



## Mountain Bike New Zealand Annual General Meeting

22 August 2020  
2pm – 4:00pm

Conducted on ZOOM

### Attendance:

Name	Club/Org
Chris Arbuckle	MTBNZ President (MTB Otago)
Ryan Hunt	MTBNZ Secretary (Wellington MTB Club)
Gareth Osmond	MTBNZ Treasurer (MTB Tauranga)
Jamie Roberts	MTBNZ General Exec, AKDH
Agata Bulska	MTBNZ General Exec, Gravity Canterbury
Chris Wilson	Manawatu MTB Club
Bernadette Mark	Jafakids & Auckland MTB (proxy)
Tony Mitchell	Cycling New Zealand Board Chairman
Hamish Neale	New Plymouth Mountain Bikers
Sarah Ulmer	Cycling New Zealand Board
Chris Conway	Queenstown MTB Club
Ricky Brown	Bike Methven
Tom Bamford	Manawatu MTB Club
Shane Telfer	Manawatu MTB Club

Stef Gordon	Gisborne MTB Club
Will Keay	Gravity Canterbury
Donalds Ipad	Hamilton MTB
Mel Schroder	Nelson MTB Club
Clair Scott	Rotorua MTB Club
Sam Thompson	NZ MTB Academy
Russell Garlick	Trailfund NZ
Ashley Peters	WORD (Wellington offroad riding department)
Jacques Laundry	Chief Executive, Cycling New Zealand
Jared Scollay	Jafakids
Malcolm Thomas	Cycling New Zealand Board, Rotorua MTB Club
Rebekah Tregurtha	Christchurch Singletrack Club
Craig Tregurtha	Christchurch Singletrack Club
Marco Renali	PNP MTB Club
Peter Mitchell	PNP MTB Club

### **Proxies**

Taupo MTB Club - Gareth Osmond  
Tokoroa MTB Club - Gareth Osmond  
Auckland MTB Club - Bernadette Mark

### **Apologies:**

Chris & Anne Tyas  
Gil Peters  
Cath Cheatley

Welcome - Chris Arbuckle

### **Minutes from 2019 Meeting**

**Moved by Chris Arbuckle Seconded by Gareth**

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

None

## **Correspondence Received**

Jared Scollay - Table at General Business  
Email - Chris to talk to in General Business

## **Presidents Report**

Chris Arbuckle presented key points from his report including

- Reaching a plateau in total clubs affiliated (45)
  - Approximately 7500 Financial Members
  - Total figure of over 19,000 Members when family memberships are broken down.
- MTBNZ has operated with a lean 5-person executive
  - Each either connected to the wider MTB Community through direct roles within local clubs or through strong links to key riders.
- Noted that significant time has been spent re-building MTBNZ National Event Series in the past few years
  - Acknowledged that at times it seems we have been fixated on that
    - However, we see it as a critical place to develop event capability within clubs and prepare the to host larger events (i.e. National Championships)
- We have seen a growth in youth-based clubs (i.e. Jafakids)
- New MTBNZ Logo for a refreshed organisational identity and branding

Jamie Roberts Moved to accept the President's report; Ryan Hunt seconded.

## **Financial Report**

Gareth Osmond presented the treasurer's financial report:

- Echoed Chris's comments around club numbers hitting max
  - See the key in working with clubs to grow club membership
- MTBNZ has moved back to directly handling affiliation and Gareth noted enjoying the additional contact with clubs
- Noted MTBNZ is looking at sponsorship to
  - Acknowledged there are several unknowns in this space due to COVID-19

Ryan Hunt moved to Accept treasurer's financial report; Jamie Roberts Seconded.

## **Notices of Motion/Remits**

Chris Arbuckle put forward a motion to reduce the level of affiliated club attendance required at an AGM to reach a quorum to 25% (Current Constitution states 40%)

- Chris and Ryan noted the difficulties in attaining the current quorum given MTBNZ's club base has experienced significant growth in recent years
  - Additionally, it is usually achieved by several proxies so does not necessarily add to level of attendance or engagement.
- Chris did note this may require an SGM to complete.

