



## Committee Meeting 5-2015

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Time Start:** 18:30

**Location:** DSR

**Attendees:**

- Marilena Stimpfl (MS)
- Jodie Stembridge – Westcycle (JS)
- Danielle Stone – DPW (DS)
- Stuart Harrison – DPW (SH)
- Ben Pruden (BP)
- Paul DeKlerk – Peel Districts Mountain Bike Club (PD)
- Alex Wade (AW)
- Ian Humphrey – Kalamunda Mountain Bike Collective (IH)
- Tony Tucknott (TT)
- Vilma Fitzgerald (VF)
- Mark Wardle (MW)
- Chris Park – Perth Mountain Bike Club (CP)
- Sri Lloyd – South West Mountain Bike Club (SL) *via Skype*

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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:

- Louise Wallace
- Amy Chapple
- Matt Fulton
- Margaret McIlroy

### 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting & Issues from Action Item List

The minutes from 25<sup>th</sup> August were accepted as accurate and all actions have been completed or carried over to current **Action Items List**.

Completed actions since previous committee meeting:

- **Membership:** 42 members affiliated directly with WAMBA as at 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Dwellingup 100:** all actions except for invoicing have been closed out.
- **Communications:** an official response to the MTB guidelines was produced, and published on website and Facebook.
- **Sport Development:** Graeme confirmed that a \$1000 grant to the junior development camp would be put towards hiring a sports nutritionist to educate the juniors on what food to eat to prepare the athletes leading into, during and after an event.
- **Sport Development:** Mark Wardle was notified of his appointment as WAMBA rep on the state team selection panel.
- **Executive:** LW and JS met with Denise Cox (MTBA) to discuss how both parties can utilise resources and collaborate more.

### 3. Treasurer’s Report/ Financial Update

Balance at 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2015:	\$50,151.43
Balance at 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2015:	\$50,776.43
<i>Total in</i>	<i>\$625</i>
<i>Total out</i>	<i>Nil</i>

*Received cash from:*

- Dwellingup 100 carpark collection \$600.00
- Memberships \$25.00

*Spent cash on:*

- Nil

*Awaiting cash from:*

- Lotterywest for Green Trails\* \$11,090.00 (\$13,750 – \$2,660 received)\*
- Alcoa Dwellingup 100 Sponsorship \$4,500.00

*Summary of amounts owing:*

- Stationery (Jodie Stenbridge) \$39.57
- Maintenance agreement for Langford Park \$3,300.00 (to be invoiced when complete)
- Maintenance agreement for Goat Farm \$5,500.00 (to be invoiced when complete)
- KMBC Green Trail Works \$21,920.00 (to be invoiced when complete)\*\*
- Murray Valley Project \$23,350.00 (yet to progress to next stage)
- Alcoa Dwellingup 100 Sponsorship \$4,500.00 (Invoice printed – to be sent out)
- Other amts collected for Dwellingup & Jarrahdale \$502.00 (remaining - to be spent on Dwellingup & Jarrahdale)
- MTBA Junior Develop. Camp contribution \$1,000.00
- Awesome Foundation Grant (2014) \$1,000.00

#### 4. President's Report

President's Reports were emailed to the committee and clubs on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September. No report was given for this meeting, as LW was absent.

#### 5. Agenda Items

No.	Item/ Status/Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	<p>Informal Trail Building in Perth Hills (DPW)</p> <p><b>Background:</b> DPW staff in the Perth Hills have recently had to deal with a dramatic increase in informal trail building. This is causing major issues for the DPW people on the ground and leading to strained relations between the DPW district and others like WAMBA, clubs and Common Ground Trails, who are all trying to push ahead with formal trail planning and get sanctioned trails on the ground as soon as possible. Stuart and Danielle from DPW have had a meeting with WAMBA and Westcycle, as this issue is serious and has the potential to indefinitely halt any trail planning currently happening in the Perth area.</p> <p>Representatives from DPW, KMBC, PDMBC, SWMTBC and PMBC attended the committee meeting to discuss issues relating to the Perth Hills and informal trail building.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>SH - a lot of work has been happening behind the scenes with PPMP and SWMP.</p>	Ben

There's been a significant amount of informal trail building happening, but only a small minority doing it. There needs to be a clear and joint message to stop informal trail development. District staff are getting to point of prosecuting individuals, particularly after staff were threatened in John Forest NP. It would be a big step backwards if this happens.

