

SCMTB 2022-2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date : Saturday 25 November 2023

Time: Meeting Opened : 12:15 pm
Meeting Closed : 1:00 pm

Location : Anglesea Bike Park, 80 Camp Rd, Anglesea VIC 3230.

Meeting Minutes Recorder : Brett Coleman (Vice President)

Minutes Accepted : : Tony Smales (President)

AGM Attendance :

Tara Finlay, Nick Galloway, Luke Farrar, Josh West, Simon Barnfather, Vanessa Jackson, Tony Smales, Graham Turner, Brett Coleman, Paul Ferris, Ruth Taylor, Didi Lo, Shannon Thomson, Rod Joyce, Stephen Wilkin, Julia Spink, Tim Hellsten, David Gray, Michael Bodsworth, Damien Elsworth, Richard South, Kylhn Heath.

AGM Quorum :

22 Members in attendance (of 206 eligible voting members, Members 18+ years of age)

With 10.7% of eligible voting members in attendance, quorum was achieved.

Preamble:

Prior to the AGM, a number of members joined an upper intermediate social lead by club Vice-President Brett Coleman. The AGM was held in conjunction with the club's xmas party as well as the Anglesea Bike Park's 17th birthday party. A free BBQ lunch was provided by the club following the AGM, as well as a jumps and longest skid competition for those riders interested in taking part. A number of prizes were awarded. Thanks to Torquay Eyecare, Bike Matters & Hendry Cycles for providing those. Good times were had by all.

Opening & Welcome - Tony Smales

Tony commenced with the Acknowledgement of Country and then gave thanks to our members, sponsors, partners and committee members.

Specific thanks were noted for the collaboration and support provided by the Surf Coast Shire, DELWP, Parks Victoria, Scouts Victoria, Vic Roads, Alcoa and other land managers that work with the club to progress the trails formalisation goals held by the club.

Tony outlined his gratitude to be leading a club that offers a variety of activities including social rides, skills clinics, kids rides, working bees and races whilst still continuing our important role of trail advocacy for the Surf Coast. He acknowledged that we can't cover everything that members may seek and that if members would like to see anything specific, please let us know. He also encouraged anyone who might be in a position to assist with any of our offerings, also feel free to let us know.

The reports presented are for the financial year ending June 30 and that the meeting today also incorporates the clubs X-mas party as well as the 17th birthday celebration for the Anglesea Bike Park and we thank the ABP committee for joining with us to provide a fun day for all local riders.

Tony acknowledged those on the committee leaving following the AGM including Tara Findlay, Marlene Gojanovic & Daniel Alexander and thanked them for their valuable contributions. Tara has been an incredible contributor and came on board the committee when the club first formed late 2018. She undertook the role of Secretary and more recently Treasurer. Marlene was also involved for a number of years in both leading women's rides and coaching at various skills clinics. She's taking a break and hopefully we'll see her return in some capacity in the future. Daniel has also been on the committee a number of years and has been a regular volunteer when we've called out for assistance.

Thanks specifically to the following fantastic supporters of the club:

- Chris Jones from Fella Designs for keeping our website up to date & supporting us around all things IT related.
 - Surf Coast Shire who have been fantastic supporters of all things MTB related on the Surf Coast and also kindly supported our Shifty Fifty event with a generous grant.
 - Anglesea Bike Park Committee for allowing us to use their space at various times throughout the year and supporting our trail advocacy work.
 - GORCAPA (now DEECA) trails crew who are the new organisation overseeing much of the land on which our trails are located and are currently developing the Regional Trails Management Strategy Plan.
 - The local bike shops who've been tremendously supportive including Jake from Bike Matters, Steve from Hendry Cycles and Ari from Trailhead Bike Co.
 - Finally thanks to all of our members for their ongoing support, we wouldn't be a club without you!
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Our Annual Report has been emailed to all members and will soon be available on our website. Tony encouraged everyone to have a look through and that we're always surprised by how much does get done each year.

Reports from the various areas of the club were then presented as below.

Membership – Tony Smales

Thanks to Nick Galloway, our membership officer. We're aware that membership prices have increased through AusCycling and that's not always easy for everyone. At the end of June 2023, we had 279 members, 63 of these under 18. Of membership fees, we receive \$20 for adults and we waive our membership fee for juniors. We hope that everyone can continue as members but if that becomes financially unviable for anyone, an alternate option is making a small donation to our club via the trail kitty. The link to that is on our website. All monies received go straight back into the trails.

