



Committee Meeting 5-2017

Date: 28th November 2017

Time Start: 18:30pm

Location: Sport and Recreation (WA) training room

Attendees:

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

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:

- Bryan Stevenson (BS)
- Vilma Fitzgerald (VF)
- Ben Pruden (BP)
- Peta Demidenko – WestCycle (PD)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 31st October (4-2017) 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 wasn't circulated to the committee prior to this meeting and BS not at meeting, so it hasn't been approved for inclusion in the minutes.

Account Balance (unverified)

Balance at 31 st October 2017	\$16,364.54
Balance at 28th November 2017	\$16,439.54
<i>Total in</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Total out</i>	<i>\$NIL</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.

5. Agenda Items

No.	Item/ Status/Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	Policy 13 Submission Review	Alex
	AW has produced a submission document, which will be sent to all clubs for review and then the final draft will go to Jamie at Outdoors WA. Review dates for public submissions is early 2018.	
2	WAMBA Constitution Update	Alex
	Action: lodge new constitution within 30 days (AW).	
3	Turner Hill Trails and Southern Hills Mountain Biker Group	Alex
	<p>Works at Turner Hill were undertaken by Parks and Wildlife as part of their visitor safety program, which involved the table top jump being removed as it was considered to be unsafe. This of course has created a significant outcry from the MTBing community.</p> <p>Parks and Wildlife would support reinstatement of the tabletop in a more appropriate location, so WAMBA will work with the Southern Hills group to develop a maintenance plan for approval by P&W ahead of reinstating the tabletop and completing other works.</p> <p>Have also been contacted by Jeff Phillips (Alcoa) who is keen to find out why the jump has been removed.</p> <p>Action: Publish a media release on our Facebook page and website to explain what's happened and that WAMBA are working with Southern Hills MTBers and Parks and Wildlife to rectify (JS).</p> <p>Action: Reply to Jeff's email, suggesting he get in touch with the Southern Hills group if he's keen to help with the maintenance works (JS).</p> <p>Action: Advertise for someone to come on board and be WAMBA's rep with Southern Hills Mountain Bikers (JS).</p>	
4	Goat Farm Redevelopment Update	Margaret
	<p>Trails closed by Parks and Wildlife due to fire – need to do a risk assessment for falling limbs from trees and potential flare-ups. They will be looking for volunteers to help with a maintenance day in a few weeks - will be advertised on the Goat Farmers Facebook page, so will then share on WAMBA's.</p> <p>MM still considers the kids loop design a safety issue and would like a re-design. Consultation with Mundaring Shire has been delayed. Final concept plan due within the next few weeks.</p>	

6. AOB

No.	Item/ Status/ Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	MTBA Memorandum of Understanding for WA State Rounds	Alex
	<p>After reviewing the document, Peel expressed concern with WAMBA taking over the DH State Round, which was never the intent as WAMBA doesn't have the capacity or resources to run events.</p> <p>Amendments were made to the document, stating that WAMBA is working on behalf of and in the best interests of our affiliated clubs who are running state series events.</p>	
2	Future Funding for the WestCycle Mountain Bike Role	Alex
	Action: Talk to Matt about how this role will be funded after June 2018.	
3	Final Committee Meeting for 2017	Jodie
	Order food for meeting and having drinks at The Garden Bar afterwards. Invite PD.	

Meeting Closed: 19:24pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th December (6-2017) at Sport & Recreation (WA)

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-off¹ 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).

¹ See also <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/water-supply-and-services/solutions-to-perth-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

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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