Chris Arbuckle moved that" MTBNZ reduce the required representation of club affiliated members to 25% of total members, reduced from 40%" as of 2021" - seconded by Rebekah Tregurtha

### **Election of Officers**

- President - Chris Arbuckle was willing to stand again, no other nominations received
  - Moved by Ryan Hunt seconded by Jamie Roberts
- Treasurer - Gareth Osmond was willing to stand again, no other nominations received
  - Moved by Ryan Hunt seconded by Agata Bulska
- Secretary- Ryan Hunt was willing to stand again, no other nominations.
  - Moved by Rebekah Tregurtha, seconded Chris Wilson
- General Executive:
  - Jamie Roberts and Agata Bulska happy to stand again
    - Moved by Ryan Hunt seconded by Gareth Osmond
  - Agata raised the idea of nominating Max Hides to the general executive to support development in the Enduro space (not present at the meeting).
    - Ryan gave a brief description of Max as an up and coming Enduro racer, with good knowledge of the NZ scene.
    - As Max was not present, it was decided the executive would follow-up with Max and confirm he was keen to join and assist in this space and assuming so, they would Co-opt him to the executive at a later date.

### **2019 MTBNZ Awards:**

Chris Arbuckle Congratulated the 2019 MTBNZ Award Winners - noting the original plan was to get together in Wellington as a part of the AGM weekend and celebrate.

- Jared Scollay - Official of the Year
- Southland MTB Club - Club of the Year
- Coronet Peak National DH Series Round 2 2020 - Event of the Year
- Chris & Anne Tyas - Outstanding Contribution
- Brook MacDonald - Elite Rider of the year

### **General Business**

- Ryan thanked the hosts of the 2020 MTBNZ National Series for their support and efforts in putting on the events
  - AKDH
  - FourForty MTB Park
  - Descend Rotorua
  - Manawatu MTB Club
  - South Canterbury MTB Club
  - Queenstown MTB Club
  - Coronet Peak
  - Southland MTB Club
- Also MTB Otago hosting the massive double header of National and Oceania Champs

- Congratulations to Gravity Canterbury & Christchurch Singletrack who have been awarded the 2021 National MTB Championships
- 2021 MTBNZ Event Announcement coming shortly, final calendar confirmations being worked through with preferred hosts then will be announced
  
- Jared Scollay Queried a number of areas discussed at the 2019 AGM
- - Marathon (XCM) - Position on a National Championship
    - An EOI was published in 2019 for a 2020 event but no agreement was reached with those who expressed interest
    - In this space the main options are all commercial operators
    - Challenge is in having a commercial operation willing to make the required concessions specifically around licensing and membership that are required to make it a sanctioned UCI National Championship
    - MTBNZ are open to proposals on this front but currently are not actively soliciting as such.
  - Enduro - Position on MTBNZ Events and/or a National Championship
    - An EOI for a National Championship was issued in 2019 but no responses were received
    - MTBNZ sees this as an important discipline to progress in the coming year - looking to bolster MTBNZ exec capacity to support
    - Likely look at testing Enduro events - existing ones for a national series
      - Key is adding value not just attaching a label
      - Nothing stopping it happening per se more a matter of time and human resource.
  - Pumptrack
    - Chris has had some discussions with Dion Earnest (BMXNZ) around this as a joint venture
    - Just needs time to develop
  - E-Bikes:
    - MTBNZ keen to see where this would best fit in
      - Group discussed - generally in the XC - END space
      - Tom Bamford among others pointed to it growing rapidly
        - Seeing more and more competent riders on them
      - From a competitive side noted that World Championships is currently a first in first served qualification model and really needs some sanctioned events to serve as qualification - give it credibility.
        - Also Ryan mentioned that it seems likely the format (which was basically XCO in 2019) will likely evolve to better showcase the capability of the bikes.
  
