



WAMBA Committee Meeting 4-2013

Date: 30th July 2013

Time Start: 18:30

Location: DSR, Leederville

Attendees:

- John Barton – President
- Lindsay Alsop – Vice President
- Louise Wallace - Treasurer
- Jake Hannah – Secretary
- John Roberts – PMBC/Dwellingup
- Ian Humphrey – Kalamunda Trails
- Nigel Wade – DH
- Martin Danger
- Jodie Stenbridge – Marketing
- Stuart Harrison – DpaW
- Sarah Smith – WestCycle
- Mark Wardle – Rock n Roll Mountain Biking

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1. Apologies

The following apologies were received by email:

- Dave Willcox – MRORCA
- John Wallace – Collie
- Dean Berteshaw – SWMTBC
- Bec Swan – Geraldton
- Myles Happ – Cape Riders
- Kyra Eddy - WOW

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 2nd July were accepted as accurate.

The following actions had been resolved:

- Margaret has ordered some stock of t shirts

- Jake provided a WAMBA letter of support for MRORCA's NRM applications and an additional one for the SWMTBC Bunbury mtb park application

The following actions have not yet been resolved:

- **Jake has not yet organised a WAMBA stand up at Gunjin. Will now probably coordinate with RocknRoll**
- **Louise is nearly ready to circulate WAMBA's strategy**
- **Jake to contact Karratha mtb club**

3. Treasurer's Report

From Louise Wallace:

Current balance is \$ 43,351.36

Progress on transition to MYOB:

I have:

- John Roberts new grant info for dwellingup. alcoa US\$3k grant - that'll be interesting...
- Ian's scorpion/farrell grove info and grant docs.
- Ian's pump track and skills loop stuff were closed off last year, so i'm going to leave those out.
- Lindsay's still getting me his luvin shovels lottery west grant docs, and the amounts.. etc
- Jake's Lottery west grant info for KC links & Green trails

Notes regarding classification of sales/income/expenses etc:

Sales that are considered GST INCLUSIVE:

- Memberships
- bandanna and tshirt sales
- calendar ads
- raffle tickets
- other fundraising efforts where we've sold a product...

Gifts we have received, that are considered GST EXCLUSIVE:

- cash donations from individuals
- carpark cash collections

If you're a project manager, please remember to supply me:

- cost of your project, including gst
- amount and source of funding (gst status also)
- suppliers gst status

4. Stuart Harrison – DpaW

Stuart Harrison was a guest at the meeting. He talked at great length on the following:

- Subject to budgeting the next Trails Master plan is to be the Perth/Peel plan
- To implement the Sustainability plan a working group including 8 mountain bikers will be set up over the next few months
- Stuart explained the new structure of DPaW. He will circulate the strategic direction of the agency that he has only just received
- Jake expressed concerns on behalf of John Wallace (Collie) and Gus Stuart (SWMTBC) that whilst they have been waiting for the SW Master Plan they have lost volunteers who are frustrated at the lack of new trails to work on. Gus was particularly concerned with a proposed children's trail at Pile Rd that has not materialized for over 2 years. Stuart was not able to comment on individual regional proposals but stated that it was never his intention to stop trail building all together and that work on maintaining and re-aligning existing networks should have been taking place.
- He explained how the numbers of checks and surveys have increased in his time with DPaW and the number of staff available has reduced.
- There was praise for local DEC staff from the WAMBA committee particularly in Perth Hills and in Collie at the recent IMBA workshop.
- Martin Danger asked if we can see the DPaW policy document – yes when it has been approved which will take a while.
- Ian Humphrey asked about the Perth/Peel master plan and whether they would be separate. Stuart indicated that they might be combined and could also include Metro trails.
- John Barton explained more about how the SW Master Plan will unfold with Stage 1 (due in 3 months) identifying 3 priority areas and Stage 2 elaborating on them.
- Stuart explained how good planning and guidelines can help DPaW staff in their Risk Management and ease the process of getting trails approved.
- Ian Humphrey suggested that DPaW might be available to train volunteers. Stuart indicated that previously this sort of training had come from elsewhere eg IMBA

5. Sarah Smith – MTB Development Officer, WestCycle

Sarah is the recently appointed WestCycle Mountain Bike Development Officer.

