

**Minutes of MTBNZ AGM 2018**
**Venue: Commodore Airport Hotel, Christchurch**
**Date: 20th May 2018, 9am**
**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
Gil Peters (Pres)	Rotorua MTB Club
Chris Arbuckle (Treasurer)	Mountain Biking Otago
Ryan Hunt (Acting Sec)	Wellington MTB Club
Gareth Osmond (Gen Exec)	Mountain Biking Tauranga
Agata Bulska	Gravity Canterbury
Will Keay	Gravity Canterbury
Malcolm Thomas	Rotorua MTB Club
Anne Tyas	AKDH
Chris Tyas	AKDH
Sarah Olson	Manawatu MTB Club
Tom Bamford	Manawatu MTB Club
Craig Tregurtha	Christchurch Single Track Club
Rebekah Tregurtha	Christchurch Single Track Club
John Butler	Nelson MTB Club
Ian MacDonald	North Canterbury Cycle Club
David Oliver	North Canterbury Cycle Club
Kathryn Oliver	North Canterbury Cycle Club
Tuhua Mutu	Rotorua MTB Club
James Crawford	Mountain Biking Otago
Kristy Booth	Mountain Biking Otago
Daniel Burgess	Bike Methven
Jared Scollay	Department of Cycling/Jafakids
Lou Kelly	Cycling New Zealand
Matt Boulcott	Individual

**Proxies:**

Taupo MTB Club (Gareth Osmond)  
 Bennelong MTB Club (Gil Peters)  
 Auckland MTB Club (Ryan Hunt)  
 Hawkes Bay MTB Club (Tom Bamford)  
 New Plymouth MTB Club (Tom Bamford)  
 PNP Club (Tom Bamford)  
 NZDH (Anne Tyas)  
 Descend Rotorua (Anne Tyas)

**Apologies**

North Otago Mountain Bike Club  
 Dave Hamilton (Descend Rotorua, NZDH)

## **1. Welcome: Gil Peters (President)**

Meeting opened by Gil Peters at 9am.

## **2. Minutes from AGM 2017**

It was noted that the attendees list should be amended to add Malcolm Thomas.

Other than this change, it was confirmed that minutes from the AGM held 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 were a true reflection of the meeting.

*Moved by Ryan Hunt, seconded by Malcolm Thomas*

## **3. No further correspondence or matters arising from the minutes.**

## **4. President's report**

Gil Peters presented his report with emphasis on key items including:

- MTBNZ Exec remaining trimmed down in size but cohesive and effective with role descriptions of key office-holders having been developed and implemented.
- Progress being made in the event space but more to come
- Schools MTB Events surging
- Increasing membership and number of affiliated clubs, contributing to overall support of our sport
- Acknowledgement of rider development work taking place in a number of affiliated clubs
- Highlighted remarkable results at World Champs in Cairns Australia
- Thanked the exec members for their support

*Moved By Kristy Booth, seconded Tom Bamford*

## **5. Financial Report 2017**

Chris Arbuckle presented his report with emphasis on key areas including:

- The change in financial year to align with Cycling New Zealand and the effects of this on current finances – two cycles of affiliation captured in one year.
- MTBNZ has again grown with 44 clubs now affiliated and ~7000 financial members. Chris thanked clubs for their continued support through the changes to affiliation structure, as it has resulted in a much more solid financial position for the organisation.
- The impact on finances of managing entry system for the national series events – MTBNZ is only temporarily holding this revenue as the majority is returned to host clubs.
- Acknowledging there have been difficulties with membership and that MTBNZ will review again with Cycling New Zealand to try and mitigate these issues in future years
- Cycling New Zealand covering MTB World Championship team costs formerly done by MTBNZ has helped the organisations finances.
- 95% of MTBNZ Income is from club affiliations. Over the next year more focus on sponsorship and other income streams.
- The organisation is in a position where income is known known, which allows better planning but also puts us in a position where we need to plan going forward and build budgets

Chris then answered a few questions from the floor arising from the financial report:

Oceania Championships – (MTBNZ Covered commissaire and drug testing costs, approximately 8600) and will need to review how to handle with these biannual costs going forward.

There is potential to support riders etc if there is a sufficient buffer.

Affiliated Club numbers predicted to plateau (now 44) – Highlighted potential opportunity to re-visit trail building groups – open dialogue with trail fund, as MTBNZ insures all clubs for track building activities.

Report accepted.

***Moved by James Crawford, Seconded by Gareth Osmond.***

## **6. Motions & Remits**

Nil received

## **7. Election of Officers**

Gil Peters requested nominations for Executive Committee Roles 2018:

- President

Gil Peters was nominated to continue in the role by Rotorua Mountain Bike Club

Moved by Moved by Malcolm Thomas, Seconded by Rebekah Tregurtha

- Secretary

Ryan Hunt was nominated to the role by David Oliver, Seconded by Tuhua Mutu

- Treasurer

Chris Arbuckle was nominated to continue in the role by Rebekah Tregurtha, Seconded by Malcolm Thomas

- General Executive:

- Gareth Osmond was nominated to continue in the role of General Executive (Schools Liaison by Mountain Bike Tauranga – Moved by Gil Peters, Seconded by Rebekah Tregurtha
- It was to be noted that Jamie Roberts (currently AKDH) had expressed interest in helping the exec, though not officially nominated. The group felt he should be contacted by the executive after the meeting to discuss further.

