



## Committee Meeting 6-2017

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Time Start:** 18:30pm

**Location:** The Garden Bar, Leederville

**Attendees:**

- Alex Wade (AW)
- Jodie Stembridge (JS)
- Margaret McIlroy (MM)
- Bryan Stevenson (BS)
- Vilma Fitzgerald (VF)

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**WAMBA's Vision:**

*Mountain biking is recognised as a mainstream, positive and family-friendly activity, where everyone is or knows a mountain biker.*

*And for Western Australia to embrace sustainable mountain biking as a leading recreational and tourism experience by delivering opportunities, maximising participation and sharing the benefits.*

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### 1. Apologies

The following apologies were received by email:

- Ben Pruden (BP)
- Peta Demidenko – WestCycle (PD)

### 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 28<sup>th</sup> November (5-2017) meeting haven't yet been circulated to committee members for review and approval.

Outstanding actions have been added to the *WAMBA Committee Meeting Action Items* spreadsheet.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 was circulated to the committee for review prior to the meeting. The report was unanimously approved for inclusion in the minutes and is attached at the back of the minutes.

#### Account Balance

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	\$16,364.54
<b>Balance at 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	<b>\$15,945.54</b>
<i>Total in</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Total out</i>	<i>\$519.00</i>

### 4. President's Report

The latest report from AW was emailed to the committee for review prior to the meeting. It was unanimously approved for inclusion in the minutes and is attached at the back of the minutes.

## 5. Agenda Items

No.	Item/ Status/Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	Goals for 2018	Alex
	<p>Communication with the MTB community isn't happening as well as it should, leading to a lot of vitriol on Facebook. Plenty of negative comments around the "Open letter to the MTBing community", but some decent takeaways are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our social media presence could stand some improvement;</li> <li>Our communications with the broader riding community could similarly stand some improvement;</li> <li>People still don't quite understand our role in relation to trail delivery.</li> </ul> <p>List could form our goals for 2018. AW suggested a suspension of normal business for the first meeting of 2018 and have an 'open mic' night instead – <i>to discuss the challenges facing mountain biking across WA and to have input into the committee's priorities for the next 12 months</i>. The committee agreed to specifically invite recent Facebook commentators, and set a specific agenda.</p> <p>When the monthly committee meeting minutes are up on our website, this also needs to be advertised on Facebook.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Confirm use of the bigger Sport and Rec conference room for January's meeting (JS).</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Ensure all the committee meeting minutes are linked on our website (JS).</p>	
2	Policy 13 Submission	Alex
	<p>There won't be a public consultation process, but the working group has agreed to take submissions from interesting parties/ user groups through Outdoors WA. This process works better for MTBing as it won't take as long and will get a resolution quicker.</p> <p>The next step is to circulate the submission to the committee and clubs, then submit to the working group.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Email draft submission to committee and clubs for feedback (AW).</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Send final submission to Outdoors WA (AW).</p>	

## 6. AOB

No.	Item/ Status/ Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	Linga Longa Bike Park	Vilma
	Agreeable to doing a DH event on their property. Keen to engage with PDMBC and WAMBA, and younger riders. Would have to build only what they can get insured.	
2	Younger Trail Builders	Vilma
	Keen to get younger trail builders engaged in learning the skills to build trails in correct and sustainable way. Talk to Paul Neve and Peta (WC) about running a IMBA certified workshop.	

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<b>Action:</b> Find out from Peta where things are at in terms of running a trail building workshop with MTBA in WA (JS).	
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**Meeting Closed:** 19:34pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (7-2017) at Sport & Recreation (WA)





## Treasurer's Report December 2017.

Summary

**Start Date**

**1 Nov 2017**

**End Date**

**11 Dec 2017**

	Debits	Credits	Balance
<b>Cash at the beginning of the period</b>			\$16,364.54
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<b>Receipts / Income</b>			
MTBA membership		\$100.00	
<b>Total receipts</b>		\$100.00	
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<b>Payments</b>			
State Series Trophies	(\$344.00)		
MTBA Affiliation	(\$175.00)		
<b>Total Payments</b>	(\$519.00)		
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<b>Cash at the end of the period</b>			\$15,945.54
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Net Movement in cash			(\$419.00)
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<b>Grants</b>			\$ 10,932.00
<b>WAMBA funds</b>			\$ 5,013.54