Sarah introduced herself and explained her role:

- Completing the state strategy
- Working with Stuart and the working group on the sustainability plan
- Project managing the SW Master Plan
- Kicking off the Perth/Peel plan
- Assisting WAMBA anyway she can

Sarah is already helping Louise with the WAMBA strategy.

Sarah is also already involved with a potential pump track in Nedlands. There was lots of good feedback and ideas from Ian and Lindsay in particular from their experiences building the pump track in the Perth Hills on how to progress, particularly involving youth volunteers.

6. General Business

- The proposed Ocean to Ocean race along the Munda Biddi was discussed. Chris Neal, the organiser, is waiting DPaW approval which could take a while due to the number of boundaries it crosses.
- Jake reminded everyone that the Mt Gunjin opening event is at the end of the month and lots of volunteers will be needed.

Meeting closed: 20:10

Next Meeting: Will be a skype meeting on 27th August

The following is the emailed reports from clubs and sub-committees.

7. PMBC Report

From John Roberts:

- The PMBC committee has undergone a re-structure. The committee is up and running with a renewed energy and some new direction.
- The 12 Hr 'Dusk til dawn' race is back on track after a re-structure. Race preparation is going ahead as planned
- As part of the re-structure some goals include putting more back into trails, this includes continued support to WAMBA and also they would like to re-invest more event accumulated funds back into the trails being used for the events. John asked how the PMBC 12 Hour donation is to be spent. Louise responded that she is in the process of formulating a maintenance plan for Langford Park and that all the funds will be spent there.

8. MRORCA Report

From Dave Wilcox

What We Did Last Month

- Held our monthly brewery ride
- Held weekly social rides
- Got approval for pines 2013 work
- Submitting two NRM grants for 50k.
- Started trail extensions to Aunt Lou.
- Presented to Rotary club and was asked to submit application for funding
- Presented to local member of parliament.
- Submitted realignment proposals to DPaW for Carters Road.
- Received 15k Lotteries Grant for Signage
- Held regular volunteer days
- Held First KIDS day in the pines over school holidays and received 50 attendees

What We are Doing Next Month

- Working with DPaW to finalise realignment of trail that traverses a TEC.
- Working with DPaW to finalise signage plan and signage for pines and Carters
- Continuing work on 2013 pines expansion. 5km of planned works.
- Submitting Grant for skills park development.
- Sorting out insurance issues.
- Hosting multiple volunteer build days.
- Working with consultant and DPaW to finalise Detailed Area Plan for Compartment 10 MTB facility.
- Working with consultant on South West MTB Master Plan
- Working with some key stakeholders to assist with funding trails.
- Continuing maintenance and resolving drainage issues.

What is Stopping Us (ie where we could do with some help) (optional)

- We need a compactor for the club, and some more tools.
- Need to apply for more grants to assist with this.

What We Learnt That Could Help Others (optional)

- JD with an excavator is both scary and exciting.
- Highly constructed flow trail takes a long time to build.
- When it rains extremely heavily, trails you thought had good drainage fail. Always overbuild drainage.

9. Collie Mountain Bike Club

From John Wallace.

Update:

- Weekly social rides are growing in numbers.
- Fundraising from delivering phone books has been done \$1700
- Shire community grant to spend \$5000
- Meetings with sw club and dec continuing.
- Organising the mtb leg of the collie adventure race. Helping out.

10. Albany Report

From Dave Marshall

What we did last month:

- Released the consultants brief for the Trails Hub Master Plan
- AGM: minutes attached

What we will do this month:

- Assist the City with selection of a consultant
- Begin the preparation of a submission to the City for the Albany Urban Downhill. This event will see a downhill race from the top of one of the City mounts, through the cordoned off streets of Albany ending at the foreshore. Big berms, big jumps, big gaps big crowds. We are

looking for support for this event that is pencilled in for May next year. Letters of support from clubs with a downhill crew, including WAMBA for the idea in principle. Then funding and sponsorship ideas

11. SWMTBC Report

From Dean Bertenshaw

What We Did Last Month

- Applied to Bunbury City for a community grant to help plan the Wollaston Urban MTB Project
- Finalised designs for our new club logo
- Advertised our next trail maintenance day for the 11th August
- Attended the SWMTB Strategy Steering committee meeting
- Organised a meeting with our District DePaW rep, Common Ground's David Willcox, Erik from the Collie Club and the SWMTBC to discuss the SWMTB Strategy
- Paid for two members to attend an accredited coaching course

What we are doing next month:

- Applying for Dardanup Shire funding grant
- Continue working on the Wollaston Urban MTB Project
- Trail maintenance
- Looking at more funding opportunities

12. Dwellingup Trails Group Report

From John Roberts.

