



Committee Meeting 4-2017

Date: 31st October 2017

Time Start: 18:30pm

Location: Sport and Recreation (WA) training room

Attendees:

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

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:

- Peta Demidenko – WestCycle (PD)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 26th September (3-2017) 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 26th September to 31st October 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.

Account Balance

Balance at 26 th September 2017	\$16,364.54
Balance at 31st October 2017	\$16,364.54
<i>Total in</i>	<i>\$NIL</i>
<i>Total out</i>	<i>\$NIL</i>

Re-affiliation with MTBA is due to expire on 19/11/17. Committee approved payment of \$175.00, which BS will pay and then be reimbursed.

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.

Discussion:

- FACET (Forum Advocating Cultural and Eco-Tourism) Conference – WAMBA/ WestCycle invited to a meeting with Pemberton Chamber of Commerce to talk about how mountain biking can be a positive impact on their community. Useful as Pemberton probably second only to Collie in terms of likelihood of succeeding as a “destination” in WA (help with funding), and getting town behind the National Round in January (financial impact on their economy).
- Clubs’ conflicts of interest/ pecuniary interest – serious concerns about one club in particular. Discussion about how best to handle it. Agreed that as the state body, we need to take action and the next step was to send letter out to all clubs – to remind them of the importance of the issue and serious implications (e.g. Lotterywest grants could be in jeopardy), and suggest an *Incorporated Associations Self Check* be undertaken by every club.

5. Agenda Items

No.	Item/ Status/Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	Langford Park Trails	Margaret
	Signage audit – estimated up to 75% signs will need to be replaced. Parks and Wildlife will organise signs. Waiting on Steph to sign off (been busy with fires). Trails themselves in good condition. Trailhead needs modification. Will run a few volunteer days with Southern Hills Mountain Bikers and Three Chillies.	
2	South Shore Trails	Alex
	<p>A committee meeting was held on 10th October via Skype to separately discuss this issue further. Acknowledged the ground swell of support from the MTBing community for rebuilding the trails in the same place, using volunteer labour and crowd sourcing funding.</p> <p>AW stated that very preliminary discussions with Parks and Wildlife indicate they may support building of self-funded trails, but not in existing location. According to Parks and Wildlife, all wooden structures are gone so rebuilding the same type of feature on the site would be significantly more expensive, and the access track becomes difficult to transverse after rains and unsafe after prolonged periods of rain.</p> <p>South Shore creator, Jamie Campbell has been in touch with WAMBA and would like to inspect the site when he visits WA in early 2018. This would enable him to provide WAMBA with some advice about the cost of restoration, so can understand the scale of works.</p> <p>Despite reservations about whether Parks and Wildlife will support the suggestion, WAMBA needs to reflect the voice of the community, and to open discussions with P&W about the possibility of having the trail restored using volunteer labour and crowd sourced funding.</p> <p>Actions from Skype meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reply to emails sent by two other interested parties, updating them on recent progress (JS) – completed. ▪ Acknowledge Jamie’s request and update him on recent progress (JS) - completed. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email Parks and Wildlife to advise them of the wishes of the MTB community and Jamie's request (AW) - completed. <p>The outcome of AW's email to Parks and Wildlife was that their position remained the same – the damaged South Shore trail infrastructure would be removed and remaining insurance funds put towards commencing construction of trails within the Murray Valley Concept Plan.</p> <p>Action: Ask Parks and Wildlife for a copy of post fire trail audit (AW).</p>	
3	Joondalup Trails	Bryan
	<p>The project is to develop a 5-7km green trail loop, incorporating blue skills progression nodes (to hold future XCO races). The Steering Group comprises representatives from Northern Beaches Cycling Club, WAMBA (BS) and Parks and Wildlife.</p> <p>Draft framework document for proposed trail development at Lake Joondalup was circulated to the committee for review prior to this meeting. Parks and Wildlife are currently circulating the document internally, so waiting on their feedback.</p>	
4	2018 National XCO Round	Alex
	<p>All go for Pemberton over Australia Day long weekend. WAMBA/ WestCycle meeting with Pemberton Chamber of Commerce went well. Keen to get accommodation information pack to riders via MTBA. There are members of Chamber of Commerce making noise about per rider licence fees to help fund trail maintenance, but were persuaded to waive it after being made aware of the money coming into their community from the event.</p>	
5	WAMBA Strategic Planning	Alex
	<p>Next committee meeting on 28th November will be used for the video conferencing forum with affiliated clubs – to use their feedback as the basis of developing our new strategic plan.</p>	
6	Policy 13	Alex
	<p>Outdoors WA pushing Minister for public consultation – give them our wish list.</p> <p>A combined reference group is managing the consultation, but not sure what form that will take. Looks like they're looking to prove the worth of the policy, not make changes to the exclusion zones to the benefit of recreational activities/ user groups.</p>	
7	Rider Analysis	Alex
	<p>The committee approved Dean Wright's request for race data to analyse for his masters degree.</p>	
8	WA XCO State Championships Trophies	Jodie
	<p>PMBC have requested reimbursement of the cost of trophies for this year's XCO State Championships totalling \$344.00, which the committee unanimously approved.</p>	

6. AOB

No.	Item/ Status/ Decision / Action	Who is Responsible
1	<p data-bbox="276 344 1305 383">Goat Farm Redevelopment</p> <p data-bbox="276 405 1305 510">The concept plan from Common Ground has stalled again. Hold up with Shire on relocating the car park. Working group happy to go with the delay. Concept plan outlines 20km of trails, including the integration of a 2km kids loop.</p> <p data-bbox="276 533 1305 638">MM expressed concern about the safety of young riders and parents in this design, and would like to see the kids loop as a separate trail. Sought feedback from the WAMBA committee, who agreed with her assessment.</p> <p data-bbox="276 660 1305 732">Waiting on the outcome of the Shire meeting and a new timeline from Common Ground.</p>	Margaret

Meeting Closed: 20:20pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 28th November (5-2017) at Sport & Recreation (WA)



Treasurer's Report October 2017.

Summary

Start Date

26 Sep 2017

End Date

31 Oct 2017

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Cash at the beginning of the period			\$16,364.54
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Receipts / Income			
MTBA membership		\$0.00	
Total receipts		\$0.00	
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Payments			
Payments	\$0.00		
Total Payments	\$0.00		
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Cash at the end of the period			\$16,364.54
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Net Movement in cash			\$0.00
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Grants			\$ 10,932.00
WAMBA funds			\$ 5,432.54

Date	Item	Debits	Credits	Balance
Murray Valley				
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
Kalamunda Green Trails				
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
19/8/14 Awesome Foundation				
			1,000	1,000
TBA Project 11 – Jarrahdale				
			5,500	5,500
Total				10,932

Operational	Strategic	Relationship
Current period		
Commence WestCycle OSP review Commenced WAMBA Associations Self Check Mark W RE Southern Hills Mountain Bikers Dean W RE calendar	2017-2022 Strategic Plan South Shore Policy 13 – initiated discussions with Outdoors WA and May Carter (DSR)	Attended FACET workshop 11/09/17 Attended KMBC AGM 15/10/17 Met with Ian Humphrey and Russell Bell 15/10/17
Next period		
Associations self check	Affiliations	KMBC, Geraldton, PDMBC, PMBC
Other recommended self-checks	Affiliate Constitutions/Self-check	
Member census	2018 industry day	
	Policy 13 – develop position/strategy paper for discussion with committee, Clubs and Westcycle	

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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