dissemination of information

8. Wellington Enduro Series

Karl advised that the Wellington MTB club is keen to race at Belmont next summer. This will benefit the club from the publicity, trail exposure and levy income. The committee are happy to provide whatever marshals, logistics and organization is required to make the race a success. Karl showed the proposed routes for the senior and junior riders which use the whole of the MTB Belmont trail downhill network. Marco is to provide Karl with a template for GWRC approval of the race. Karl is to liaison with Wellington MTB to assist in the organization of the event.

9. Summary of Actions Arising

Working Bee 28 May for maintenance on Weta and Electric Ave	All
Keep in touch with LTA for application process for funds from Petone/Grenada E/way	Matt

Liaison with Wellington MTB for inclusion in the 2018 Wellington Enduro Series
Investigate an uphill route from end of Electric Avenue.
Specify requirements at C4/Weta/ELA Hub.
Progress Grade 5 Downhill trail consent

Karl
Dan
All
GWRC

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 29 June 2017 Stratton St Woolshed

Bruce McHardy; Secretary, BAMBA