



WAMBA AGM Minutes 2017

Date: 16th July 2017

Time Start: 3:00pm

Location: Calamuunda Camel Farm, Kalamunda

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1. Welcome

Alex Wade (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted that a quorum of 6 was met and declared the meeting open at 3:00pm.

2. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees:

- Alex Wade (AW)
- Jodie Stembridge (JS)
- Margaret McIlroy (MM)

Apologies:

- Bryan Stevenson – proxy vote to Alex Wade
- Vilma Fitzgerald
- Ben Pruden
- Chris Park (PMBC) – proxy vote to Alex Wade
- Ivan Stevenson (KMBC) – proxy vote to Alex Wade
- Mark Papadopoff (Northern Beaches Cycling Club)

3. Minutes from Previous AGM

JS summarised the minutes from the 2016 AGM, which can be found on WAMBA's website (http://www.wamba.org.au/docs/WAMBA_AGM_Minutes_2016.pdf).

A motion was made to approve the 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes as being a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MOVED: MM / SECONDED: JS

4. President's Report

Overview of the Last 12 Months

In late 2014, WAMBA decided that it needed to change direction if it was to continue to be relevant. The committee agreed that it needed to be focussed, strategic, engaging and provide genuine leadership to the broader mountain biking community. This is the second president's report issued since that significant decision was taken and I am the first to preside over the newly focussed committee.

2016 and the first half of 2017 have seen those things that precipitated WAMBA's decision to change its direction come into sharp focus and the impacts of mountain biking in WA has been momentous. Our sport now stands head and shoulders above most, if not all, others in terms of sheer participation number and WAMBA, as state representative body, is now being measured against the same criterion as the WAFL and the WA Netball Association by the state government.

The sport has never had greater visibility with state and local governments, as is evidenced by the strategic framework that has been developed across a number of sectors. There have been some amazing achievements in both planning and delivery of trails on the ground – Albany, Dunsborough, Geraldton and Margaret River all represent major success stories. Exmouth, Kalamunda, the Murray Valley and the redevelopment of the Goat Farm are all projects showing promise in the next 12 months.

There can be no doubt that the funding of dedicated mountain biking resources at WestCycle and the broad collaboration between WestCycle and WAMBA has been a success. The finalisation of the Trails Management Guideline and the Perth & Peel Master Plan, the successful lobbying in the lead-up to the 2017 state elections, the massively successful junior development and high performance programs and the level of support enjoyed by the clubs in the last 12 months are proof absolute of this.

Unfortunately, the sharp-down turn in the state’s financial position has meant that the excellent work done by WAMBA and WestCycle and by various clubs around WA will not see new trails delivered at the rates that any of us would like. As I discuss in the last section of my report, the issue of funding continues to be the biggest challenge facing mountain biking in WA - affecting both the delivery of high quality trails at a rate somewhere close to demand, and our ability to maintain the general upward trajectory of our sport.

Objectives for the Reporting Period

WAMBA’s objectives for 2016/2017 were set out in the committee’s Annual Operational Plan and were:

1. Improve communications with stakeholders;
2. Lead the mountain bike community’s response to the 2017 review of Policy 13;
3. Support high performance programs in WA by ensuring that facilities are developed and that a national round returns in 2017/2018;
4. Champion the expansion of the MTB industry day so that events are run in locations other than the Perth Hills;
5. Lead the timely preparation of a state MTB event calendar and policy around the management of the calendar; and
6. Improve relationship with MTBA so as to bring real benefit to local MTB community

Significant inroads were made into all of these objectives as summarised below:

	Title	Notes	Action
1	Communications	Club representatives have been developed and formal communications from WAMBA to clubs implemented. Planning has commenced on a feedback tool to allow riders who are not members of clubs to interact directly with WAMBA	Continue in 2017/18
2	Policy 13	A large body of research has been developed. Discussions have been opened with KMBC.	Continue in 2017/18
3	National Round	Planning is underway for a double-header early 2018. Consultation with MTBA around national rounds in ongoing	Continue in 2017/18

4	Industry day	Another successful day was run in Perth in 2016. Planning is underway to expand the day to include Margaret River in 2017	Continue in 2017/18
5	MTB Calendar	The 2017 calendar was published in a timely manner and a full, well-rounded calendar developed. Policies for managing calendar conflicts were developed. Planning is underway for the 2018 and 2019 calendars	Continue in 2017/18
6	Relationship with MTBA	Inroads have been made and a tripartite meeting held on 29/6/17 (MTBA, WAMBA, WestCycle).	Continue in 2017/18

Objectives for the Next Reporting Period

As a committee we are still learning how to set objectives, to manage our resources, to influence stakeholders. We are also learning how to work with WestCycle, with MTBA and with clubs. Over the next 12 months our focus should be on both the operational and strategic. We should attend to the basics – communication, consultation and coordination. This will mean changes to the structure and focus of our committee and our objective for the next 12 months should be to streamline and define our operational obligations so that they can be completed with less effort.

We also need to take a leadership role in relation to Policy 13 which is an existential threat not to WAMBA but to expansion of our trail networks across large tracts of WA. Ensuring that the interests of mountain bikers are properly considered in the review of Policy 13 will require close consultation with clubs to present a unified position.

Discussion on the Challenges Facing WAMBA

WAMBA's role is changing from a group that "delivers" to one that "drives delivery". We have been involved in, and witness to, great achievements. Those things have, and continue to be, done because of great people; not because there is a "great vision" that is understood and owned by every rider. WAMBA must change this over time and by doing so we will address our biggest challenge – proving our relevance to government, to clubs and to riders.

