



Minutes of MTBNZ SGM 2016 held at Wellington Sport Med, Kilbirnie on 18th June 2016.

Attendees:

Name	Club
Gil Peters	Rotorua MTB Club
Chris Arbuckle	Mountain Biking Otago
Kim Hurst	PNP
Jeremy Christmas	Rotorua MTB Club
Phil Stevens	Manawatu MBC
Howard McConchie	Gravity Canterbury
Tom Bamford	Manawatu MBC
Ben Wilde	Nelson MBC
Daniel Burgess	Bike Methven
Ian MacDonald	North Canterbury CC
Gareth Osmond	MTB Tauranga
Beau Lowrie	Hamilton MTB Club
By Proxy	
Daniel Burgess	AKDH
By Invitation	
Pieter Reichwein	

Apologies:

Steve Bale – PNP
Malcolm Thomas – Rotorua MTB Club
Russel Garlick – Wellington MTB Club
Carl Larsen – Hawkes Bay MTB Club
Andrew Milne – MTB North Otago

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Welcome: Gil Peters (President)

Meeting opened by Gil Peters at 10:30am. All attendees welcomed to meeting. Representation of at least 10 affiliated clubs were confirmed present.

1. Financial Summary: Chris Arbuckle (Treasurer)

A summary of the current MTBNZ financial position was provided by the Treasurer. The overall income for the year is \$17,550 with the addition of recent affiliations strengthening MTBNZ's position towards the close of the reporting period.

Preliminary Funds at end of year - \$3,165; Assets - \$4,335; Accounts payable ~\$1170.

The Treasurer confirmed that MTBNZ's financial accounts are now robust. MTBNZ's financial position should improve further in 2017 with High Performance covering the expenses associated with the World Championships Team Manager.

The Treasurer will provide a full Financial Report for circulation by end of July 2016. It was also agreed MTBNZ align its financial reporting period to Cycling NZ's, Jan –Jan.

Moved: H McConachie / P Stevens

Action: C Arbuckle to provide Financial Report by end July 2016.

2. Election of Officers

Nominations for Executive Committee positions were received prior to the meeting as follows:

- a. Gil Peters nominated for position of President by Rotorua MTB Club.
- b. Chris Arbuckle nominated for position of Treasurer by Mountain Biking Otago.
- c. Kim Hurst nominated for position of Secretary by PNP.
- d. Gareth Osmond nominated for General Executive position by MTB Tauranga.

Motions were carried for the Election of Officers as follows:

- a. Gil Peters to continue as President. **Moved:** P Stevens / H McConachie
- b. Chris Arbuckle to continue as Treasurer. **Moved:** K Hurst / H McConachie
- c. Kim Hurst to take up position of Secretary. **Moved:** G Peters / C Arbuckle

Gil Peters recommended that consideration of General Executive members be deferred until a later portion of the meeting to enable further discussion around the structure of the Executive Committee that best fits the organisation's current core business to enhance MTBNZ's performance.

3. National Series 2017 & National Championships 2017 (XCO, DHI, XCM, CX)

A full and thorough discussion was held around a variety of topics regarding the National Series and National Championships for 2017.

a. Survey Results

Kim Hurst provided a summary of the results from the National Series 2017 Survey. The report compiled by Lisa Morgan was circulated to all attendees for consideration (Appendix 1).

Key points from the survey results included:

- i. Ensuring a suitably technical course for both XCO and DHI disciplines,
- ii. A race village/finishing gantry is valued by racers, which should shape the presentation/delivery of future National events,
- iii. Popular locations for events included:
 - A. North Island XC: Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington
 - B. North Island DH: Rotorua, Auckland
 - C. South Island XC: Wanaka/Queenstown, Nelson, Christchurch
 - D. South Island DH: Wanaka/Queenstown, Mt Hutt

b. Participation Level

It was agreed that participation should be aimed at achieving 120 racers at each round of National event for each discipline.

c. Double Header Format Feasibility

The feasibility of “double header” weekend events (races held on Sat and Sun) was discussed. The benefits of running two courses at the same venue were discussed and agreed that this should be sought where achievable without compromising the technical nature of the courses. Scheduling requirements for DHI racers requiring practice, qualification and race runs were discussed and deemed achievable with the participation level that MTBNZ aspires to achieve in 2017.

d. Commissaire Input

Gil Peters raised that Commissaire input is crucial to ensure an appropriate standard of event is delivered consistently. Jeremy Christmas recommended that a pragmatic approach was adopted regarding regulations and ideally an enhanced club capability could be achieved with one Commissaire/Event Director identified in each club for him to liaise with. Chris Arbuckle provided clarification about the financial expenses associated with Commissaires, which was \$1,488 (down from \$2,101 in 2015) in total for the entire National Series in 2016.

e. Prizemoney

The importance of prizemoney for National events was discussed. It was agreed that prizemoney alone may be an insufficient draw card but is held in high value by Elite racers. The participation of Elite racers in our National events is beneficial for aspiring younger racers. Daniel Burgess provided input that racers had previously expressed preference for a larger overall Series Champion prize pool than a smaller value for individual events.

f. Overall Series Champions Jerseys

Kim Hurst discussed the value of introducing XCO and DHI overall Series Champions jerseys to re-establish pride in the National Series and acknowledge the achievement of individual racers. This should be extended to winners of Elite and Age Group categories, male and female. One bid has already been received from an interested sponsor to contribute to 50% of the cost of the jerseys and provide free design.

