



WAMBA Committee Meeting 8-2013

Date: 21st January 2014

Time Start: 18:30

Location: Online

Attendees:

- Jake Hannah - President
- Louise Wallace – Treasurer
- Margaret McIlroy – Goat Farmers
- Ash Genefaas – PMBC
- Myles Happ – Cape Mountain Bikers
- Steve Janiec – WAGE
- Nigel Wade - DH

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1. Apologies

The following apologies were received by email:

- Jodie Stembridge - Secretary
- Bec Swan - Geraldton
- Sam Russell – Peel District MTB Club
- John Roberts – Dwellingup
- John Wallace – SW/Collie
- David Willcox – MRORCA
- Ian Humphrey – Kalamunda MTB Collective
- Lindsay Alsop – Vice President
- Kyra Eddy
- Martin Danger

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 19th November were accepted as accurate and all actions had been completed.

3. Treasurer's Report

From Louise Wallace:

Balance at 19 November 2013: **\$9,065.70**

Balance at 21 January 2014: **\$35,023.42**

Received cash from:

- Memberships
- Calendar sales
- Lotterywest - for Luvin Shovels & 50% Green trails grant

Awaiting cash from:

- Alcoa - for Dwellingup work (\$3k)

4. State MTB Strategy

The steering committee (reps from WestCycle, WAMBA, DSR, DPaW) met last week to give feedback on the latest draft, which Sarah is now incorporating. The strategy will then go to a graphic designer before being released for wider consultation in March. This is when mountain bike clubs, as well as Shires, will be able to comment. This will be a 3 month consultation period.

5. SW Master Plan

There was today a detailed update from Common Ground on the progress of the SW Master Plan. The consultation period is nearly over. A user survey will be issued soon, for a period of 1 month.

Action: All clubs to help circulate

The area assessment criteria are currently being determined.

Generally the progress is good and the finished product anticipated to be very good.

6. Albany Urban Downhill grant request

Albany Secretary, Paul O'Donnell contacted WAMBA requesting our support for a Country Sport Enrichment Scheme grant to help them organise their Urban Downhill race scheduled for May this year.

DSR have recommended that the application come from the state peak body ie WAMBA. However only one such application can be submitted per year.

Thus,

1. Have any other mountain biking clubs applied for this grant?
2. If no, are there any objections to WAMBA applying on Albany's behalf?

Both from email and at the meeting there were no objections to either.

Action: Jake Hannah to submit application to DSR before Friday 24th January

7. WAMBA AGM

There was some discussion as to when the most time and what the most suitable location is for the 2014 WAMBA AGM which will be towards the end of March.

It was decided that later on a Saturday afternoon will allow the most people to travel. Some central in Perth is desirable.

Action: Jake Hannah to set a date and book a room

8. WAGE Status

Steve Janiec updated the committee on the WA Gravity Enduro status:

- WAGE was originally set up as a sub-committee of WAMBA to organise the Gunjin opening
- This has now snow balled to a full 2014 race series
- So as not to distract WAMBA's resources and to provide independence from other club, Steve has not set WAGE up as a private company
- Any profits that the series makes will be ploughed back in to trails and riders
- As a result, Steve will be standing down as a committee member

The WAMBA committee would like to thank Steve for his help over the last 2 years.

9. WAMBA website

Jake has been for a while been investigating getting the WAMBA website re-built. He is the only person who can add content to the current website and the whole thing generally needs updating to use a CMS and other good functionality adding, as well as just getting a much needed improved look.

WestCycle have some funds available from an IT grant. Clint Shaw has offered some of these funds to WAMBA to get the website upgraded.

Artifex (Steve Janiec) has quoted for the work for \$1970, which WestCycle are happy with. There were no objections to WAMBA engaging Steve to do this work.

10. Less Formal MTB/trail discussion forum

There was some good discussion about setting up a less Formal MTB/trail discussion forum to complement the existing work WAMBA does.

