

SCMTB 2023-2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date : Sunday 24 November 2024

Time: Meeting Opened : 11:30 pm
Meeting Closed : 12:30 pm

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

Meeting Minutes Recorder : Luke Farrar (Secretary)

Minutes Accepted : Brett Coleman (Vice President)

Preamble:

Prior to the AGM, a number of members joined an upper intermediate social led by club Vice-President Brett Coleman. A free BBQ lunch was provided by the club following the AGM. A number of prizes were awarded. Thanks to Bike Matters & Hendry Cycles for providing those.

AGM Quorum :

34 Members in attendance (of 181 eligible voting members, Members 18+ years of age)

With 18.7% of eligible voting members in attendance, quorum was achieved (>10%).

Refer Appendix A for Attendee register.

Opening & Welcome - Tony Smales

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

Tony introduced the Surf Coast Shire Mayor, Mike Bodsworth, who provided an inspirational talk on the importance of community led initiatives, such as the work done by the Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club. Mike gave praise to the club and its work, the volunteers that contribute to making the club a success.



Mike Bodsworth, Surf Coast Shire Mayor.

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

Tony acknowledged those on the committee leaving following the AGM including Richard South & Didi Lo and thanked them for their valuable contributions. Rich was part of the founding committee members and has been instrumental in establishment of the Shifty Fifty event, and Didi has been an active contributor to the Committee and events.

Tony advised his intention to step down from the President role from the AGM onwards.

"I am stepping down from my role of President and from the committee but will stay onboard in various roles mainly in the Trail Advocacy area

We started as a sub committee of the Geelong MTB club back in early 2013 and become our own club about 6 years ago. Over those nearly 12 years there has been a load of people who have helped to make the club what it is today. Some are still with the club or on the c'tee and some have moved on to other things. I'm not going to go through everyone but I would like to say a big thanks to everyone for

the time spent working with you all. It has been my pleasure and I've taken something and learnt something from every one of you.

I will point out one person though amongst the many and that is Brett Coleman. You all know him and what he gets done and without Brett I don't think we would have achieved anywhere near as much as we have to this point. He's pretty no nonsense and just gets things done so is a good foil for me as I tend to want to discuss the whats and wherefores of all things before moving forward. It's been a great pleasure working alongside you Brett. Thanks heaps

Thank – you's

There are so many people who help to make this club what it is and some of them are in the background and may not be known. There's also a lot of larger organisations that help to drive the way forward for mountain biking in the area."

Thanks specifically were mentioned 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.
- The Local bike shops
Huge thanks to Jake and the crew at Bike Matters. He is always up for giving us a prize or two to give away and supports us by keeping his customers informed on what is happening in the MTB scene. You can also grab some of our merch at the shop. Thanks heaps Jake and crew
Thanks to Steve and now Simon and the crew down at Hendry Cycles in Grovedale. Steve has been in the game for ever and still loves supporting the local scene and throws us a give away or two when we have an event on. You can also get merch from Hendrys so drop by there if you're in G town at anytime. Thanks heaps Steve.
- Surf Coast Shire - The SCS are the number one supporter of mountain biking in our area. They are the ones who are trying to get funding for our trails and have already pledged shire money for the project. They are also in charge of all the bike parks and with a bit of prompting they try their hardest to keep them in good nick. We are always in discussions with Paul and his crew at the shire to keep on top of anything that's happening.
- GORCAPA - The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority are gradually becoming the main land manager in the areas where our trails are situated. They are very supportive of trails and mountain biking and are currently developing a document called Regional Trails Management Strategy Plan. The plan is at draft stage and should be complete very soon . Thanks to Matt and his team down there
- Also a big thanks to Business Anglesea, Anglesea Community Network, Anglesea Community House, local events crew, camp managers, local environment groups and everyone else that has supported the club and the trails along the way
- Special thanks to our Grants providers - such as Ashbury, Surf Coast Events, Bendigo Bank and others.

Committee Members Leaving

- Richard South - Events. Rich was instrumental in establishing the Shifty Fifty event.
- Didi Lo - has been a great supporter of the club.
- Tony Smales - stepping down from the president role.

Tony Smales Testimonial

Brett Coleman (VP) presented a testimonial to commemorate Tony's foundational contribution to the SCMTB club. Tony's leadership, his passion for trail advocacy and his skills in networking with critical stakeholders were praised and were noted to be second to none. Without Tony, the club would likely not exist and the formalised trail network we now enjoy as a riding community may not have been developed. Various club members and close friends provided a few words which Brett read out to thank Tony for his prolonged effort and dedication to the club and to formalisation of trails in the region.



Tony Smales, Outgoing Club President and local trail legend.

Annual Report - It was noted that the SCMTB 2023-2024 Annual report has been published and has been provided to all members in advance of the AGM. This includes reports on all club functions and the clubs financial position.

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

Membership – Tony Smales & Nick Galloway

Thanks to Nick Galloway, our membership officer for 2023-2024.

We are affiliated with Auscycling and we know that membership prices have risen quite dramatically over the last two years. The club only receives \$20 from your membership and we don't get any from under 18's memberships.

We continue to inform Auscycling about our members' needs and encourage them to add more value to our memberships.

