



Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Venue: 4 Pines Brewing Inc

7.00pm Monday 14th December 2020

Committee members in attendance: Phil Avery, Brett Coleman, Karen Donaldson, Luke Farrar, Tara Findlay, Marlene Gojanovic, Andrew Gooday, Kylhn Heath, Angelo Krizmanic, Shane O'Brien, Tony Smales

Committee member apologies: Chiara Hill, Richard South

Welcome & Open from President

Motion for acceptance: Brett Coleman Second: Kylhn Heath

Welcome to our new committee members Phil, Marlene & Andrew.

Finances (Shane/Rich)

Account	Nov 2020	Current
Bendigo Main	\$3362.28	\$4399.31
Philanthropic	\$2805.74	\$2766.09

Membership & Social Media No's

Platform	Nov 2020	Current
Membership	209	230
Facebook Followers	3195	3246
Instagram Followers	1125	1144
Strava Club Members	162	174

Calendar (3 month look ahead)

Event	Dates
Women's ride with GMBC at You Yangs	Dec 20

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

ACCOUNTS (Shane, Rich) - Funds coming in from Merchandise. We will look at opening online Trail Kitty via Australian Sports Foundation early 2021. All donations will be tax deductible.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Matt Jones) -

Matt taking over as our Membership officer. Thanks Matt!

Club's adult membership fee remains waived (Covid discount) until Dec 31. We'll return to \$20 membership fee Jan 1 2021 for adults, still free for juniors as it was pre-COVID.

Auscycling Membership renewal is challenging. Email received from AusCycling during meeting advised:

"It is easier for us if a member enters the MTBA/BMX member number when signing up for the AusCycling membership should there be any questions or issues. However, this is not compulsory and we can look it up from our end as well"

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)

No update this month.

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 completely '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)

No update this month.

PV have moved one small step forward in the Concept plan process. They have completed the first stage of the assessments on new trails at a local level. No response from higher up in PV as to whether there is any more detail in this stage of the assessment so process will roll into the new year.

Eumeralla Trail Naming Process & Scout Camp

Tony and Lachie to install 2 or 3 more signage posts that had been overlooked.

Car parking Forest Rd

SCS have been out and said that area is not managed by them (see excerpt in blue below). It's likely Regional Roads Victoria. It's likely that further car parking at Hurst on PV managed land will be the most feasible but with its own problems. We're not likely to see more parking anytime soon.

On other items:

- Forest Road Parking

o Our traffic team had another look at this. Please correct me if their thoughts aren't accurate, however they said:

§ I'm trying to assess whether it is a Rural Roads Victoria or Parks Vic owned area. Our mapping system isn't entirely clear, however it definitely is not a Surf Coast Shire asset. Likely this is Regional Roads Victoria owned area asset which would require any works and permission sought from them for any changes.

§ The access to this area is currently blocked by guard rail from Great Ocean Road. This would need to be removed by Regional Roads Victoria.

§ Alternative access to this area is via a fire track. It would not be appropriate to send additional traffic onto these road for car park access.

Proposal for jumps park - for Torquay to be put to council in the new year. Club will be advocates but will not be the main drivers of the project at this stage. Messmate Rd a possibility for proposed location.

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

November one cancelled due to wet weather. Next working bee Sunday January 31st

PV have installed posts that designate "No work areas" due to cultural sites, not in areas that overlap with

maintenance needs.

Lachie keen to ride the trails to review areas that need work prior to Jan working bee. Also an opportunity to review access points for Parks, both required and disused ones; those no longer required could be reduced to single track. Lachie's flagged Grasstrees/Flying Scotsman area as requiring work before next winter. Kylvn keen to do a ride with working bee committee to look at tracks.

GRANTS (Angelo)

We have been successful in the Sporting Clubs Grants application for MTB Skills Coach Training. We have \$1920 to spend on Level 0 coaching courses. This will put 8 people through the course which is great. Money will be in our account by December 31. We need to commence training by 25 August 2021.

Successful in Ashbury Community Fund Grant, will be receiving \$1000 for a generator.

Think we are waiting on one more grant announcement for this year shortly and that's it for 2020: Australian Sporting Foundation for Juniors jerseys and bikes.

Angelo contacted by Torquay Community Enterprise also that said they liked our grant application for the repair stand at Hurst Rd. They will submit that in early 2021 and said it has a strong chance of being pushed through.

Noting working bee fire rakes may be a good addition to wish list for potential grants.

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

Shifty Fifty - 21 June 2021

Rohin from Big Hill events, the series organiser, is wondering if we still want to go ahead and if so under AusCycling's insurance or through his system as a joint venture (JV). Agreed that it would be preferable to have the JV with rider insurance through Rohin as entry costs would be approx. \$30 less per entrant. Result would likely be more riders and more revenue for us.

2020 was going to be with him as a JV although for 2021, his insurance now requires him to manage the permits etc so those applications will be in Big Hill Event's name, not ours.

We don't want our relationship with Parks, GORCC, Scouts and Council to sour, we also wish the event to be classed as local to keep permit costs down.

There is also the grant money from council to take into consideration. Will Big Hill events "running" the event affect this? Brett, Tony and Rich to contact relevant bodies to see if we'd still get same rates and treatment.

Had intended to use caravan park as course start/finish for 2020 event but looking to exclude it from the course in 2021.

POLICY & PROCEDURE (Tony) -

None this month!

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

Xmas rides planned for 20th December. Women's ride at You Yangs with GMBC and another social ride local lead by

Tony and Howie. Details to be confirmed.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)

Nothing new this month.

MERCHANDISE (Chiara/Richard) -

Sales going well.

Bike Matters has been stocked for summer traffic.

Rich off for a month so will hand the merch boxes over to Tony to look after for the time.

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

Snake bite info/ article in newsletter going to members tonight.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Muck truck storage

Question of if we should keep it at the bike park, rather than at Luke's farm, so it could be utilised there, on trails and at Luke's. Concern it would be less secure, not insured by SCS and more of a target if kept at the bike park. Luke's is preferable for safety.

Luke's "Farm Bike Park"

Requires some maintenance before the network becomes safely rideable. Luke has been injured and his ability to do this maintenance has been compromised. Agreed that we should organise an informal working bee with approx. 5-6 helpers. Likely between Xmas & NY. Brett will discuss with Luke and Tony will co-ordinate this.

Luke has his own insurance covered but we also need under 18's to wear full protective gear and elbow / knee pads if jumping to be covered for insurance. Over 18's it should be highly recommended but not mandatory.

Strongly suggested that Luke get written confirmation on exactly what his insurance company will / will not cover.

Would need signage outlining the safety gear requirements, the risk involved and that riders ride there at their own risk.

Next year's meetings

Virtual meetings this year have been helpful in gaining quorum for voting. Committee members keen for mixture of in person and digital next year. Aiming for once a quarter in person – first month of each season. Location to be determined closer to the time.

FB page for social rides

Stu Christie has requested we get another person to be the administrator.

Look at if it's being used. If not, shut it down, otherwise would Rich be interested in being admin?

Dropbox - New c'tee members have access

Trail sign QR code

Suggestion around fundraising to see if we can add a QR code to new signage at Hurst Road that would link users to donation page. Could have a 2nd QR linking to our homepage or membership page.

Next Meeting –
7:30pm, 1 Feb 2021 – virtual event

See next page for current Action List

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