The following points were made:

- It was generally thought that this is a good idea
- Myles also expressed his support for the current system of monthly email reports

- It was thought that a proper web forum was more suitable than a private facebook discussion group, despite the convenience that offers. The ability to sort threads by topic is desirable
- A Wiki whilst desirable would require a lot of work
- We really need a volunteer to put their hand up and make this happen

11. Peel District MTB Club

From Sam Russell:

What's Happening:

- The AGM was held in mid-January with all required positions filled
- Lane Poole Reserve area in Dwellingup is now in the process of being logged so no access is permitted to mountain bikes
- Gravity Club series has been added to the program for 2014 in addition to the State Downhill Series
- First event is State DH #1 at Goat Farm, 5&6 April, the rest of the calendar is at pdmbc.com

12. Perth Mountain Bike Club

From John Roberts:

Whats happening

- WA XC junior team selected for National Champs in Bright Victoria 6 - 9 March. See attached. All applicants receive training and financial assistance.
- We're on a major drive for more volunteers.

Next Month

- Working with Kalamunda Collective to increase number of organised social rides in perth.
- PMBC AGM is on 1st Feb at South Perth foreshore. We are trying a more relaxed atmosphere following 2 years of single digit attendances. All welcome.
- Planning first race at Marrinup on 23rd Feb.

What we've learnt

- Potential volunteers(for races) assume they can't race and volunteer. Hopefully we can get enough volunteers to allow everyone to race :)

13. SWMTBC

From John Wallace:

- AGM coming up next month
- Working on a trail audit system
- Higen study for planned xc race course by DEPaw finished, clearing us of taking the next step of MK I Planning for a detailed trail plan

14. Collie

From John Wallace:

- AGM held
- Trail building
- Weekly rides
- Planning an advanced trail building workshop.
- DEPaW Higiene study for dieback has altered our concept trail, Mk II of concept trail planning in progress.

15. Geraldton MTB Club Update

From Bec Swan:

- Geraldton MTB Club, with the assistance of WAMBA and West Cycle, has entered MOU with Midwest Academy of Sport to offer scholarship opportunity for Junior MTB Rider Jonty Calder.
- Jonty Calder has been invited to WA Junior State MTB Team and will be going to Nationals in Bright, Victoria in March 2014.
- Discussions continue with City of Greater Geraldton on shared use MOU and approved trail maintenance being completed by Geraldton MTB Club in Chapman River.

16. Kalamunda Collective

From Ian Humphrey:

- Membership numbers steadily growing (just under 500 i think) as well as prominence on the trails through the popular social rides and the Facebook group.
- We are also forging closer links with PMBC, WAGE and the cycle related industry in Perth.
- The trail sponsorship program has been a great success, providing about \$12k of funds for some much needed maintenance, due to a rapid increase in rider numbers.

17. Nedlands Pump Track

From Ian Humphrey:

- WAMBA now has a MOU in place with Nedlands Council.
- I had a face to face meeting with all parties last week, and have also found a local community member (Joseph Ravi) that is interested in helping with the project, particularly community consultation and finding volunteers.
- I am now working on a draft brief and scope of works with the Nedlands Council.
- When agreed I will put out for 3 quotes.

18. Marketing

From Jake Hannah:

Last Month:

- Facebook: 73 new Likes (total 1581). Total reach: 25,733
- Newsletter 34 sent. 618 reads. 132 clicks
- More improvements to website calendar and 2014 events added (a few still to come: WAGE & CX)
- We sold pretty much all of the photo calendars. Exact profit not yet calculated. Gave a few away to LotteryWest, DSR, DPaW. Received very gratefully. Well done Jesse!

What We are Doing Next Month:

- Finish TrailsWA website
- Newsletter 35 - send me stories!
- Get WA events promoted (WestCycle website, FLOW, AMB...)

19. AOB

WAMBA Info Packs

Martin Danger (via email) indicated that he is waiting to hear back from RocknRoll on the information packs

Meeting Closed: 19:20

Next Meeting: 18th February 2014, DSR, Leederville