



**MINUTES OF THE 81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CYCLING NEW ZEALAND  
FEDERATION INC (TRADES AS BIKENZ ROAD & TRACK) HELD ON  
25 MAY 2014 AT THE HOME OF CYCLING AVANTIDROME, CAMBRIDGE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**BRT COUNCIL**

Ivan Aplin  
Steve Canny  
Garry Bell  
Steve Hurring  
Brian Roulston  
Mike Sim  
Graeme Bunn

**BRT LIFE MEMBERS & PATRON**

Gordon Sharrock (Patron)  
Bruce Goldsworthy  
Alan Rice  
Graham Sycamore  
John McDonnell

**AUCKLAND**

Kelvin McNulty  
Martin Thompson

**TASMAN**

Malcolm Saunders  
Lance Spencer  
Matt Straker

**WAIKATO/BOP**

Graeme Bell  
Steven Pawley

**CANTERBURY**

Hamish Ferguson

**SOUTHLAND**

Lindsay Jordan  
Sier Vermunt

**WELLINGTON**

Alan Rice (Life Member)

**WEST COAST NORTH ISLAND**

Stephen Stannard  
Paul van Velthooven

**NORTHLAND**

Stuart Bell

**VISITORS**

Richard Leggat (BikeNZ)  
Andrew Matheson

VOTING STRENGTH: Declared at 26

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mark Ireland – Council  
Dave Osten – Council

Graeme Codyre – Auckland Centre  
Ron Cheatley - Life Member  
Bruce Dawe – Life Member  
Mid-South Canterbury Centre  
Bev May – Waikato  
Wellington Centre  
Ray Brown - East Coast North Island Centre

**Motion** that visitors have speaking rights

Ivan Aplin/Hamish Ferguson  
**Carried**

The meeting commenced at 8.40am.

Ivan Aplin, President, chaired the meeting.

**3. MARK OF RESPECT**

Mr Aplin asked all present to stand and observe a moment of silence for those members and associates who passed.

**2013**

Ritchie van Vugt  
Grant Toomey  
John Vercoe  
Craig Goulsbro  
Peter Deller  
Rex Brown

**2014**

Brian Kelly  
Jocelyn Goodwin  
Ann Scanlan

Mr Aplin point out 2 death were as results of cycling accidents.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in Auckland on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 have been previously circulated and affirmed by Council on 31 August 20 The minutes were circulated along with the agenda.

Brian Roulston/Steve Hurring  
**Carried**

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

Constitution changes: Agreed in principle, pending remits to the BikeNZ board and membership review. On hold – to be reviewed and passed at a special general meeting.

Traffic Management Outcome: NZTA Meetings – Ivan Aplin presented our concerns at Rotorua conference regarding section I (code of practice for temporary traffic management). No reduction likely in safety levels but more appropriate requirements for cycling. No conclusion on this matter as it is not an NZTA priority. Steve Canny,

Steve Hurring and Ivan Aplin to form a panel as contact for NZTA, and will send through slides to help highlight the issue.

Correct last sentences

**6. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The President's report has been circulated to Centres, Clubs and Life Members and is set out in the Annual Report.

**Motion** that the President's Report be accepted as circulated

Ivan Aplin/Stuart Bell  
**Carried**

**7. ANNUAL REPORT**

The BikeNZ Road and Track Annual Report is now part of the combined BikeNZ group Annual Report and the final report should reflect that.

**8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion** that Richard Leggat and Andrew Matheson of BikeNZ be scrutineers

Ivan Aplin/Steve Hurring  
**Carried**

Each nominating Centre spoke to their nominations, after which the following candidates were successfully elected.

PRESIDENT	Ivan Aplin
VICE PRESIDENT	Steve Canny
ISLAND DELEGATES	
North Island	Graham Bunn
South Island	Brian Roulston

**Motion** that the voting papers (election of officers and Life membership) be destroyed

Bruce Goldsworthy/Steve Hurring  
**Carried**

**9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

No nominations received

**10. PATRON**

**Motion** Council recommend that Gordon Sharrock continue as Patron.

Ivan Aplin/John McDonnell  
**Carried**

Gordon Sharrock spoke to the floor, noting that he is very proud to continue as patron. He observed the voting strength at this year's AGM is lower than usual and suggested council encourage Centres to present three delegates.