For those who do not choose to have a membership we have a forum where you can still support the club financially. On our website and at the signs at Hurst Rd, there are QR codes where donations can be made to our Trail kitty. By donating to this area all funds will be spent directly on the trails on tools, materials etc. It's a great way to give a little or even for members to give a little more knowing that all funds end up with the club.

This year we had 256 members at the end of the 23-24 year.

Trail Advocacy - Tony Smales

As always this is an area that continues to take up a good percentage of the club's time and energy. We think it is worthwhile putting the time into, as we currently have less than 30km of singletrail in the Hurst Rd area and the Currawong Loop which are our only formal trails. These trails behind us here and the trails going west to Aireys are all still informal or illegal as Parks often tell us. They are always in threat of closure so we are really keen to have our Anglesea MTB Trail Network Concept Plan formalised so we have trails that we know will be here forever once we are allowed to tweak them and maintain them.

We work with all stakeholders including PV, SCS, GORCAPA, camp managers, GORRT, environmental groups and business advocates. We do this through regular stakeholders meetings where the discussion is quite robust, but we always stand our ground and ensure our demands for formalisation of trails are heard.

The new way forward for this coming year is that the club will be working with the Shire to determine if funds are available to do assessments and planning on Area 9 where the bulk of our gravity trails are sited.

Jumps parks

Bob Pettitt at Jan Juc is going along well and we now have 200K for a major revamp of Spring Valley Jumps Park.

Social Rides and Skills Clinics – Brett Coleman

Brett provided an overview of the social rides and skills clinics, which were again seen as a success this year. The club hosted or co-hosted 34 formal social rides and there were 8 formal skills clinics. The club has 9 coaches in our midst who have completed the Mountain Bike Foundation Instructor coaching course & we have 1 coach (Josh West) very soon to undertake further training that'll be the equivalent of a Level 1 coach.

Events – Brett Coleman

The Shifty Fifty event was successfully run again this year and raised over \$11k for the club. A huge thank to all who assisted. The club also co-hosted a round of GMBC's No Frills Spring Series in Eumeralla that was a great success also and the first time we've been able to locate the event village including parking in Eumeralla.

Philanthropy - Tony Smales

The club has, in recent times, 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, with no recognition needed from the children or families' of the individuals that are beneficiaries.

The Club also makes a small monthly donation to the Masaka Cycling Club in Uganda. They are a club that helps riders to learn riding skills and work their way towards racing if wanted. Check them out, they do a great power of work.

We are also supportive of young riders through grants where needed to help advance their skills and by paying for youth clinics.

Finance – Simon Barfather

Simon presented an overview of the club's finances, making reference to the financial statements as shown within the Annual Report.

The club's financial statements were contained within the 2023-2024 Annual report. The statements were accepted.

Working Bees, Maintenance and Trail Stewardship – Kh Heath

Ky 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.

We have working bees every month. They are super important to keep the trails in good condition. We would love even more people to come onboard, you don't need any skills. All working bees are advertised by email and on FB, Please RSVP if coming. We are only allowed to work on formal trails currently. There were a few bigger projects but plenty of smaller work bees where we cleared drains, built grade reversals and did some pruning.

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

Helping to conserve our fragile environment is high on the club's priority list. We are firm believers in having access to our wonderful forests and heathland by the use of suitable, sustainable and enjoyable trails and that the best way to achieve this is by having a long and varied trail network in the area. This minimises illegal trail building by giving trail users something they want to revisit and look after. We have environmental scientists amongst our membership and we have drawn on their expertise in the past to assist us with information when needed. The concept plan's initial stage will be to conduct environmental and cultural assessment of the proposed trails.

Merchandise

Club Merchandise is run by Josh West.

Merchandise was briefly discussed by Tony. No Merch was not available for sale at the AGM.

Merch is available from the Club website, but also is available at Hendry's and also Bike Matters.

Grants & Fundraising – Brett Coleman

Brett provided an overview of the 2023-2024 grant program, and thanked Andrew Gooday for his continued work in this area.

The club was successful in again securing a \$2500 grant from Surf Coast Events for the Shifty Fifty.

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.

Nominations for all office bearer positions and for committee members positions were stated, but it was noted that the club was also happy to take any last minute nominations for positions.

No additional nominations were received.

Nominations

The final nominations for each position were as below:

President – Nick Galloway
VP – Brett Coleman
Treasurer – Simon Barnfather
Secretary – Luke Farrar

Voting:

A vote was undertaken and all nominations were endorsed by unanimous vote of the members present.

The confirmed office bearing positions for 2024-2025 are:


President – Nick Galloway
VP – Brett Coleman
Treasurer – Simon Barnfather
Secretary – Luke Farrar

General committee (non-office bearing positions) were reconfirmed as below (no voting needed) :

Josh West
Andrew Gooday
Damien Elsworth
Kylhn Heath
Julia Spink

END OF AGM

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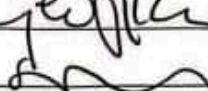
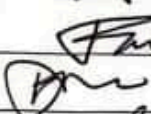

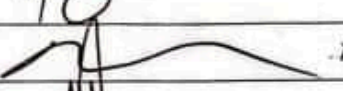

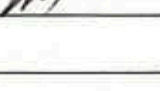
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Paul Callaway	
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Brett Coleman	
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SIMON SARNFATHER	
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SULIA SPINK	
Marti Steyn	
Jackson Helm	

Appendix B - Photo of the AGM