- Discussion around huge growth in the school age MTB area and what comes next after that level of events
  - Auckland Schools MTB regularly getting 250-280 riders per event
  - Similar experience in Christchurch

- Gareth noted the large growth in club membership seen when building from juniors up - also brings the parents and the rest of the family in.
- Rebekah noted for CHCH Singletrack the hardest age-group to attract is 20-30
- Discussion around this often being a time losing riders as they focus on education, career building or travel.
- Not necessarily a bad thing as numbers do seem to rebound but worth noting
- Working with Cycling NZ schools - Chris thanked Cath Cheatley for her assistance in getting Gareth Osmond Co-opted onto the Cycling NZ Schools Board

Overall it was agreed it would be worth workshopping specifically on the youth development space. Action: MTBNZ to facilitate a development / MTB workshop in 2021

- Jared asked about barriers to link together existing events
  - MTB Crown – Chris overviewed past interest, cost and options. Agreed worth a revisit , perhaps fund a MTBNZ specific system if crown has been superseded.
  
- Partnership Agreement with Cycling New Zealand
  - Chris explained working with Cycling NZ on what we see best
  - Meaningful outcomes for MTBNZ - and Mountain Biking in general
  - Jacques reaffirmed proactive communications - affiliation and events - and performance hub – MTBNZ /CNZ working together.
  - MTBNZ had enabled through working with CNZ Board an Off Road code meeting.
  - While MTBNZ is highly operational , MTBNZ is now working a lot more closely with CNZ at a strategic and board level.
  - Tony - echoed Chris's and Jacques comments - comments around purpose - CNZ want/need strong member organisations.
  - Jacques talked about moving forward with strategy now purpose has been set for Cycling NZ - Noted need to recognise dearth of volunteers in MTB - CNZ need to remember that.
  
- Tom Bamford - Purpose of MTBNZ - need to work on the other 90% of the membership and the value - What is the value of that ??
  - Jared - Help with nuts and bolts of being a club - H&S, Docs, more complexity around this stuff. -
    - Chris noted the resource library - we are trying to build
  - Intention to maintain a link with Trail fund - in addition to input to NZ trail standards
  - Linking to rider development across MTB
  - Chris talked to building events - We have got it sorted out now, but does it provide a breeding ground for riders
  - Tony - Same struggles at Cycling NZ - hoping to look wider than previously in setting new strategy.

Russell Garlick - keen to see summit with Trailfund and MTBNZ

Agreement from the group that summits are a good idea to return to but on specific topics.

Malcolm echoed that they need to be targeted enough to be useful.

Look to engage the wider MTB community/landscape - professional MTB instructors, bike park operators etc.

Rebekah happy to help facilitate an event for MTB, hosted by MTBNZ, Clubs etc if in Chch

- Correspondence from Affiliated Club
  - Chris gave a brief summary an email received that was primarily concerned with a perception of organisational conflict MTBNZ was causing with Cycling NZ.
  - Chris confirmed MTBNZ was working together with CNZ, and to get to this stage we had been very focused on ensuring both organisations understood the need for clear goals.
  - Tony Mitchell confirmed “Chris has been very clear about his expectations of CNZ”.
  - Malcolm Thomas – some clubs may not understand the level of engagement that is currently present.
  - Gareth Osmond confirmed the relationship between Org’s is considerably better place than several years ago
  - Tom Bamford agreed - CNZ and MTBNZ have changed a lot in that time
  - Tony Mitchell confirmed relationship is productive and engaging.

Action: MTBNZ Executive to follow up with the affiliated club to ensure their concerns were addressed.

Jared Scolly - question about the Hub

- Jacques - Sam Thompson has resigned from his role at the MTB Hub
  - Priority now is looking after athletes till end of program (NOV) utilising other hub coaches to assist.
  - Key part of off-road code discussions around the future of the hub and how to make it viable
- Tony clear feedback from Chris that MTB Hub is priority 1 for CNZ to deliver on from an MTBNZ perspective
  - Committed to moving forward in this space.
- Sam Thompson - Continuing in the MTB Space - moving back to similar setup to NZXC but may have wider focus across disciplines (NZ MTB Academy)

Chris Thanked Sam for his work in the hub space over the past years.

Time to re-look at how we go forward in this space and build on the past.

Stef Gordon - keen on an idea of having invites to MTBNZ exec meetings - feeling connected will help

**Meeting Closed 3:38pm**