Date	Item	Debits	Credits	Balance
<b>Murray Valley</b>				
1/4/14	Grant – LotteryWest		24,750	24,750
19/1/15	Stage 1 & 2 invoice	-4,400		20,350
16/12/15	Stage 3 & 50% completion of stage 4	-7,150		13,200
19/10/16	Concept plan & final claim	-8,690		4,510
14/3/17	Refund to LotteryWest	-4,510		0
<b>Kalamunda Green Trails</b>				
7/2/13	WAMBA Every metre matters		11,000	11,000
7/2/13	Cycling Aust MBTA Grant		4,000	15,000
25/3/13	Grant – LotteryWest		33,000	48,000
6/11/13	KMBC invoice	-19,250		28,750
29/5/15	KMBC invoice	-2,600		26,150
16/12/15	KMBC invoice	-4,235		21,915
30/6/15	KMBC invoice	-17,483		4,432
<b>19/8/14 Awesome Foundation</b>				
			1,000	1,000
<b>TBA Project 11 – Jarrahdale</b>				
			5,500	5,500
<b>Total</b>				<b>10,932</b>

Operational	Strategic	Relationship
Current periodre		
Parks and Wildlife RE Turner Hill Clubs RE Constitutions and self-checks Responses: 1. KMBC complies 2. Cape Mountain Bikers getting there 3. MRORCA – before the end of the year Albany Margaret River	Policy 13 submission draft Policy 13 discussions with Jamie (Outdoor WA)	PDMBC RE MTBA MoU WAGE RE MTBA MoU
Next period		
Associations self check	Affiliations	KMBC
Follow-up on Constitution and self-checks	2018 industry day	PDMBC/WAGE
Member census	Policy 13 – develop position/strategy paper for discussion with committee, Clubs and Westcycle	
Submit WAMBA constitution to WA Government		
Westcycle AGM		
Dwellingup Skate park review		

**TASKS TO BE DELEGATED:**

1. Set-up WAMBA on PayPal so that TrailForks donations can be receipted by WAMBA
2. Transition TrailForks “trail karma” to WAMBA in consultation with KMBC
3. 2018 race calendar
4. 2018 Industry day
5. Race calendar policy

**TASKS TO BE FOLLOWED UP:**

1. Conflict of interest guidelines
2. Website feedback page
3. Committee member email addresses
4. Club contact records

**Recommended short-term actions:**

1. Conduct a board evaluation every quarter (WestCycle have an evaluation model)
2. Conduct a review of WAMBA's strategic and implementation plans every quarter
3. Conduct membership satisfaction surveys every 12 months
4. Update constitution and actively encourage clubs to do the same (using a WAMBA model)

**Recommended long term actions:**

1. Look for funding streams other than DSR (working with WestCycle)
2. Continuity planning
3. Look to build a financial reserve
4. Update vision and strategic plan

**Things we need to do:**

1. Reinforce child-safeguarding procedures with all clubs/associations
2. Reinforce Sports betting and Match fixing as part of High performance and coach development
3. Reinforce performance enhancing drug policy as part of High performance and coach development

Notes on areas where we didn't rate highly

**Community reach:**

To rate highly need to have more programs focusing on areas such as at risk youth, at risk communities etc

**Regional development:**

To rate higher need to have undertaken some programs in the goldfields, the wheatbelt and the Kimberly.

Also need to have greater involvement in the Midwest (Geraldton) and Great Southern – particularly Esperance.

**Policy 13 research:**

Key note: Research is focussed on area around Kalamunda because:

1. Historical data on rider numbers readily available;
2. Area has seen significant growth in both trails and riders in a short period of time;
3. High rider volume
4. Water quality measured.

New material:

Kalamunda shire has a water monitoring station in the valley. Data from this station can provide empirical data about the impact of trail development in the valley.

KMBC have submitted and received a favourable response from DoW to an application to have the area around the Kalamunda Circuit and the Valley excised from the catchment area. A decision on the bid was deferred by the DSR Collaborative Working Group *until* the PPMP is released.

