

**MOUNTAIN BIKE**

2019 MTBNZ AGM

Sunday 26th May

9:00am - 10:30am

Avantidrome, Cambridge

Attendees:

Name	Club/Organisation
Gil Peters	Rotorua MTB Club
Chris Arbuckle	Mountain Biking Otago
Ryan Hunt	Wellington MTB Club
Gareth Osmond	MTB Tauranga
Jamie Roberts	AKDH
Agata Bulska	Gravity Canterbury
Will Keay	Gravity Canterbury
Matt Amos	MTB Tech Panel/Commissaire
Hamish Neale	New Plymouth MTB Club
Malcolm Thomas	Rotorua MTB Club
Mel Schroder	Nelson MTB Club
Robbie Basken	Hamilton MTB Club
Ian Henderson	Hamilton MTB Club
Vanessa Baker	Hamilton MTB Club
Jared Scollay	Department of Cycling
Shane Mellow	Te Miro MTB Club

Ian Hema	Tokoroa MTB Club
Dion Earnest	BMXNZ

Proxies:

Bike Wanaka (Gil Peters)
Auckland MTB Club (Jared Scollay)
Taupo MTB Club (Gareth Osmond)
Kerikeri MTB Club (Jamie Roberts)
Descend Rotorua (Jamie Roberts)
NZDH (Jamie Roberts)
West Coast Riders Club (Jamie Roberts)
Christchurch Singletrack Club (Ryan Hunt)
PNP MTB Club (Hamish Neale)
Hawkes Bay MTB Club (Hamish Neale)
Manawatu MTB Club (Hamish Neale)

Apologies

Tom Bamford, (Manawatu MTB Club)
Dave Hamilton, (Descend Rotorua, NZDH)
Murray Anderson, (Christchurch Singletrack Club)
Vaughan (West Coast Riders Club)

Minutes from 2018 - One query around confirming that insurance covered club activities i.e. trail building. Chris Arbuckle clarified that it does but it needs to be a club event i.e dig day.

Moved by Malcolm Thomas, Seconded Chris Arbuckle

No correspondence was received prior to the meeting.

- At this point, Jared Scollay asked if the matters arising at last years meeting had been dealt with.
 - Malcolm Thomas noted that the point regarding the MTB Hub still stands and that he had also raised this in his capacity as a Cycling New Zealand Board Member.
 - These matters have been actioned, through the document to show MTBNZ's place/role within the wider landscape is tied up with the upcoming MOU with Cycling New Zealand

Presidents Report.

Gil Peters presented his report with emphasis on key items including:

- Small efficient MTBNZ Exec Group
- Pleasing progress in our National Events Space
- Continued Growth in Membership
- Importance of engagement, value & service to our clubs. Annual MTB summits contribute.
- Commanding performances by a number of our top riders on the World stage, great motivation for emerging talent.
- Reflection on the impact the Heron review has had on the relationship between Cycling New Zealand and its Member Organisations, with a hope that as stability is restored to Cycling NZ that we can again keep progressing.

Moved By Will Keay, Seconded Jamie Roberts

Financial

Chris Arbuckle presented his report with emphasis on key areas including.

- Growth again in membership base (now at 51 Clubs) but this will likely steady off now
 - Affiliation still majority source of income, need to look at alternatives i.e. Sponsorship of Series and perhaps merchandise.
- Accounting now all run through XERO
- Importance of strategising with our clubs where we spend our money going forward.
 - Maintaining approx a \$20k Buffer each annum.
- Affiliation process still holds some challenges, and drags on where we would like to see it wrapped 31st Dec of the preceding year
 - MTBNZ don't require the depth of data that Cycling NZ requests from our clubs, we are still waiting to see this displayed/used in a meaningful way
 - Will look to tidy up our contact base in 2019
- Re-look at GST Registration

Matters Arising from the financial report

- Discussion around the costs of the Oceania Champs
 - Current Model put significant risk on host clubs around costs - particularly through drug testing
 - Dion Earnest confirmed BMX have had a similar experience
 - MTBNZ provided significant financial support for the 2018 event to assist the club, but given our much wider affiliation base we now need to discuss with them what level of support is appropriate - given the potential outlay vs our total revenue.
 - Malcolm Thomas pointed out that ideally Oceania Cycling Confederation would financially back these events (as they are the owner).

Moved by Ryan Hunt, seconded by Agata Bulsaka

No Motions or Remits presented.