Trail Advocacy - Tony Smales

This takes up a large proportion of the club's time and resources and is important as we currently have less than 30km of formal single trail in Hurst Rd & the Currawong Falls loop. Tony outlined the importance of the Anglesea MTB Trail Network Concept Plan moving forward that proposes 107km of trails between Hurst Rd and Airey's Inlet. We work closely with all of Parks Vic, Surf Coast Shire, GORCAPA (now DEECA), camp managers, GORRT, environmental groups & business advocates around this and we thank them for their ongoing contributions and support. We believe that the formalisation of a much larger network of MTB trails offers enormous local benefits with an important one being a significant reduction in illegal trail building. Regular stakeholder meetings are held with the next step being to secure funding to advance this concept plan. Various funding avenues are being investigated for this.

The club's support and advocacy for Surf Coast Bike Park developments was presented. The Club has worked with the Surf Coast Shire to help progress planning and community engagement for local bike parks, including Anglesea Bike Park, Bob Petitt reserve Jan Juc & Spring Valley & Connewarre Bike Parks. The club feels we've achieved great success in this area. We were able to assist a community led and designed major revamp of the Bob Petitt reserve bike park that has been incredibly popular with local riders and ongoing maintenance has occurred. We are working with SCS for a similar major revamp of Spring Valley bike park but realistically that might be a couple of years away. If anyone is interested in assisting with this area, we'd love to hear from you.

Another area we are working on is the Link trail between Pt Addis Rd and Hurst Rd. This is a much used trail that is in desperate need of work. We have been working with the Shire, Vic Roads and Parks Victoria on this project.

Tony mentioned that a key element of success for the Club, is that the Club continues to act as a responsible steward of the trails. Demonstrating a continued commitment to this, maintaining a sustainable and responsibly managed trail network, will ensure that mountain biking is positioned for a long and vibrant future in the Surf Coast.

Social Rides and Skills Clinics – Brett Coleman

The club hosted 31 social rides that included beginner, lower & upper intermediate, women's only & farm MTB park rides. The main limitation on these is the availability of ride leaders so if anyone wants to assist, please let us know.

There were 20 skills clinics including kids, teens gravity, women's only & mixed adult skills with Cazz Clarke. These were either free or heavily subsidised by the club.

Events – Brett Coleman

The Shifty Fifty event was our biggest ever and raised over \$12,000 for the club. A big thanks to all of those who assisted in putting this one.

A brief report was given of the recent combined race with GMBC that will be reported on further at next year's AGM. This was very successful and thanks to Parks Vic for their support.

Philanthropy - Tony Smales

Tony provided a brief overview of the Club's philanthropy goals and activities.

Tony advised that the club has in the past worked with local schools to provide bikes for kids in need. This is done at arms length from the club, with the schools internally identifying and managing the placement of bikes into the community. The club is happy to support this and looking to continue this in the year ahead, with no recognition needed from the children or families individuals that are beneficiaries.

The Club also makes a small monthly donation to the Masaka Cycling Club in Uganda.

Finance – Tony Smales

Tony presented the financial summary for the 2022-2023 financial year and thanked Tara for her fantastic work in overseeing and reporting on the club's finances.

The club has approx. \$30,000 in our bank account. Tony explained that we aren't looking specifically to build this figure but a significant amount might be required in the future to leverage for funding for future trail projects.

The club's financial statements were contained within the 2022-2023 Annual report. The motion was raised and was unanimously passed by all members present, to accept the financial statements as shown within the 2022-2023 Annual Report.

Working Bees, Maintenance and Trail Stewardship – Tony Smales

Tony provided an overview of the significant efforts undertaken by the club committee, members & supporters that routinely volunteer their time and energy to maintain the Hurst Road trail network. Working bees are undertaken on the last Sunday of each month, and encouraged members present at the AGM to spread the word and attend as many as possible. Some are conducted with machines, some using hand tools. RSVP's are super important to allow leaders to plan ahead of time how to maximise outcomes.

An important aspect highlighted was that the club plays a very important role in maintaining access to the Hurst road trails, recognising that trails within National Parks are very uncommon. This requires a high level of diligence and trail stewardship to be led by the club. It is a privilege to have trails formalised in this area, and we have an obligation to future generations to ensure that the trails are maintained and sustainable for years to come.

Our excellent trail conditions at Hurst Road (even after significant rain events) is only accomplished by diligent maintenance of the trails - with much effort in the last year spent on drainage improvements and clearing of blocked drains.

We are also working with scouts to potentially do some work on the loop that goes around the scout camp.

Thanks to all the volunteers, Parks Victoria, Surf Coast Shire and others that have supported our efforts to maintain the Hurst Road trail network over the last year.

Environment – Tony Smales

Tony emphasised that environmental considerations are very high on our priority list. We believe that if trails are built sustainable and are well maintained, it's a much better outcome for both riders and the environment. We have two environmental scientists who assist with information when required.

Merchandise - Josh West

Josh provided a great overview of the Merch sold over the last year and had merch on display at the AGM with items for sale on the day.

Josh advised that the Club's policy is that Merch is sold at very-near cost price, to make this more accessible and affordable to members and others.

