

MINUTES OF BAMBA MEETING – Thursday 20 August 2015

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

Present

Tyrone McGrath, Matt Clarke, Angus Cotton, Don Forster, Craig McGinnity, Ron Harfield, Bruce McHardy, Marco Renall. Wayne Boness and Jeremy Paterson (GWRC). Paul O'Hagen

Apologies;

Karl Laurence

Minutes of last Meeting

Not available for meeting

Finances

Last meeting balance	<u>\$6,269.49</u>
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Interest earned	+Nil
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Less Presented Cheques:

AGM refreshments	-\$48.15
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This meeting closing Balance	<u>\$6,221.34</u>
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Cheques written: "Not yet presented"

- \$Nil

General Business

1. WRC Update

The consents for remedial work on 15 May flood damage to the the Korokoro Valley tracks and bridges have been submitted to the Hutt City Council. Repair options for the severely damaged Woollen mills dam (the lower dam) are under consideration by engineering consultants.

2. Four Degrees Track

The 4 Degrees track is substantially complete except for the installation of culverts in two upper valley creek crossings and the seven bridges at the bottom of the track where it runs beside the Korokoro stream. Consideration is being given to reroute more of this section of the track to the east side of the stream to reduce the number of bridges and reduce the vulnerability of the track to flooding.

The track is already being used by few riders. Some discussion followed about gravelling wet parts of track to prevent damage. Paul Hagen was confident that it was early days and as it was the middle of winter the track would dry out and be OK given normal weather conditions.

3. Bridge Specification.

The specification for a bridge design without rails that was exempt from engineers design approval were outline by Paul Hagen:

Maximum span: 5m between abutments

Maximum height from top surface of bridge deck to stream bed is 1m measured 1.5m from edge of bridge deck. This is effectively 600mm maximum height above stream bed after allowing for bearers and deck timber.

4. Bull Run

With closure of access up Hill Rd to top of Bull Run during lambing some rider are walking back up the track and creating a hazard for downhill riders. A sign is required to advise riders the Bull Run is downhill only. Up tracks are available via Sweet acres track or Sweet acres road when Hill Rd is closed.

5. Future Tracks

As per the MOU Spring is the time in the planning cycle when Bamba and WRC need to confirm future tracks. In order to comply with the Hutt City Council Consent the track development procedure is that the proposed route to be surveyed and agreed by GWRC rangers and Bamba The designated track route is to be recorded by GPS and marked by tape.

Proposed new tracks are

1. 4 degrees connector to the top of the Big Weta currently under construction by Bamba.
2. Grade 2 downhill following route of the original "Choppers" to be partially built by a contractor with a \$30k contribution from the GWRC and the balance of the work by voluntary labour from Bamba.

6. Big Weta Track

The time to completion of the track was estimated to be about 8 weeks.

Paul Hagen and four of his employees volunteered to help building the Big Weta bridge one Saturday morning. Bamba is to supply labour to transport the materials to the bridge site and at least two volunteers to assist during the day of construction.

6. BNZ Work Party on Big Weta 2 Sep 15

To be organized and supervised on the day by Ron Harford with assistance from Marco in the afternoon.

A Safety plan such as a JSA/SWMS to be formulated and sent to ANZ prior to work party. Ron is to consult with Angus and Bruce to check proposed JSA.

A new Medical kit is to be purchased as required by the MOU.

Ron is authorized by the committee to buy food for BBQ lunch for helpers at the woolshed. The planned work is to form the track from below the bridge down to the intersection with Borderline, lay metal on top sections of track and finish the entrance to the track from Slogger Logger.

7. Tools

It was agreed by the committee to purchase the following tools:

- 2 Hilti Hoes.
- 2 Square mouth long handled shovels.
- 2 mattocks with axe heads.

Tye agreed to buy the shovels and mattocks and Angus the Hilti hoes as he likes Hilti Hos.

8. Cycle Science PNP XC Series Round 4 MTB racing Sun 1st Nov

The race is scheduled to for 1 November and requires completion of Big Weta.

Bull Run is thought to be in satisfactory shape for the event.

4 Degrees is to be checked for any wet areas requiring metal.

It is thought big Weta will be substantially completed by ANZ and with the building of the bridge in September Big Weta it will be easy to be ready for the race

The preliminary race course design is a short loop from the **Woolshed** up **Slogger Logger** to **Big Weta** and down to the **Woolshed**. A Long loop from **Woolshed** up **4 Degrees** to **OCR**, down **Bull Run** and up **Hill Rd** to gas station, across **Airstrip**, down to **OCR** and **Borderline** to **Woolshed**.

Marco is to complete the paperwork required for the running of the race.

Bamba is to provide course marshals on the day.

9 Wellington Mountain Bike Downhill Race

The Wellington Mountain Bike Club have lost the use of their downhill track at the Long Gully.

They wish to explore the possibility using the Belmont Regional Park tracks for a downhill shuttle race in their Winter/Spring series in 2015. The proposal is to use Borderline with a rider shuttle up Slogger Logger. There is expected to be 50-60 riders. The downgrading of Borderline to grade 3 by by-passing several bends is required which can be completed by Bamba before race day on Sunday 25 October. Bamba can expect a donation from WMTB. For the use of the track. Bamba may have to provide shuttle vehicles.

Jeremy advised the use of Slogger Logger by shuttle vehicles was OK by the WRC.

10. Open Day Racing March 2016

Dan agreed to arrange the racing which should be a good fund raiser for the club.

11 New Tracks

Track options for next new tracks to be built were mooted.

- Grade 5 from top skid site which would require very little construction work.
- Link track between 4 Degrees and Slogger- Logger/Big Weta.
- Grade 2 downhill following line of old Choppers.
- Matts track in an untouched valley.
- The Pylon Track.
- Uphill track from the finish of Bull Run. (Doc approval needed).

A future track program needs to be formally discussed and agreed with WRC as per MOU procedure.

Next Meeting

TBA

Meeting closed : N/A pm

Bruce McHardy, Secretary, BAMBA