What did we do this month:

- Rex Dubois has progressed a Lotterywest Small Grant application for planning in the Toms Crossing and Murray Valley area. Rex and or Matt Griggs to provide feedback on progress and future plans.
- Ivan Svenson has indicated possible availability of his digger for Marrinup trail work if required/allowed.
- The Alcoa MTB crew have developed a trail clearing machine. It provides minimal disturbance while trail cleaning. Also works well for pushing through debris for new trail. Acts like a high-speed rake...
- Louise Wallace provided John R with the Project Volunteers paperwork to be completed for Marrinup.
- John R, liaised with Kate Burton, the Senior Ranger for Dwellingup and Jamie Ridley, regarding potential trail development and maintenance for Marrinup.
- Liaised with PMBC, trail builders and Alcoa riders regarding plans for the 12 hr, trail work and general planning ideas for the area.
- Have acquired a quote for existing trail maintenance from Rock and Roll MTB, through PMBC.

- The post on the WAMBA newsletter gained 2 new volunteers wanting to help in trail work around Dwellingup AND potentially developing MTB involvement through a local high school.

What will we do next month:

- Submit the dpaw project volunteer forms.
- Meet with Kate Burton and trail builders on site to discuss options and costs.
- Firm up Volunteer days with Alcoa crew.
- Get a quote for new trail building.
- Ongoing discussions with PMBC re, 12 hr.

Lessons Learned:

- We need dpaw volunteers and project forms to be submitted... (thanks Lou).

Future Plans:

- Get money for a master trail plan!

13. Cape Mountain Bikers

From Myles Happ:

What We Did

- Lobbied councillors and presented to the city council in support of community funding bid.
- Presented our Master Plan to the City
- Check it out if you want.
- <https://www.dropbox.com/s/wj70vtf0imgf24u/Meelup%20MTB%20Facility%20Trail%20Master%20Plan-%20Final%20Draft%2021072013%20%28small%29.pdf>
- Volunteered at Dunsborough cycle club Mtb festival and single track minds 3 hr
- Put off TIRF Grant till Next year.

Whats We're Doing Next Month

- Waiting to hear about the SW Master Plan
- Looking forward to meeting Sarah
- Weed Control in Zone 6
- Mexican Invasion.
- Cape Mountain Bikers and MRORCA will be cruising up to Kalamunda to "ride n review" trails and join a lovin shovels trail building day.
- Sat night....Soiree at the Mundaring Wier Hotel
- The vibe is....To ride the new trail networks and then to connect more of the trail building and maintenance community. Any one want to show us around?
- Please catch up with us, we're keen to learn about whats worked and whats not and network while discussing trail building, maintenance....and maybe drinking.
- We're presenting to the SW Boojarah committee and hoping to get aboriginal heritage approvals.
- Public release of Trail Master Plan
- Probably with some Facebook angle and media support.

Whats Stopping Us- Where we need some help...

- Advice on what to do about stalled old club website.
- Program material to start a kids program.

What we learnt that could help others.

- We can apply to lotteries for funds to build a trail this year and still do a major grant next year.
- Australian Sports Commission can fund equipment to run an after school kids program

14. WAMBA Planning

From Louise Wallace:

What did we do last month:

- Alex Wade & Martin Danger met with Jacqui from DSR
- Louise Wallace met with Sarah Smith from Westcycle

What we will do this month:

- Update plan with comments from meetings
- Distribute some more information to the committee relating to the plan and how it fits in with the state strategy etc.
- Distribute plan to sub-committees for (hopefully final) comment

15. JAG Report

From Louise Wallace:

What did we do last month:

- negotiating quote with Rock and Roll Mountain Biking to complete maintenance works to value of \$4,000 (money donated by PMBC Dusk til Dawn 2012)
- applied for project registration with DPaW, awaiting project officer's return from leave
- some JAG'ers attended the IMBA trail building workshop in Collie to learn some new trail building skills to prepare to manage the maintenance work and set up more regular volunteer days
- Louise currently updating the maintenance contract docs

What did we plan to do soon:

- on approval from DPaW, get started on maintenance. It will include 2 volunteer days.