g. Ranking

Gil Peters, Chris Arbuckle and Daniel Burgess all raised that DHI racers had indicated a strong preference for a ranking system to be established and for entry into the Elite category to be standardized.

h. Event Association

It was proposed that MTBNZ could seek to gain association with existing well-established high quality events that cater for Enduro and XCM disciplines to provide a National Championship title event in these disciplines. Jeremy Christmas outlined the UCI requirements for sanctioned National Championship events. It was recommended that MTBNZ sought to demonstrate its own capability with the delivery of a high quality National Series in 2017 so that approaching independent organisers could be viewed as a value proposition by both parties.

i. Secondary Schools

Jeremy Christmas recommended that MTBNZ consider tying non UCI youth/junior National Championship titles with the Secondary Schools Championships given the strength in numbers of participation in the latter. Issues around "elitism" detracting from wider participation were raised. Further discussion should be had on this topic.

It was proposed and carried that the National Series will be delivered in a new format as follows in 2017:

- a. National Series "double header" weekends – 2 races per weekend
 - i. South Island – x1 weekend XCO, x1 weekend DHI
 - ii. North Island – x1 weekend XCO, x1 weekend DHI
- b. National Championship event as fifth and final round of National Series.

Moved: H McConachie / I MacDonald

Action: Executive Committee to confirm dates and venues by end July 2016.

4. NZ Crown

Kashi Leuchs has offered NZ Crown to MTBNZ. There are significant associated administration costs and MTBNZ must ensure it has the capability to maintain the site. NZ Crown presents a unique opportunity to provide an established platform for racer ranking and event promotion, which MTBNZ could leverage significantly. There is also the opportunity for a revenue stream from advertising.

Approval was given for Chris Arbuckle to undertake due diligence and develop a business case to be presented to the Executive Committee at a future meeting to allow an informed decision to be made about whether NZ Crown should be pursued by MTBNZ.

Moved: J Christmas / T Bamford

Action: Chris Arbuckle to undertake due diligence and develop business case.

5. MTBNZ Strategic Aims

The discussion points from the General Workshop held in Auckland in on 22nd May 2016 were outlined.

a. Core Business

Gil Peters reiterated that, with the segregation of trail development and advocacy roles under TrailFund, MTBNZ has become the “sport face” of mountain biking and is the conduit to Cycling NZ and the performance side of the sport.

b. Realigning with Cycling NZ

Significant work has been successfully undertaken by Gil Peters to realign the relationship between MTBNZ and Cycling NZ. Strengthening this relationship further is essential for the success of MTBNZ in the current environment. Ian MacDonald requested an outline of the organisational structure and relationship between MTBNZ and Cycling NZ be developed and circulated to affiliated clubs to enhance understanding.

c. Constitution

The MTBNZ Constitution has not been updated since 2009. It was agreed that the Constitution should be reviewed as a matter of priority over the coming year.

d. Survey

Kim Hurst provided a summary of the results from the recent survey of MTB Clubs in NZ (Appendix 2). Of importance, the clubs hold the same areas of organisational development in high regard as that proposed at the General Workshop in Auckland last month.

This is a strong endorsement for the proposed strategy that involves MTBNZ improving its performance in the provision of resources and support for clubs as well as a strengthened network of affiliated MTB clubs nationally to improve its value proposition to clubs.

e. Executive Committee Structure

There have been role descriptions developed for President, Treasurer and Secretary recently.

It was agreed that roles and responsibilities of General Executives must be defined more tightly in the future so performance can be monitored to ensure MTBNZ is able to deliver its key objectives consistently. It was agreed that the structure of the Executive Committee should be driven by the outcome the organisation wishes to achieve.

With the development of the Performance Centre, the Performance Director role will come under that remit. There remains a need to ensure development at grass roots level to enable progression of participants in the sport.

The following structure for the Executive Committee was proposed:

- a. Core Executive Roles – President, Treasurer, Secretary
- b. Secretary to undertake Club Liaison role. Club Liaison role to be disbanded.
- c. Establishment of Coaching and Development/Liaison role(s). Nominations of Phil Stevens and Gareth Osmond for the role(s).
- d. Establishment of Technical Delegate and MTB Selector role. Nomination of Jeremy Christmas for the role (co-opted role UCI, CNZ, MTBNZ).
- e. Event Co-ordinator role to be explored further. It was acknowledged that there is a recently established skilled resource available in the Event Director role at Cycling NZ (Janette Douglas) for National Championship events. It was agreed that it is preferable for a role within the MTBNZ Committee to also be established to allow the co-ordination of relevant parties involved in the delivery of the National Series events to be undertaken. It was discussed that in the future, MTBNZ may seek to engage with an independent event promoter to present the National Series, in which case the responsibility of this role would fall largely under that remit but there should still be a communication pathway between the Executive Committee and concerned parties, in which case a Event Co-ordination Committee role would remain beneficial.
- f. Rider Representatives should be developed. Ideally, a representative of each discipline would be identified. The rider representatives must be licensed riders and be elected by riders.

Moved: G Peters / C Arbuckle

6. **Date For Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10th August 7pm-9pm by teleconference.

Meeting closed at 1:30pm.

Kim Hurst

Secretary

MTBNZ

Appendix 1: National Series 2017 Survey Results Report

Appendix 2: MTB Clubs of NZ Survey Results