



Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

7.30pm Monday 9th November 2020

Committee members in attendance: Brett Coleman, Tara Findlay, Angelo Krizmanic, Karen Donaldson, Luke Farrar, Chiara Hill

Subcommittee members in attendance:

Committee member apologies: Shane O'Brien, Tony Smales, Richard South, Kylnn Heath

Subcommittee members not attended: Angus McMurtrie, Chris Molloy, Emily Lens, Kate Maffett, Kylie Prothero/Soanes, Matt Jones, Paul Purcell, Steve Draper

Welcome & Open from President

Motion for acceptance: Brett Coleman Second: Angelo Krizmanic

Congrats to Mike Bodsworth on his successful campaign to be a councillor representing the Anglesea Ward!

Finances (Shane/Rich)

Account	Oct 2020	Current
Bendigo Main	\$5429.44	\$3362.28
Philanthropic	\$2845.14	\$2805.74

Membership & Social Media No's

Platform	Oct 2020	Current
Membership	210	209
Facebook Followers	3162	3195
Instagram Followers	1109	1125
Strava Club Members	146	162

Calendar (3 month look ahead)

Event	Dates
Women's social ride (in conjunction with Geelong MTB)	Nov 15
Kids basic skills clinic and social ride	Dec 6
Women's Christmas ride with coffee stop	Dec 20

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

ACCOUNTS (Shane, Rich) - Balances above.

The last big spend Indigo Wolf for \$1589.50 for Merchandise

CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Chiara) -

MTBA has now morphed into AusCycling along with all other riding disciplines. It seems that for most MTB categories, annual costs have gone up slightly. Those likely to save are riders who've previously paid for membership with two or more different riding bodies. Recreational is now called "Lifestyle" (\$80 for adults) and racing is broken up into 2 categories: "Off-road" (\$150 for adults) or "All disciplines" (\$250 for adults) - there is no road racing only category. There is the ability to just sign up for a month under the Lifestyle category. For the race categories, it's a 12 month membership but you can pay it monthly if prefer. Also under Lifestyle category, there is the Lifestyle Basic option to drop the personal insurance part & pay just \$50pa that covers public liability. That would be useful to have if you were found liable for injuring somebody else or someone's property (eg. another rider's bike or someone's car).

When renewing with AusCycling, it looks like you have to opt out of auto-renewing your membership when it falls due. Look out for that if you don't want that to occur.

May need to check if people with Lifestyle will be covered for working bees.

Survey - would be nice to know what people want, and if they're getting what they expected with membership.

TRAIL ADVOCACY / LAND MANAGER LIAISON (Brett, Chris M, Tony, Ben, Luke, Chris D) –

Alcoa / Eden Project - (Chris M, Tony)

Eden Project has lost momentum since Covid, but October update from their CEO indicates "We remain as committed as we were at the start of 2020"

Coalmine Rd relocation works will be completed 'imminently' – the bitumen is now down. Once completed, management is handed back to SCS. SCS's current statement on that is:

"Council also resolved that the most appropriate time to consult with the community about whether Coalmine Road, Anglesea, should be re-opened is when a future use for the Alcoa mine and surrounds is confirmed. A decision on Eden Project, which has been proposed for the site, has not yet been made. Until the future use is known, and there has been appropriate community consultation, Council will maintain the current road closures at the entrances to Coalmine Road."

That's at <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/About-us/Works-and-projects/Coalmine-Road> It does start by saying it had been closed to the public for 10 years & as we know, security never had an issue with bikes / runners using it. So it'll be interesting to see whether we can use it again prior to it being open to cars & if so, when.