Kalamunda Shire maintains a water quality monitoring station on Piesse Brook which forms part of a larger DoW dataset. Unfortunately it is too far south to provide relevant data turbidity and hydrocarbon level around Jorgensen Park or from the Kalamunda Circuit. Additionally, last dataset publically available is from 2012 which is before:

- (a) Significant trail and use growth;
- (b) Changes in upstream land usage

Research material:

Current stream inflow levels into dams are at 7%

(<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/water-supply-and-services/rainfall-and-dams/sources>)

State government position is that reliance on steam inflow into dams will decrease (<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/water-supply-and-services/rainfall-and-dams/sources>)

Stream inflow levels by dam are not readily available

Dams

1. Bickley pumpback dam
2. Canning dam
3. Churchman Brook dam
4. Conjurunup Pipe head dam
5. Lower Helena pumpback dam
6. Mundaring weir (dam)
7. North Dandalup dam
8. Sampson dam
9. Serpentine main dam
10. Serpentine pipe head dam
11. South Dandalup dam
12. Stirling dam
13. Victoria dam
14. Wungong dam

**Bickley pumpback dam:** Fed back into Victoria Dam for treatment

**Lower Helena pumpback dam:** Fed back into the Mundaring Weir for treatment

Dams will still be relied upon despite reduced stream inflow. In addition, strategies being explored to increase run-off<sup>1</sup> in certain areas

Dams currently being used to store water and this role will increase with plans to move water from dams that have high stream inflow to other dams

Consideration being given to using dams to store recycled water to improve the water quality

Source: (<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/-/media/files/about-us/planning-for-the-future/water-forever-50-year-plan.pdf><https://www.watercorporation.com.au/-/media/files/about-us/planning-for-the-future/water-forever-50-year-plan.pdf>).

Need to understand:

- Environmental Protection Authority's *Position Statement No. 9 on Environmental offsets*
- *Forest Management Plan 2014–2023*

Based on success of trials in the Wungong catchment area, consideration is being given to more intensive catchment management at:

1. Stirling Dam (Harvey);
2. Harris Dam (Collie);
3. Phillips Creek Dam (Manjimup);
4. Manjimup Dam (Manjimup);
5. Ten Mile Brook Dam (Margaret River); and
6. Big Brook Dam (Pemberton).

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<sup>1</sup> See also <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/water-supply-and-services/solutions-to-perths-water-supply/dams/catchments>

Focus of catchment management is on improving run-off through management of vegetation but it has to be considered that these areas will be given a higher priority in terms of protection against perceived contamination risk.

Source: <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/-/media/files/residential/water-supply-and-services/water-forever-south-west/water-forever-south-west-final-report.pdf>

2008 Water report assessed mountain bike riding as low to medium risk identifying the following risk:

1. Pathogen contamination risk from people remaining in the area for a long period of time
2. Rubbish disposal from people camping in the area (Munda Biddi)
3. Increased turbidity from soil displacement
4. Spread of forest disease

By comparison, horseback riding received a high and low risk profile, trail bike riding medium to low (higher than mountain bike riding), Rally Australia a high to medium, bushwalking high and low.

Most of the report's attention was focussed on the area to the south and east of Mundaring Weir with little or no commentary on activities/risks in the area around the Camel Farm or the Valley. The emphasis may be significant in relation to **Forsyth's Mill**

Source: [https://www.water.wa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/4971/72102.pdf](https://www.water.wa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/4971/72102.pdf)

It can be anticipated that similar risk profiles and mitigation recommendations will be made for other areas.

**Notes on risks:**

Given the expectations that reliance on stream flow in dams will decrease it is reasonable to expect that objections to increased recreational activities in the areas around Mundaring Weir and Victoria Reservoir will decrease.

Given the efforts to increase stream flow between 2005 and 2015 in the vicinity of the Wungong Dam, there is likely to be continued resistance to increased recreational activities adjacent to the catchment area of that dam.

The focus on increased stream flow through vegetation management for the **10 Mile Creek Dam** and the **Big Brook Dam** (Margaret River and Pemberton respectively) may see far greater focus on risk in those areas.

Risk areas are therefore in order of priority:

1. Pemberton (most proximate to dam with high stream flow potential);
2. Margaret River;
3. Wungong;
4. Forsyth's Mill
5. Kalamunda Circuit

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/offtrack/tracking-the-environmental-impact-of-mountain-biking/6559202>

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