The floor was opened to further nominations for the general executive

- Agata Bulska was nominated by Daniel Burgess, seconded by John Butler

The group wished to have noted special acknowledgement for the work of Kim Hurst in the role of secretary over the 18 months prior to her resignation in February.

## **8. General Business:**

- It was noted that the Presidents report should be '2018' (consistency with previous years)
- It was requested that MTBNZ create a document to show as simply as possible where MTBNZ fits within the New Zealand Cycling Landscape. Particularly its place relative to Cycling New Zealand and in regards to funding, events, the performance hub and selection of international

teams. It was felt this is still unclear for the general public and a simple visual representation would aid clubs in education of their members

- Gil mentioned role of data in being able to lobby sport NZ for development funding. Currently the organisation has around 7000 financial members which is still far below recreational numbers.
- Malcolm Thomas provided an overview of how what Cycling New Zealand does assisting mountain biking with financially. Funds from high performance sport NZ are tagged to Olympic medals so are only going to aid Anton & Sam at this point. Sport NZ is the other source and some of this does go towards MTB Development through the National MTB Performance Hub. It was also explained that in all cycling disciplines the Hubs are able to function thanks to money from local businesses and individuals who sponsor them. The NZ World Championship team and NZ National MTB Championship are the other two areas where cycling NZ is putting funds into MTB.
  - He also indicated that funding from Sport NZ is not likely to be increased in the immediate future
  - It was confirmed that the money MTBNZ put into Oceania champs & NZ championship was a contribution to assist viability of these events. And is separate to funds secured by event host or that of Cycling New Zealand.
- There was a discussion around the inclusion of DH in the Olympics. The group decision was to request a letter from MTBNZ on behalf of clubs to Malcolm for the UCI MTB Management Committee expressing support for DH in the Olympics (but not at the expense of Cross Country (XCO)) It was also clarified that the UCI did not suggest the changes in Olympic XC quota that are in place for Tokyo and beyond.
  - Dion – Exec officer of BMX queried if inclusion in Commonwealth games would be a step in between (BMX is pursuing this though is already an Olympic sport).
- The National Mountain Bike Performance Hub was discussed. Overall the group still supports the concept and noted it has become a focal point for talent.
  - For clubs (and individual riders) the feeling was that they currently lack clarity around how to support their riders towards the Hub as there has not yet been any clarity around how riders are selected and at times there has appeared a disconnect between hub selection and that for world champs/world cup teams. It was also a surprise to the group that MTBNZ was not currently involved in processes surrounding hub athlete selection.
  - Andrew Matheson (Cycling NZ Chief Executive) was present at this point and receptive of the points made –He explained there is a plan to address the clarity and lack of MTBNZ input via a governance panel – It just has not happened yet. Gil affirmed a desire to see that underway this year – likely will put a call out to clubs for expressions of interest to be involved. Also feedback from athletes
- Discussion around visibility of MTBNZ – especially at events.
  - Mentioned flags and banners purchased this season
  - Reality of exec heavily committed
  - Something to look at again this season

- Discussion around MTBNZ needing to be there to check standards being adhered to – counterpoint was made that event day is too late for major changes, highlighted again the importance of being in contact with MTBNZ for any questions and throughout the lead-in.
- World Championship race Jerseys –Mtbnz Should look to formalise the subsidy/payment of the Worlds Jerseys going forward.
- Ian McDonald requested clarification regarding the insurance policy around trail building activities.
  - Chubb insurance – fires – Andrew Matheson confirmed volunteers are covered if there is a fire when track building. Further clarification was sort from the Insurer. MTBNZ to report back.
- MTB Otago – Expressed thanks to MTBNZ for substantial event support for Oceania Champs.
  - Kristy stressed the importance of thinking ahead if clubs are interested in hosting national/international events particularly Oceania Champs and the importance of communication with MTBNZ.
- Question was raised around issues at National Champs regarding the decision of commissaires:
  - Gil confirmed this has now been sorted, and gave a brief overview of the Commissaire Technical panel to be implemented this year, which will handle appointments, development, event reporting, education and conflict resolution, and if necessary sanctioning.
- David Oliver – Asked that the MTBNZ Executive looked at the newly released MTBA Selection Regulations with a view to reviewing the NZ policies. The executive group agreed to check out what MTBA have published.
- Matt Boulcott – Questioned the education/communication from CNZ/MTBNZ surrounding transgender athletes, sharing his experience as a commissaire at DH event over the summer.
  - Andrew Matheson acknowledged that lessons were learnt from this situation.
    - i. Rules come from International Olympic Committee – Adopted by UCI – and Cycling New Zealand and MTBNZ follow suit – as a member organisation Cycling NZ and by extension MTBNZ are obliged to follow what is set by the IOC. Sport NZ also endorses this policy.
    - ii. If a rider meets the IOC criteria they are entitled to be treated as any other male or female - This makes communication of the presence of transgender athletes difficult without either organisation contravening policy, He also stressed the multi-dimensional nature of the issue with care also needing to be taken around confidentiality.
    - iii. To summarise, Cycling NZ and MTBNZ will be guided by international governing bodies in this area, it is likely more changes are in the pipeline but ultimately we must follow the protocol lead of the UCI.
- Final vote of thanks to the executive from the floor.

**Closed 10:37am**