Parks Vic Anglesea Heath Project / Surf Coast MTB Trails Strategy Plan – (Brett, Tony, Luke)

Progress has remained slow with the strategy plan. We received an email from SCS Oct 26 to say that neither PV nor DEWLP will be comfortable signing off on the draft strategic plan in it's current form and will require more detailed environmental & cultural assessment of the informal & new trails that are on the plan. Whether that's all informal & new trail or just some of them, we're not sure. This led to some discussion about where this whole process was heading given the goalposts appear to be constantly changing and whether we continue to invest time in it. A zoom meeting was held Oct 29 with SCS at which Tony, Luke & Mike Bodsworth were able to attend and Tony shortly prior had been able to speak further with Dale Antonsen & Michelle Anstee (both PV). The outcome is that the strategy plan may not be as stalled or set back as we originally thought and that we should remain invested in it for now. Funding to perform the necessary assessments will be required and may be in the order of \$50k.

SCS will seek further clarification from PV around anticipated time frames for the signing off of the strategic plan, exactly which trails will require a detailed planning assessment and also whether works towards formalising some trail can commence if there are any on PV land that don't require this level of assessment. In conjunction with SCS, we'll also look at whether we can commence works on trails outside of PV managed land that'll mean we see some earlier progress with the trail network. These areas include the link between Pt Addis Rd & Hurst Rd, the land adjacent to Ixodia Tk & GOR from Treecreeper Track (that's the one leading up to Lust & Ace) to Forest Rd roundabout, Coogoorah Park & the Scout Camp.

Eumeralla Trail Naming Process & Scout Camp

Tony has course finished marking the route beneath scout camp "sneaky snake" so please spread the word.

Carparking

SCS have been out and had a look and they don't feel they can create any further spaces along the east side of Hurst Rd. They feel the only viable option is extending the car park west immediately adjacent to the GOR that's on PV managed land.

WORKING BEES (Kylhn, Ben, Angelo, Tara, Paul, Chris P, Tony)

One working bee this month. 6 people attended. Lots of simple but effective work done on wet areas using hand tools. Next working bee scheduled for November 29th.

GRANTS (Angelo)

Emails for potential two new opportunities in last few days, not assessed for practicality yet.

4 pending at the moment.

RACE / EVENTS / SKILLS CLINICS (Richard, Karen, Tom, Angus, Jake)

No change on the race front.

POLICY & PROCEDURE (Tony) -

Revised philanthropy plan voted on. It is a 'do as we can' plan dependant on money we have available. As with all of these dox it can then be rejigged or removed at any time with another vote. The \$1400 shown as being left in our charity account is after the money for bikes for school kids is taken out. Steve from Hendry's is hoping to have these bikes before the end of the year.

Plan accepted. All in favour.

Australian Sport Foundation donation site now set up for 2 funds for the club.

SOCIAL RIDES (Chiara, Tony), DIRT GROMS (Kate, Chris), SKILLS CLINIC/COACHING

Two social rides this month. Both successful. One adult ride with 3 participants (2 females). Really went well as all three linked together to swap numbers and catch up to ride together. One participant contacted me later to find out where they can get a club top and one also contacted me for maps to ride further afield. That's what it's all about.

Teens gravity ride. Brett and Kyle Vos ran this one. Went well with 5 teens in attendance. Involved multiple runs down Lust for Life & Clandestino / Clantissue. 1 x broken chain – quick trip to Trailhead Bike Co. and that teen was back on the trails. Teens had great fun and was relaxed with no other issues.

Women's ride planned for this coming weekend – beginner & intermediate level rides, organised by Chiara.

Dirt Groms. Still only allowed 10 people. With attending parents this is a bit of an issue. Planning to get underway again once the allowed numbers return to 20.

Brett in discussion with members about leading and organising rides both local and in other areas. Hopefully we can offer this to young and adult riders.

Tony currently discussing with a couple of people about leading a group of riders who represent the club in advocating to the Shire for more and better bike parks in the area. These discussions with the Shire have started but we are not going to pursue too much unless we get one or two people who would like to be involved.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)

Nothing new this month.

MERCHANDISE (Chiara/Richard) -

Adult Enduro jerseys have arrived, just waiting on kids ones then I will collect and start selling.

FIRST AID OFFICER (Kit and Qualls) (Karen):

Finished the snake bite info/ article to post for members. Facebook post and in next newsletter to members would be good.

