



Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual

7.30pm Monday 1st February 2021

Committee members in attendance: Phil Avery, Brett Coleman, Luke Farrar, Tara Findlay, Marlene Gojanovic, Andrew Gooday, Shane O'Brien, Tony Smales, Richard South

Committee member apologies: Karen Donaldson, Angelo Krizmanic, Chiara Hill, Kylhn Heath

Welcome & Open from President

Motion for acceptance: Brett Coleman Second: Tony Smales

Finances (Shane/Rich)

Account	Dec 2020	Current
Bendigo Main	\$4399.31	\$6912.35
Philanthropic	\$2766.09	\$2726.44

Membership & Social Media No's

Platform	Dec 2020	Current
Membership	-	265
Facebook Followers	3246	3291
Instagram Followers	1144	1179
Strava Club Members	174	183

Calendar (3 month look ahead)

Event	Dates
Women's ride with GMBC at You Yangs	28 Feb
Working Bee – last Sunday of the month	28 Feb
Working Bee – last Sunday of the month	28 Mar
Working Bee – last Sunday of the month	25 April

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

ACCOUNTS (Shane, Rich) - Bank balances above. Merchandise money coming in and \$340 in AusCycling membership fees about to come in. First Aid courses going out. \$173 from MTBDirect's Dollars for Dirt program (we get \$1 per purchase when we're the nominated beneficiary).

CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Brett) -

As at Jan 27, we have 265 members. Membership fees have been reintroduced - adults \$20pa, juniors remain free.

At present, Brett has taken over the membership role. Matt Jones keen to take over. New process has been set up to send welcome emails to new & renewing members. It is still slightly messy having two databases (MTBA & AusCycling) but will be much improved come Nov 1 when it is all through AusCycling. We are still looking at mailing a hard copy welcome letter with stickers.

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

Alcoa / Eden Project - (Chris M, Tony)

No update this month.

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

No significant changes have occurred since our December meeting. Re Trails Concept Plan, a virtual PCG meeting has been scheduled for Feb 8 for us to meet with SCS, DEWLP and PV to get an update on the progress of this. There have been ongoing delays whilst PV seek to complete further assessments.

Eumeralla Trail Naming Process & Scout Camp

The 3 new posts are all in and by the time of the meeting they should also have the numbers and trail gradings on them. Thanks Tony!

Trail Sign

PV given go ahead for trail sign at Hurst Road to be moved to a more prominent location closer to the trail entry into Ring Road (No. 2) and to have a double-sided sign. One side will be writable for messages to trail community.

Lachie has also said yes (possibly) to paying for new signage, yes to a repair station and to small advertising on the repair station, yes to a QR code with our details on the sign for anyone to donate funds at any time.

Parking

We have also been given a tentative ok for the car park at Hurst to be extended west along the GOR by at least 4-6 car spaces. Could be a slow process but looking positive.

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

Kylhn and Tony met with Lachie over the break. PV all ok with another year of independent working bees and Lachie very supportive still. Trail building material to be dumped at easy to access sites over coming months. Lachie also all good with a few more features on Ring Road; need to determine what type of features would be appropriate. Would be great if there's opportunity to finish them with local soil so they blend in.

Smaller working bee 31 Jan.

Trail building course, aiming to run one in April, probably with Parks.

GRANTS (Angelo)

No news this month. Surf Coast Shire grants just opened again for this year so could apply for funds for next year's Shifty Fifty.

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

Shifty Fifty - 21 June 2021

Richard meeting with SCS on Tuesday Feb 2 to get the ball rolling for this year's events. Thinking to avoid caravan park by using extension of Inverloch, with event village at end of Inverloch.

Creating a joint venture with Big Hill so we're covered by his series insurance and we're still organiser from SCS

perspective.

Otway Odyssey 20 Feb – Rich will have marquee there; Shane will arrange a corflute SCMTB sign to cover the Surf Coast Cycling Club logo on the marquee.

POLICY & PROCEDURE (Tony) -

Expenditure procedure – run through of existing procedure.

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

Since our last meeting there's been a few rides:

- 20 Dec – Adult Intermediate Social Ride – Hurst Road
- 20 Dec – GMBC & SCMTB Women's Christmas Ride – You Yangs
 - There were 23 women altogether. We split up into 3 groups - beginner, intermediate and fast intermediate. We explored the trails together and spent a little bit of time on skills and sections of specific trails.
- 20 Dec – Teens Gravity Ride
- 7 Jan - 5-8 YO & 10-13 Skill Sessions – You Yangs
 - Only one for the older group but the younger group was full. A few returners from the last skills clinic which is great to see.
- 7 Jan – Teen Gravity Social Ride
- 10 Jan – SCMTB & GMBC Women's Ride - Currawong Falls
 - 15 in attendance, rode the Currawong Falls Loop and then Ted's Secret. It was about 18km and 400m elevation with an opt out point at the 12km mark (most stayed for Ted's). We had many from previous rides as well as some first timers. Finished up with lunch at the Aireys Pub.
- Jan 14 – 5-8 & 10-13 YO Skill Sessions – You Yangs
- Jan 16 – 8-10 YO Skills Session – Anglesea Bike Park
- Jan 17 – Adult Intermediate Social Ride – Anglesea to Currawong Falls & return
 - Cracking day & turn out (at least 13 in attendance). Plenty of smiles on the descents & a few grimaces on the climbs.