Josh gave thanks to some local businesses that have supported the Club by displaying and selling club Merch within their shops - Hendry Cycles Marshall, Mike Matters Torquay and Trail Head bike Co. in Anglesea.

Grants & Fundraising – Tony Smales

Tony provided an overview of the 2022-2023 grant program and thanks Andrew Gooday for his work on that.

The club was successful in securing a \$2500 grant from Surf Coast Events for the Shifty Fifty and received approx. \$1300 in donations from riders via the Australian Sports Foundation portal, MTB Direct Dollars for Dirt program and a donation from Bayside Orienteering.

The Club welcomes ideas from members for funding projects.

The AGM presentation was formally closed by President Tony Smales, with voting following.

END OF AGM PRESENTATIONS

Voting

After the AGM presentations were officially closed by the Club President, all positions on the committee were declared vacant and the voting process for the 2023-24 Office bearer positions and non-office bearer positions was then undertaken.

Administration of the voting process was undertaken by an independent and impartial club member (Graham Turner). Graham was not on the committee and was not running for any position on the committee.

Voting - Office Bearer Results

One nomination was received prior to the AGM for the vacated Treasurer position. No further nominations were received for the office bearer positions other than the incumbent committee members offering to continue.

These members were voted on - and by default received unanimous support by the members present.

The re-affirmed office bearer positions for 2023-2024 are :

- President - Tony Smales
- Vice President - Brett Coleman
- Treasurer – Simon Barnfather
- Secretary - Luke Farrar

Voting - Non-Office Bearer Results

Voting also occurred for non-office bearer positions. No new nominations were received.


The non-office bearer roles were voted upon, with unanimous support from the members present to maintain the incumbent committee members.

The re-affirmed non-office bearer (sub-committee) positions for 2023-2024 are :

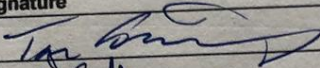
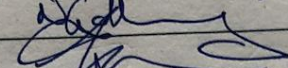
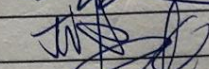
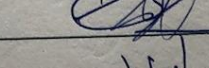
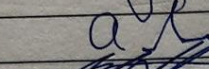

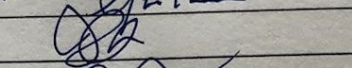
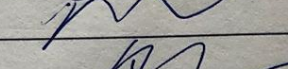
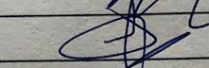


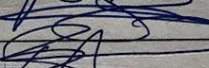
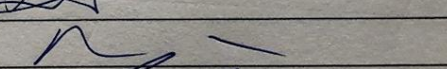
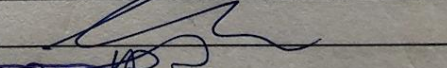

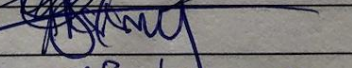
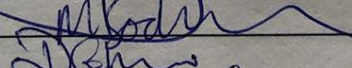
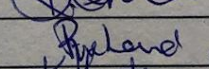
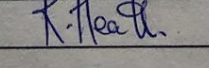
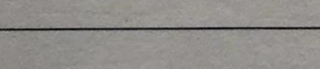
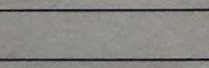


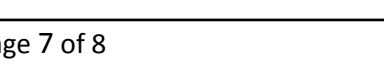


- Andrew Gooday (Trail Advocacy)
- Kylhn Heath (Working Bees)
- Didi Lo (Trail Advocacy)
- Richard South (Events)
- Josh West (Merchandise and child safety)
- Nick Galloway (Memberships)
- Damien Elsworth (First Aid)

END OF AGM

Appendix A - Attendance Record for the AGM


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SCMTB Annual General Meeting, 2023.
 Anglesea Bike Park
 25-11-2022
 Attendance Record

No	Name	Signature
1	TARA FINDLAY	
2	DICK GALLOWAY	
3	Luke Farrar	
4	JOSH WEST	
5	SIMON BARNFATHER	
6	VANESSA JACKSON	
7	Tony Smalel	
	X FRED BATTERWORTH	
8	GRAHAM TURNER	
9	BRETT COLEMAN	
10	Paul Ferris	
11	Ruth Taylor	
12	Didi Le	
13	Sharon Thomson	
14	Rod Joyce	
20	John W. Kin	
	JANE SAUNDERS	
	BRIAN ALLEN	
16	JULIA SPINCE	
20	CHRISTIAN WILKINSON	
	John Gibbons	
18	TIM KELLSTEN	
19	DAND GRAY	
17	MIKE BODSWORTH	
15	DAMIAN ELSWORTH	
21	RICH SOUTH	
22	Kylnn Heath	

Appendix B - Photo of the AGM