Election of Officers

Chris Arbuckle was nominated for the role of President by Mountain Biking Otago -
Seconded by Malcolm Thomas

Treasurer: Vacant as of this meeting

Secretary: Agata nominated Ryan Hunt to remain as secretary. Seconded by Will Keay

General Executive: The current General Executive Members, Gareth Osmond, Jamie Roberts & Agata Bulska confirmed they were willing to stand again. Malcolm Thomas moved a block nomination for them, Seconded by Will Keay

General Business

- A vote of thanks was proposed for Gil Peters (as outgoing president) to recognise the considerable and sustained efforts he put in over the last 5 years as president and on the executive prior to that to rebuild MTBNZ from the ground up.
- The South Island Summit- Chris explained the main focus will be to consult clubs around our strategy moving forward.
 - Given the turnout of the NI summit, MTBNZ will need to canvas membership for interest in an NI Strategy meeting
- The Memorandum of Understanding between Cycling New Zealand and Mountain Bike New Zealand is crucial and needs to be developed and implemented in this coming year. Chris also noted that we have an initial draft of this document from Cycling New Zealand which we are working to provide feedback on.
- Cross Country Marathon (XCM): Those present were asked if they supported MTBNZ in seeking a National Championship for this being reintroduced.
 - Ryan explained that selection requirements (which were updated in 2019) now require UCI points to be eligible - which there are currently no opportunities for in NZ.
 - General feeling that this would be supported.
 - Ryan also explained that this may well be run in conjunction with an existing event given the requirements and logistics
 - MTBNZ will feed back to Cycling NZ on this.
- Enduro Racing was also raised.
 - MTBNZ's current thinking is to work with Cycling NZ on a sanctioned National Championship event
 - Again this could be integrated with an existing event of sufficient level i.e EWS Continental or EWS Qualifier given the cost and logistics of organising a top level Enduro event.
 - Down the track maybe a National Series but do not want to overcommit limited volunteer resource at this point

- MTBNZ would also be able to work with clubs/orgs hosting EWS Continental events that wish to have them UCI registered - (Cat 3)
- Ebikes and their current place in MTB was raised
 - Mel, Nelson MTB President noted that they are widespread now, a view echoed by Jared Scollay in Auckland
 - Regarding Events, It was noted there is a growing presence and demand for catering to them.
 - MTBNZ noted we have E-Bikes on our radar and are looking at how they can be integrated with our events and also with Cycling NZ at the National Champs Level.
 - Main takeaway point is that clubs should start to consider their approach so as to be on the front foot in this rapidly expanding segment.
- Pumptrack was raised by Dion Earnest (BMX NZ Board)
 - UCI has placed it under MTB but Dion noted there is a lot of crossover
 - He felt this would definitely be an area BMXNZ could work together with MTBNZ
 - Given the accessibility there is massive potential flow through especially from younger riders.

- MTBNZ National Series.
 - High Level thinking of the calendar placement of DH and XC events was explained: January-February is the window and ideally the DH events are to be done in blocks i.e 2 in each island back to back weekends with a week between.
 - We will endeavour to publish an EOI with dates provided to select as soon as practicable
 - Also touched on the desire to differentiate MTBNZ Series from CNZ MTB Champs event - branding etc as this is still a point of confusion.

- Further discussion around the Oceania Champs
 - Still an important event for riders wanting to go beyond domestic racing
 - Value in terms of UCI Points on offer
 - No easy solution in terms of the cost/risk
 - Ideally would get into a position where the date/location was locked for multiple years ahead - though again not straightforward given reliance on UCI world cup calendar.

- Need to start thinking about strategy
 - MTBNZ Intend to engage firstly at the South Island Club Summit
 - Subsequently an engagement survey will be circulated to clubs.

- Question around club membership
 - Junior development within the clubs is working well for clubs - building riders

- Lack of resources etc for coaching
 - Similar model to commissaires may be a way of helping to build this

- Club culture is key - New Plymouth MTB - not paid access but the vibe they have created is cultivating a wider membership base
 - Can't ride in the forest without knowing that being a member helps that
 - Helps with council support

- Data - There was an interest in MTBNZ doing more with the data that is provided from clubs - Potential for a National Dataset, which could assist in providing more stats for clubs when asking for MTBNZ support for funding applications etc.

- Challenge of racers vs punters - strategy Public perception

10:30am Closed