



## Minutes General Meeting

**Thursday 3 August 2017**

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

**Present:** Dan Forster (Chair). Aden Komarkowski, Bruce McHardy, Karl Laurence, Marco Renall, Matt Clarke & Ron Harfield.

**Apologies:** Angus Cotton. Wayne Boness & Jeremy Paterson (GWRC)..

### 1. Minutes last Committee Meeting 29 June 2017

Minutes have been circulated to the committee. .

Minutes were approved on a motion from Marco seconded by Karol.

No matters arising from the minutes.

The minutes have been posted on the BAMBA web site.

### 2. Financial Report

No transactions during last month.

Closing Balance end of May 2017

\$3,108.40

### 3. Funds and Donations

None.

### 4. GWRC Update.

Wayne's reported presented by Dan.

- A section of park farm is now closed for lambing and calving until 21 October.
- Dan was not certain if signs are up directing MTB riders to new laneway trail between OCR/4 Degrees to Hill Road to avoid the closed farm area.
- New toilet installed and working at Dry Creek.
- New septic tank soakage and hot water cylinder to be installed at Stratton St Woolshed.
- No trees available for Bamba to plant around MTB trails at BNZ Closed for Good. GWRC is to budget 500 trees per year for Bamba to plant from 2018.
- Annual tree planting at Hill Rd near bottom of Bull Run 9 am Saturday 12 August. Volunteers to bring a spade. Morning tea to be supplied by GWRC.
- Grade 5 downhill trail requires approval from Parks Manager. It is to be submitted to her in the next fortnight.
- Electric Avenue trail extension is supported and waiting on extra info (photos) from Dan.
- Hill Rd 4° Uphill trail is to be tendered in September for construction this summer.
- Skills Tracks. Timeline is still to be agreed
- Bike Repair Station: There is no initial objection to the concept.

- MOU compliance. Wayne and Dan have initially agreed that BAMBAs submit an annual program of trail maintenance and new trail construction in August /September.
- Hub facilities. A review is to be undertaken by GWRC of Stratton St Park visitor arrival, the tracks and track linkages and facilities. The Hub will be considered in this review.
- GWRC have reminded the Belmont Pony club that MTB trails are out of bounds to Horse Riders. Jeremy is to erect more "No Horse" warning disks.
- Matts trail proposal will require full approval and consent as it falls outside the area of old pine plantation.

## 5. Trail Review

### 5.1. Grade 5 Downhill

Once verbal approval of the route is received from the Wayne Boness (GWRC) Craig is to mark the proposed trail more accurately with tags closer together.

It was agreed that Bamba is to offer to assist Craig build the trail to the requirements of the advanced riders that will use the trail.

### 5.2. Electric Avenue.

Dan is to complete the application to Wayne for extension of trail entry by sending photos. Approval is anticipated within a week of submission by return email.

### 5.3. Electric Avenue/Weta/Connect 4 Hub. (The HUB)

GWRC approval is delayed as it depends on results of future review of Stratton St area of the Park.

### 5.4 Uphill from the HUB to OCR

It was agreed the proposed route may be > 4° to shorten the length and give the riders a challenge. Note: Grade 3 uphill is 0 - 5° for 90% of its length and may be 5 - 9° for sections of the trail up to 100m long. Dan and Paul are to check and map a possible route. Craig expressed doubts this route is feasible.

Craig proposed examination of alternative route up the LHS of Electric Avenue to halfway up 4 Degrees.

### 5.5 Matts Proposed Trail.

A connecting track half way up 4 Degrees that takes the MTB Trail network to the north-west and connect up with the valley north of Middle Ridge, and then ultimately back to where the bridleway intersects Middle Ridge. This would open up a whole new area for future downhill trails.

The proposed trail would require compliance with the full GWRC approval and HCC consenting procedures for new trails.

Matt is to check out the route in more detail to assess its feasibility and report back to the committee.

## **6. Trail Maintenance**

### **6.1 Electric Avenue**

Dan is to mark out areas of track requiring upgrading to improve line of sight for BNZ workday.

### **6.2. Weta**

Installation of berm drain outstanding.

The bend just uphill from the lower steep hairpin needs improved line of sight.

Weta trail exit sign to Slogger Logger required.

### **6.3. Borderline**

The easier diversion around the steep chutes constructed by BNZ at Closed for Good 2015 has fallen into disuse. It was discussed that this section of the trail should be better sign posted so it is known and used more frequently by the less adventurous riders.

### **6.4. Bull Run**

Planned work on lower third of Bull Run was successfully completed in July. Only outstanding job is to spray grass on the trail before summer.

### **6.5. 4 Degrees.**

Work is half complete on improving trail drainage/run off to eliminate boggy areas. The Spring on bank above the trail needs piping underground to remove water flowing over trail. Work on top half of 4 Degrees is a priority for the next Bamba work day.

### **6.6. Connect 4**

The pine tree across and above the trail needs to be removed.

## **7. BNZ Closed for Good 2017**

Bamba's application to BNZ for voluntary labour on 23 August was approved. Twelve staff, the maximum requested, have signed up which is excellent.

Angus is to supervise BNZ employees with Dan's assistance for half a day. Marco is now unavailable.

GWRC has no trees available

BNZ is to work on:

- New entrance Electric Avenue.
- Electric Ave berm reconstruction and improved lines of sight.

## **8. Wellington Enduro Series**

Karl is give a presentation to the Wellington MTB Club committee at their next monthly meeting in September.

For the Enduro races Karl proposes;

- A temporary scratch (unformed) entrance to the end of the first traverse of Borderline from OCR to minimize the distance to get riders onto Borderline.
- Use of Naked Flame for a fast downhill.

These changes will require GWRC approval further into the planning process for the races

## **9. Bike Repair Station**

GWRC is not against the project. Matt is pursuing quotes for bike station.

## **10. Trail Fund AGM**

Dan is to attend the AGM in Nelson during the weekend of 23 September.

## **11. PNP Annual Races**

Marco advises PNP may bypass Belmont Park for their next race series as the number of trails is limited and they wish to try greener pastures. Marco is to market Belmont's trails to PNP especially now there is Electric Avenue which vastly improves Belmont compliance with PNP's race trail specification.

## **12. Charity Commission Annual Return**

Bamba is a registered Tier 4 Charity. This is the lowest level charity as our turnover of funds is very small. To comply with the commissions requirements Bruce is completing the annual return which includes a detailed statement of financial transactions. The return is expected to be completed by mid August 2017.

## **13. Friends of Belmont AGM**

On behalf of Bamba Marco attended the AGM in July.

## **14. Summary of Actions Arising**

Tree planting Hill Rd 12 August.	All
Liaison with Wellington MTB for inclusion in the 2018 Wellington Enduro Series	Karl
Plan and execute BNZ work day.	Angus & Dan
Scope and mark a proposed uphill route from end of Electric Avenue.	Dan, Paul and Craig.
Grade 5 Downhill trail. Progress approval	GWRC
Borderline Weta Signage.	Dan.
Bike Repair Station quotes	Matt
Secure PNP race for Belmont Park	Marco

## **9. Next Meeting**

Scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 31 August 2017 at Stratton St Woolshed.

Bruce McHardy; Secretary, BAMBA