The trail development process (MTB Guidelines) is helping to open doors and get things moving; allowing MTBing access much larger areas of land as we're getting buy-in from nature conservation staff. The process has opened up almost triple the amount of land in Murray Valley than was originally anticipated. In Bramley NP, the plan was initially to just replace what was lost due to logging, but the Wharncliffe area was added in because of the trail development process.

We're on the cusp of having large developments approved, but the actions of a few are risking the future of MTBing. Informal trail building is negatively impacting on the reputation of MTBing - making it harder to access areas we want to and when asking the government for large sums of money.

Clubs – perhaps it's better to prosecute one for short term detriment, but long term benefit of the rest. Lead into it with warning; start with builders and then riders. Everyone knows the informal building is happening, as there's not enough variety or quantity of trails available. Some people also just like to build trails, so we should be utilising their skills on formal trail building.

SH – the process has started and planning is in place, we will need these people as soon as we get the funding.

Clubs - need to deliver some good news to offset the bad. There needs to be something tangible/ achievable to show community that all the planning is leading to development. Particularly close to Perth where the majority of population is and where the informal trail building has exploded.

SL – how can clubs work with the Districts to progress with assessing the unsanctioned trails? At the point where we need to get them across the line. There need to be understanding by each club about what's needed to move forward.

IH – since the planning process started, all building has stopped at Kalamunda, which has possibly caused what's happening now. With some areas that know are going to be developed – how about starting to develop, using volunteers/ guys who want to build?

CP – are there opportunities at the Goat Farm? What are the restrictions?

SH - 8kms of new trail being constructed in Bramley NP very shortly. Wasn't aware of restrictions in the Perth Hills, so will work with the District on a solution. Murray Valley is getting close.

This is the start of discussion between WAMBA and clubs. Will go back to Perth Hills District and see what could be done at Kalamunda. Will look into Goat Farm – there might be an opportunity for a couple of quick wins.

The sport is growing and becoming more visible. Government departments are hearing about the demand for trails from DPW, but not hearing it from the MTB community. DPW need to get govt commitment for funding before they can commit resources to help clubs/ groups in building new trails.

	<p>IH – there’s capacity issue within DPW. Is there a possibility of funding a MTB Coordinator in DPW? If all trail development could go through the one person, then might stop the bottleneck with districts/ keep things moving.</p> <p>CP – WAMBA’s role is to get the voice of MTBing community into the ear of government/ those with the funds to help us build trails.</p> <p>IH – credit to DPW, WAMBA and the clubs who have been working hard on their relationship, with major progress over past few years. Tonight’s discussion where everyone had a chance to have their say and was listened to, is in stark contrast to what would have happened a few years ago.</p> <p>Everyone was in agreement that DPW would lead the communications on informal trail building (signage, prosecution if deemed necessary, social media statement, etc), with support from WAMBA and the clubs.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> DPW to post a statement on social media. WAMBA to share out to the mountain bike community via the clubs.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> DPW to work with clubs to understand what is needed to show the mountain biking community some positive progress (DPW).</p> <p><b>Action:</b> DPW to discuss Goat Farm and Kalamunda with the District to identify possible quick wins (DPW).</p> <p><b>Action:</b> WAMBA to set up a plan to lobby government and those making the funding decisions about trail development (LW/ BP).</p>	
2	Resignation of Vice President	Marilena
	<p>Marilena has submitted her resignation from the role of WAMBA Vice President. She will do a handover of her current projects with LW and JS.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> WAMBA to fill the position of Vice President as soon as possible.</p>	

## 6. AOB

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**Meeting Closed:** 20:24pm

**Next Meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> October (DSR) – Q2 Quarterly Strategic Review