



Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Annual General Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 21 October 2021

Attendance:

Tony Smales, Brett Coleman, Tara Findlay, Luke Farrar, Richard South, Sean Sullivan, Rod Joyce, Jessica Bowen, Marlene Gojanovic, Bec Sullivan, Andrew Gooday, Chiara Hill, Jenna Davis, Michael Morse, David Howie, Damien Elsworth, Angelo Krizmanic, Kylhn Heath, Daniel Alexander, Nick Galloway, Tim Shakespeare, Tina Smith

22 current members (of 191 members entitled to vote)

Tony Smales - Welcome & Open

Thanks to our members, sponsors, partners and committee members.

Luke Farrar - Trail Advocacy

Our aim is to establish a formal network of sustainable trails on the Surf Coast. Once formalised, we're able to look after them. The sub-committee develops relationships with local land managers and formal bodies so we can work with them and responsibly manage trails. The Anglesea MTB Trail Network Concept Plan commenced 3 years ago and was endorsed by the Project Control Group (Surf Coast Shire, DEWLP, Parks Vic, SCMTB) in August. SCS have secured funding to commence the first of 3 stages: Stage 1 – Assessments, Stage 2 – Detailed Design & Stage 3 – Economic impact. It took 10 years to formalise the pre-existing Hurst Road trails however, we're hopeful that this process will be significantly shorter. Hurst Road Trail names have been approved, with many of the original names maintained and new names for fire roads.

Many of the jumps parks in Torquay are in need of an upgrade. SCMTB is driving the project at the moment. Bob Pettitt pump track will be upgraded, hopefully prior to Christmas. Spring Creek plans underway for a major revamp. Under 20's are more interested in jumps than cross country so it's good to be relevant to them.

Kylhn Heath – Working Bees

Coming out of Covid, hoping to re-establish working bees the last Sunday of every month. Increased cycling throughout region means these will be very important to keep the trails in good condition. If everyone could contribute one day a year towards trail maintenance that would be fantastic!

Chiara Hill – Social Rides and Skills Clinics

The club has managed to organise plenty of social rides & skills clinics despite covid; kids, women only, social, age-specific kids' skills clinics. Also put 7 new instructors through training, and two of those have taken over running the kids' skills clinics. We had an external coach come in for advanced coaching through the year and two of our own members will do Level 1 coaching so we can run our own intermediate clinics. Women's skills clinics are coming up soon courtesy of a grant from Surf Coast Shire.

Richard South – Events

We held our first race, the Shifty Fifty August 1, 2021, raising almost \$8000 for the club. Next year, we're looking to add a gravel race on the day following Shifty Fifty.

Hoping to hold a social get together for our members at the end of the year. If anyone has suggestions for events, we're open to ideas.

Merchandise

Hoodies, tees, beanies, hats and jerseys available at Bike Matters and Hendry's. Proceeds go straight back into the club. Will look to add some more enduro jerseys, with potentially different design, in the future. Open to ideas.

Tony sending out stickers to all our members as a thanks for sticking with us through covid.

Brett Coleman – Marketing and Communications

Up from 210 to 260 members over the last year. Being able to maintain and grow our membership is fantastic. Thanks for supporting us! Being able to demonstrate a strong membership base is incredibly useful when we deal with land managers. Brett has no background in marketing and would be delighted if someone was interested in taking it on. If you know anyone interested in marketing, point them to Brett!

Luke Farrar - Member Feedback Summary

Thanks to all who responded to the survey. Great to see what our members want. Committee looking forward to getting together to discuss results and interpret what that means.

First Aid Officer, Karen Donaldson, does a great job ensuring our kits are maintained and we're up to date. Thanks Kaz!

Josh West has taken up Child Safety officer (in addition to Merchandise). Our ride leaders, skill clinics leaders, working bee members all need checks.

Angelo Krizmanic & Andrew Gooday – Grants

Surf Coast Shire has been great with events; supporting Shifty Fifty events for '21 and '22. They've also provided funding for women's skills clinics.

Ashbury Community fund paid for much of the new club marquee.

Torquay Community Enterprise funding a bike stand this financial year to be placed at Hurst Rd.

If you know of any private businesses offering sporting club grants, please let us know.

Tony Smales – Philanthropy

We received money a while ago that we used to create this account. Bought 3 bikes for local students who were in need. Also support Masaka Cycling Club, an amateur cycling club in Uganda, with a monthly donation. The third focus is young members of our club; where we ran a junior skills clinic subsidised by the club.

Aiming to charge small fee for skills clinics offered to members to supplement the fund.

Shane O'Brien - Finance

2020-21 finances summarised having been accepted by the committee at the previous committee meeting and sent to all members as part of our Annual Report.

Shane's been our Treasurer since the days of Surf Coast Trail Group. He'll be moving from Treasurer to a general committee role for the coming year. Thanks Shane for all the work!

We received over \$17,000 into our accounts this year via grants, fundraising, merchandise sales and memberships.

Largest expenses were merchandise purchase, the new marquee and 3 bikes for students. Overall balance up more than \$7000 from last year. Shifty Fifty adding a new income stream for us this financial year.

Thanks to Angelo and Andrew for securing so many grants for us! Grants income, combined with events, puts us in a great position to fund our needs.

Announcement of committee:

President - Tony Smales

Vice President – Brett Coleman

Treasurer – Tara Findlay, second: Chiara Hill

Secretary – Luke Farrar, second: Rich South

General Committee:

Karen Donaldson, Marlene Gojanovic, Andrew Gooday, Chiara Hill, Kylhn Heath, Angelo Krizmanic, Shane O'Brien, Richard South, Josh West

New people nominated for committee:

Daniel Alexander, second: Andrew Gooday

Nick Galloway, second: Brett Coleman

You don't have to be on the committee to put your hand up and help out at any time.

Would like to acknowledge that Phil Avery was on the committee this financial year and sadly passed away in a cycling accident. Thanks again to all our members and to all our committee members. It's great to have so many enthusiastic people Involved with the club.