ENVIRONMENTAL (Kylie/Emily): No report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGM 25th Nov (Tony)

Plan is for a couple of us to use Rich's office space for this – still ok? Big thanks to Matt Jones who has offered the use of his work Zoom account.

Email invitation to all members to be sent out this week. Please encourage your friends and family to attend as we need to get 10% (about 20) people there to make it legitimate. Sure don't want to do this again. Thanks to Brett and Tara for getting the invite together.

Tony is preparing the Annual report. Thanks to all who have passed on information to me about working bees, social rides and other events that we have run from inception to June 30th this year.

Shane is preparing the financial report. These reports will go out to members prior to the AGM.

Committee members to speak about their areas if possible. It would be great if we could change up the meeting and not have everyone getting bored by hearing my voice for 45 minutes. If anyone is keen we were hoping for a 30 second to two minute spiel on the area we cover. Not vital so if anyone isn't keen that's ok. I am happy to do as many as needed. We will have all info ready in the report so it's only a reading exercise with maybe a little spiel about where we would like to go with that area. We will only do the main areas so here is the tentative list.

Brett or Luke- trail advocacy

Brett- marketing / communication

Ky- Work Bee

Rich – Events and Merch

Chiara- Social rides and skills clinics

Shane - Finance

Angelo – Grants

First aid – Kaz (committee think it's not needed if we're keeping it short and sweet)

Enviro - If Emily or Kylie are available

We have not had any more takers so far for c'tee roles or positions. We currently have 10 people all who are going to stay on with the committee. A big thanks to Tom Russell and Chris Davidson who are stepping off the main c'tee for the coming year.

We are looking for 14 people total with 10 general c'tee positions and four office bearer positions. There are also a few roles that we would really like to have covered by someone else to help lighten some workloads. These are child safety officer and membership officer. Would also be great to get another few people to assist with Grants and Marketing /communication. If you know anyone that is keen please direct them to Brett or myself for a chat about the c'tee. If we don't get anymore I think the current 10 will work quite well.

MTBA Survey of Riders (Sun Nov 8)

Thanks to Luke, Kevin De Leenheer, Tony, Brett, Ruth Taylor & Karen for assisting. We had 72 riders through at Hurst Rd between 8am – 2pm with the majority of those being before 12 noon. Overview of results from Luke.

Dollars for Dirt Project

Brett applied for and we have been accepted onto MTB Direct's Dollars for Dirt Project whereby they donate \$1 for every purchase to a listed MTB club. The purchaser gets to choose & if they don't, MTB Direct allocate the money. It's paid quarterly. There are no requirements on our behalf so we'll just see how it goes.

Philanthropy

Still waiting for three bikes for the school age riders. Hendry's have said they should have them by start of December. Trailhead was unable to deliver the bikes due to lack of supply.

New modified plan being put forward this month (see dox of the month). One approved we may be able to look at some of the coaching options for young riders.

Next Meeting –

AGM Wednesday 25th November 2020, 7:30pm

See next page for current Action List

ACTION / TASK	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
First aid courses completed for coach course participants	Karen / Tony / Chiara	September
Check all committee members have WWC and club membership	Tara	Following AGM
Update contact list with first aid and quals provided, trail building quals	Tara / Tony	September
Organise regular catch ups with youth members	Tony	January '21
Explore tax deductible and not for profit status	Brett	September
Finalise our documents, See minutes September meeting	Tony	November
Members survey leading to long term plan for the club	TBC	January '21
Research ideas of trail kitty/ charity fund	Brett, Tony and finance	November
Discuss idea of a 2 /5 year strategy plan	Whole c'tee	January '21
Organise AGM	Whole c'tee	November
Trademark Logo	TBC	When finances settle down
Investigate road signage for Hurst Road	Tony	On hold while car park issues resolved with PV/ SCS
Trail building course	Tony	Post covid
Modify Welcome letter to new and renewing members	Brett, Chiara and Tony	Post covid