Lessons learned:

- we learned heaps at the IMBA trail building workshop - thanks Collie MTB club / South West Club
- lessons learned from Camikaze (Kalamunda) maintenance works being completed. Need more rigorous sign off process to ensure work signed off is clear and invoices can be paid on time. (Louise updating maintenance contract docs)

16. Kalamunda Trails Group Report

From Ian Humphrey

What We Did last Month:

Trails:

- Scorpion finalised new realignment works,
- Luvin Shovels - more trail building days, getting closer.
- Green –design done.

Maintenance:

- Hosted more volunteer days, start planning works on some of the old favourites (Muffin Tops etc) utilising clay

What We will do this Month:

Trails:

Sign Scorpion

- Farrell Grove, commenced building new climb.
- Luvin Shovels to be hopefully finished.

Maintenance:

- Couple of mid week and weekend volunteer maintenance days to be run.
- Push the Dig This! TREK bike giveaway launched with FreeWheel bike shop, and other Volunteer bike shop discounts.
- Meeting with Cape MTB Club in Kalamunda over weekend 10/11 August to discuss all things building/maintaining/riding trails. Everyone welcome.

Kalamunda Mountain Bike Collective

- Aiming for 500 people on the face book group.

Trail Sponsorship

- Finalise the trail maintenance sponsorship agreement. Start “selling” trails in Kalamunda and then provide feedback/documents to clubs/areas throughout WA.

Future Planning

- Build on alliance with Munda Biddi in the Kalamunda area in terms of maintaining trails and possible future realignments.

17. Gravity Enduro Report

From Steve Janiec:

What We Did Last Month

- Received final approval from Shire of Kalamunda – event officially approved to proceed
- Launched the WAGE website
- Opened registrations for participants – SOLD OUT
- Kept on doing some track ‘tests’
- Liaise with sponsors regarding race village
- Addressing conditions imposed by the Shire, DEC and DoW

What We are Doing Next Month

- Holding the race on the 24th August
- Organising race
- Setting up volunteer teams for race day preparation
- Send invitations to key stakeholders
- Briefly look at a race for Goat Farm

What is Stopping Us

Not much, apart from a severe storm.. touch wood!

What We Learnt Last Month that Might be Useful to Others

- Having something tangible (like a website) greatly enhances your profile and demonstrates commitment

18. Marketing Report

From Jake Hannah

What We Did Last Month

- Facebook: 125 new likes (now up to 1240). Total reach: 16,503
- Newsletter 30 sent. 550 read. 100 clicks
- Facebook caption competition with Cape to Cape entry as first prize
- Cross promotion via e-newsletters/facebook with Cape to Cape, D100, AvantiPlus Cannington (7000 recipients), Scoop

What We are Doing Next Month

- Working with RocknRoll on starter packs to go to bike shops for new riders

19. Geraldton

From Bec Swan:

1. Committee Meeting held 3 July 2013

- Busy Bee for Mills Park 7 July 2013 to complete track alignment and building
- MTB Ride at Mills Park 21 July 2013 to bed in new track and liaise with CX and DH for future events planning
- Club event to be held Saturday 24 August 2013 at Mills Park - this being approved location with support of land owner

- Family event (bring a friend or family member) green trail style ride - possibly Nukara Farm but this is to be confirmed
- Event focus will be on involvement with BBQ afterwards

2. IMBA Trails Workshop

- Marty Kreig from IMBA attended 27-28 July 2013 to present Trails Workshop to all user groups of Chapman River Corridor
- Workshop supported and funded through City of Greater Geraldton (COGG)
- Focus on user groups working together to prevent erosion and increase track sustainability
- Theory and practical sessions
- 20 MTB enthusiasts in attendance (of 25 available places), along with representatives of other user groups
- Potential for further IMBA attendance dependant on City of Greater Geraldton findings and future funding

3. Membership

- Contact (via email) has been made with MTBA as to how we go about getting our Club listed on their website for joining. At this point we are awaiting a reply.

Other than that we are happily enjoying the beautiful weather and chance to ride the trails.....