Over the summer holidays we held 3 separate kids skills ride. Lots of kids for the 5-8 category and the 8-10 year olds. None for the 10-13 year olds.

Will continue to advertise rides as members only and only take AusCycling members so no day licences required.

Women's rides

We have had great numbers and momentum since joining the rides with GMBC. Next month we are planning to do a skills session for beginners with a short social ride at the end.

We now have 8 leaders (soon to all be first aid qualified) who have put their hands up to lead a regular intermediate ride on the first Sunday of the month or as close to that date as possible. Tony working out a calendar at the moment. Womens rides sorted by Chiara.

Beginners, gravel and other rides will added to the calendar whenever leaders want to run one.

Next Youth gravity ride will hopefully be shuttle morning on Currawong trail. No date set at this stage.

Skills sessions

Going forward we will plan to run these during the school holidays for the kids and perhaps 4 adults ones per year.

Proposing to make these paid \$10 kids and \$50 for adults. More for non members if we have spaces available. This is as a result of some no shows taking up places when the sessions have filled up. - Discussion that \$50 is a lot for a club to charge if only to deter no-shows - will explore what we're proposing in adult sessions and ensure we're not overpricing and create barriers for members.

We would also like to use the money from this for our philanthropy fund.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)

Nothing new this month.

MERCHANDISE (Chiara/Richard) -

Selling steadily at the bike shops. Investigating adding a tab to website to show what's available.

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

Karen's coordinating with Corinne from Great Ocean Road Health to run a Snake bite first aid Zoom info night- 1 hour duration for our SCMBBC members. There will be a cap of 30 to attend.

It will be a timely and awesome info session.

We are looking at potentially Tues 23rd Feb in the evening.

Believe there will be no cost- although need to confirm this.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Trail kitty

This has been set up via the Australian Sports Foundation and the link is now on our website. We will aim to promote this for the month of February. All donations are tax deductible. Our goal is to raise \$3000. \$731 donated as of today, following this morning's email.

Luke's MTB Farm

A few of us including Luke undertook some maintenance late December and the trails are now riding very well and the jumps are a lot of fun. Prior to having any formal social rides there, we require Luke to get written confirmation from his insurance about the extent of his coverage. He has spoken with them and they are happy to do that - not yet received by Luke. At this stage, it appears there is no additional cost to Luke. Should there be an additional cost, we will consult at a committee level with the view to potentially covering all or part of that additional cost. We also need to double check with our MTBA / AusCycling insurance what their requirements are for members to ride there. It may be that juniors require full face helmets, knee & elbow pads with a strong recommendation for adults to do the same.

Philanthropy

First of three bikes have been given to local school kids. Two more coming very soon. Tony to explain in detail.

Suggestion has been made to maybe look at our three club bikes and either advertise more to see if they get utilised more or think of donating one or more to a similar cause as above.

Tony also currently looking at a short DH/ Enduro course for under 18's looking to race this season. The suggestion is

that this will be partly subsidised by philanthropy money. More details to come.

Chair currently investigating coaching for young riders as part of the philanthropy role.

We would like to use the money this month/quarter to pay a gravity / enduro coach to run a series of session for the kids.

Maybe one session a week for a few weeks. It could be ages 10 and up. We would charge a nominal amount for the sessions (\$10-\$20) and subsidise the rest with the philanthropy fund.

We will source a qualified PMBI level 2 coach.

Tangent discussion generated from above of potentially running a pure beginners ride with the loaner bikes available.

FB page for social rides

Stu Christie had requested prior December meeting we get another person to be the administrator. We'd discussed to look at if was being used and, if not, shut it down. Stu shut the page down on 26 Dec, noting the club's creation and organisation of social rides.

Forest Fire Management

Intent to mulch roadside firebreak between Forest Rd Roundabout and Ellimata Road soon and need to close adjacent trails during that time so riders don't come through while machinery is running. This would impact Ixodia Track, use to get to top of Lust for Life, and The Chute. More info to come so we can communicate to members.

Next Meeting –

7:00pm, 1 March 2021 – location TBA

See next page for current Action List

ACTION/TASK	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
First aid courses completed for coach course participants	Karen / Tony / Chiara	February
Check all committee members have WWC and club membership	Tara	February
Update contact list with first aid and quals provided, trail building quals	Tara / Tony	February
Modify Welcome letter to new and renewing members	Brett, Chiara, Matt and Tony	Complete
Explore tax deductible and not for profit status	Brett	Complete
Finalise our documents, See minutes September meeting	Tony	February
Member survey	TBC	February
Research ideas of trail kitty/charity fund	Brett, Tony and finance	Complete
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
Complete wording for new signs	Tony	March/April
Complete proposal for SCS for new bike jumps park in Torquay	Tony	March/April