One of our biggest long-term challenges is to educate – riders and government. Through effective engagement with riders, WAMBA can capitalise on the sport turning a passion for riding into a passion for mountain-biking. Engagement will give riders an understanding of what it is required our sport to grow and new trails to be delivered. It will also help riders understand the things that jeopardise that growth.

Through effective engagement with government, WAMBA can influence the evolution of trails and infrastructure. And by doing so we can deliver on one of our key mandates: to ensure the interests of riders are considered in strategic decision-making, including funding.

Finally, for WAMBA to truly represent mountain biking, we must be able to generate revenue. Now is not the time nor the place to discuss revenue streams. What can be said is that WAMBA must have a proven track record of driving the delivery of change at a high level, before we can legitimately pursue funding at the levels required to become a state sporting organisation that represents a sporting body the size of mountain biking in Western Australia.

MOVED: MM / SECONDED: JS

5. Treasurer's Annual Report

Bryan Stevenson presented the Treasurer's Annual Report 2016/ 2017, but it was not accepted at the meeting due to an incorrect period being reported – was 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017, but should have been 1st January to 31st December 2016.

On 25th July 2017, the Treasurer submitted a report for the correct period via email to the WAMBA Committee, which is shown below:

Period: 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Cash at the beginning of the year			41,216.36
Receipts / Income			
MTBA membership		805.00	
Lotterywest grant for Murray Valley - progress payment		11,090.00	
Payment for WAMBA shirts		875.25	
Receipt from Westcycle		445.00	
Total receipts		13,215.25	
Payments			
Murray Valley Trails	(8,690.00)		
Kalamunda Trails	(17,483.00)		
D100 Payment	(4,950.00)		
Reimbursements	(1,146.09)		
WAMBA Banner	(275.00)		
Balance of WAMBA juniors shirts	(441.50)		
MTBA Fees	(150.00)		
Hire of Camel Farm rooms	(66.00)		
Junior funding raising	(100.00)		
Total Payments	(33,301.59)		
Cash at the end of the year			21,130.02
Net Movement in cash			(20,086.34)
Grants			15,382.00
WAMBA funds			5,748.02

Grants balance and historical information is provided on the next page.

Date	Item	Value	Balance
Murray Valley			
1/4/2014	Grant – LotteryWest	24,750	24,750
19/1/2015	Stage 1 & 2 invoice	-4,400	20,350
16/12/2015	Stage 3 & 50% completion of stage 4	-7,150	13,200
19/10/2016	Concept plan & final claim	-8,690	4,510
Kalamunda Green Trails			
7/2/2013	WAMBA Every metre matters	11,000	11,000
7/2/2013	Cycling Aust MBTA Grant	4,000	15,000
25/3/2013	Grant – LotteryWest	33,000	48,000
6/11/2013	KMBC invoice	-19,250	28,750
29/5/2015	KMBC invoice	-2,600	26,090
16/12/2015	KMBC invoice	-4,235	21,855
30/6/2015	KMBC invoice	-17,483	4,372
19/8/2014	Awesome Foundation	1,000	1,000
TBA	Project 11 – Jarrahdale	5,500	5,500
Total			15,382

6. Special Motion – new WAMBA constitution

The following documents were circulated to the WAMBA Committee and affiliated clubs via email:

- WAMBA 2017 Constitution for comment (*new constitution*)
- WAMBA – Constitution modified (*working copy of existing constitution for reference*)
- Constitution Old to New (*a simple matrix to show where provisions of the old are covered by the new and provides some notes where things don't line up*)

The new version of the WAMBA constitution is based on a document provided by the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) to all clubs, which complies with all of the current requirements. It has departed from the DSR template in the following ways:

- Names - while the DSR template had “Chairman” and “Vice Chairman”, it was easier to keep the terms “President” and “Vice President”.
- Indemnity - the DSR template didn't have an indemnity provision, but for WAMBA to be protected at law, the Indemnity clause from the original constitution has been reproduced (it's at section 50 and 51 of the new version).

There were three departures from the old in the new version:

1. Removal of a CEO and Paid Employees – while WAMBA's long-term vision is to have this opportunity, removing them from the redraft doesn't mean that the door is closed to it. However, moving to having paid employees is a MASSIVE step and should be taken only after there has been a special general meeting, motions, vote, etc.
2. Patrons and Governors - same as above.
3. Club Membership - the new draft allows WAMBA to have clubs as members but doesn't create an administrative nightmare.

JS acknowledged the huge amount of work putting into this project by AW, and thanked him for all his time and effort.

MOVED: JS / SECONDED: MM

7. Election of Positions

In accordance with Clause 8.3(b) of WAMBA's Constitution, at the commencement of an Annual General Meeting, all committee members shall cease to be Committee Members, but shall be eligible for re-election to the membership of the Committee.

The following nominations were taken for the official positions on the WAMBA Committee:

Position	Nomination	Moved	Seconded
President	Alex Wade	MM	JS
Vice President	Jodie Stembridge	AW	MM
Treasurer	Bryan Stevenson	MM	JS
Secretary	Vilma Fitzgerald	JS	MM

The following people volunteered to be **General Committee members**:

- Margaret McIlroy
- Ben Pruden

All of the above people were elected unanimously as general committee members.

8. General Business

AW opened up the meeting for general business, but none raised.

9. Close of Meeting

AW thanked everyone for their attendance and support, and then declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed: 3:30pm