



## Annual General Meeting

Location: Catalyst IT, Level 4, 140 Willis Street.

**Meeting opened:** 6pm, Wednesday 20 June 2012

**Apologies:** Emma Gibbs, Steven Wallace, Bryn Dickerson, Nigel Searles, Ted Bertrand

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### **President's Report**

Dave welcomed everyone and acknowledged that it was great to see so many members at the meeting.

Dave then proceeded to run through his report on the 2011/2012 year.

- Events
  - Long Gully Open Day.  
Held on the 6th of August, this was well received by a large number of riders and introduced a large number of new riders to the trails. The club will be looking to run a similar event this year.
  - Downhill Series.  
The 2 event series was badly effected by the weather and the club only just broke even on these events.
  - Mt Vic Super D.  
Huge event for the club. Well supported by sponsors. The club will be looking to partner with PNP again this year to run this event.
- Main issues for the club.
  - Long Gully.
    - WCC have notified the club that no open vehicles are to be used on the ridge road (which is managed by WCC).
    - Continued access abuse with riders who are not members riding the coat tails of others passing through the gate.
    - Dig day numbers for gully trail digs are way down.
  - Committee Retirements.  
A large number of the existing committee will be or have stepped down. New committee members will be needed for the continued vitality of the club.
- Year ahead.
  - Trailers for hire.  
The committee will be advertising to the membership that the trailers will be available to hire for use within Wellington by members.
  - On-line payments via website.  
The committee has been investigating the Wild Apricot website software and will be converting the current site to use this for the coming membership year. This will include on-line payments for membership and events.
  - Mt Vic Super D  
This successful event will be run again and Dave will be looking for more

- people to help out with it's organisation.
- No DH Series in 2012/2013
  - There are currently no DH events planned until at least the end of summer 2013.
  - The club will not be tendering to host a national round this year
  - This is all due to the lack of entries and the high cost of holding events , particularly at the gully.
- More shuttle days
  - To make up for the lack of events, the committee plans to run more shuttle days. These may be combined with dig days as traditionally done, or solely riding days. Shuttle days will be run not just at the Gully but also at other tracks around Wellington.
  - Shuttle days will be ramped up close to the racing season to allow those preparing for events to get plenty of practice.
- Coaching clinics
  - The committee is also looking at organising DH racing specific clinics and making these available to the members.

### **Financial report**

In Emma's absence, Dave reported that the end of year financial statements had yet to be prepared. This is due to an issue with the transfer of all club banking to the BNZ. The old club bank, Westpac had deleted the contact records for the last remaining club contact in town and this was making it difficult to get hold of the final statements. Jordan and Emma are currently working with the bank to get hold of these details.

Dave reported that the club was financial and had a current balance of \$13,000 between the WMTBC and MTP (Miramar Track Project) accounts.

As soon as the statements become available, the financial report will be posted on the club website. Members will be invited to review and if they have any feedback or concerns, any member is welcome to the next committee meeting to air these. The next committee meeting will be held Wednesday 18th of July at 6pm (venue to be advised on the club site).

## **Change of Club Rules**

The club intends to seek charitable status. To support this application, the committee advised that a small change to the rules would be beneficial. The change is to section 2 and add the words "to be beneficial to the community".

**Motion:** To approve the changes to section 2 of the clubs constitution  
**Moved:** Dave Preece  
**Seconded:** Ben Wilde  
**Result:** Vote was unanimously in favour of the motion.

## **Miramar Track Project Report**

Ben and Russel presented a report on the activities of the Miramar Track Project. Ben started with thanks to the club and in particular to the committee for taking the MTP on as project and assisting with the financial accounting for the project.

MTP has had a busy year, and the highlights were:

- Completing the loop with the building of Repeat Offender
- Building of the pump track at the water towers area
- Successful fund raiser at the Roxy cinema with the showing of the movie "Pedal Driven"
- Successful first event, the Escape from Mt Crawford Super D

MTP have been working on some partnerships with business in the local Miramar area and acknowledge the support of The Gasworks in particular.

Plans for next year include:

- A new descending track from the top of Jail Brake to join with Repeat Offender. This track is called Solitary and has sign off from the landowner (WCC). It will be more technical in nature than Jail Brake.
- Extensions to the pump track and kiddies tracks
- More planting of natives in the reserve
- Procuring a container for tools and a club trailer. The MTP has signed a lease with the WCC for a site and sponsorship will be sought from local businesses to assist with purchase of the container.

## Election of Officers

All elections were by acclamation, there were no contested positions.

The committee for 2012/2013 is:

President	Dave Preece
Secretary	Russel Garlick
Treasurer	Peter Cassidy
Long Gully Manager	John Baddily
Membership Coordinator	Daniel Smith
Events Manager	Michael Stirrat
Trailer Manager	John Whale
Miramar Track Project Rep	Ben Wilde

### Track Overseers

Race Track	Tony Harvie
Jawbone	Liam O'Keffe
Dual Lines	Jordan Moss
4X (Mt Albert)	Jourdan Lethbridge
Rollercoaster/Portal	Eugene Black
Hippy's Trail (Mt Vic)	Steven Peters

### Committee

Michael Cowlin  
Hamish Kay  
Jordan Moss  
Steven Peters (WCC Liasion)  
Vee Burroughs  
Nicholas Humphreys  
Dave Carlyon  
Mat Wright  
Rose Wright  
Mark Shillingford  
Steve Wallace

## **Open Floor**

Dave invited those in attendance to bring forward any topics they would like to discuss.

### **Future of Long Gully – Dave**

Dave raised the topic of what to do with Long Gully. He stated that currently the number attending dig days and events was not sustainable and that the committee was open to ideas from the membership on what to do moving forward with the trails least the club be forced into the position to abandon or close them down. Dave stressed that this purpose of this discussion was to get feedback from the membership and that no decision about the future of the gully would be made at the meeting.

A discussion followed with the key themes being:

- Last year's open day was a success and should be run again
- All present were in favour of more shuttle days with many seeing it as a way to revitalise interest in the gully
- Vee and Ashley mentioned that they were keen to get a women's shuttle day organised to introduce more female riders to the tracks.
- Ben raised a question as to whether or not a full face should be mandatory to ride the tracks outside of events and that this may be seen as a barrier by many.

It was clear that all those present were supportive of gully tracks and were keen to help the committee and track overseers keep them open.

### **Rider Development and Support – Adrian/Tryfan**

Both Adrian and Tryfan raised the issue of the need for organised rider development, particularly for the Juniors. Tryfan volunteered to see what he could do through MTB Skills Clinics and Adrian offered his assistance.

Jordan noted that currently the club rules make it difficult to help specific riders financially. He suggested that a change to the rules be made to support this. Marco noted that PNP has a rider developer fund with a small amount from all events going into the fund for club members development.

## **Closing**

Dave thanked all present for their feedback and ideas, and that he was pleased to see new faces on the committee to help implement these.

**Meeting closed: 8:30 pm**

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