Ivan Aplin acknowledged Gordon's comments, adding that the council recognise some Centres cannot send delegates due to financial restraints.

## 11. AWARDS

Ivan Aplin noted that BRT have awarded the following athlete awards for 2013:

2013	Female Road Cyclist of the Year	Linda Villumsen (Auckland)
2013	Male Road Cyclist of the Year	Jack Bauer (Tasman)
2013	Female Track Cyclist of the Year	Lauren Ellis (Tinwald)
2013	Male Track Cyclist of the Year	Aaron Gate (Auckland Central)
2013	Emerging Talent	Georgia Williams (North Harbour)
2013	Junior Road Cyclist of the Year	Devon Hiley (Counties Manukau)
2013	Junior Track Cyclist of the Year	Liam Aitcheson (Wakatipu)

## 12. PROPOSED FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2015

No change to structure from that agreed in 2012 and no increase proposed.

Make re fence to informal guide and remove motions

## 13. REMITS

### 13.1 "That BRT undertake a study to investigate the future role of regional centres and to determine if there is indeed a need for regional centres"

*Since the inception of BikeNZ clubs are now more than ever dealing directly with BikeNZ for most issues (eg, membership, event registrations, etc) with the resultant diminishment of the historical role of regional centres.*

- Submitted by Canterbury Centre

#### **Response:**

There are many reasons why Centres remain in place.

- Centres are constitutionally documented in the CNZ Constitution and in most club constitutions.
- The structure has proven the test of time – 2 years ago when it was thought centres would disappear, there was a big uproar.
- Forum in Christchurch 2 years ago was of the consensus view that Centres are still needed.
- AGM delegates and voting come from the Centre structure and have proven successful.
- Having delegates from all clubs would prove cumbersome.
- Centre entries are required for 3 of our 4 main national championships.
- A number of track events require restricted entries and therefore qualification via Centres is important.
- **Action: The 2014 forum suggests that a Centres & Clubs - Survey be undertaken to consider all of the relevant factors relation to Centre operations**

**13.2 The Track U19 250m TT for men and women be made a New Zealand Championship Event.”**

*This has been an Elite Championship event for the last four years and a successful U19 trial was run at 2014 Championships with good fields. With Championship status this event will gain even greater numbers.*

- Submitted by Canterbury Centre

**Response:**

The current process for adding events to the track champs:

- Full review of each champs is undertaken
- New events are considered for suitability,
- They are then done as a demonstration event to trial them,
- Finally, will become a formal part of the programme and will have medals.

So we are already well into that process.

- All events will be looked at by the Events & Technical Panel, taking into consideration the popularity of the 250mm TT as well as the option of running the Sprints along World Cup lines with 18 riders.
- **Action: The 2014 forum recommends that this be sent to the events panel and discuss this matter with HP to identify advantages and disadvantages**

**13.3 That on the basis that there are separate National Track Championships , Elite/ U19 and Age Group, that these alternate between the North Island and South Island each year .**

*Historically it had been agreed that the track nationals would alternate between the North Island and South Island. This occurred until the first covered velodrome in New Zealand was opened in Invercargill in 2006. From 2007 until 2013 the track nationals have been held in Invercargill. This was agreed to by BRT as best for track cycling in New Zealand. The riders also wanted this and the results speak for themselves. For the last few years the track nationals have become two separate events.*

*With the opening of the second covered velodrome in Cambridge the 2014 Elite/ U19 were held there and the Age Group Champs in Invercargill.*

- Submitted by Cycling Southland

**Response:**

- Tendering process established in 2009 for 2010 – 2013 events.
- This remains the ideal, and currently forms one of the key factors that Council looks at when allocating champs but there are other factors that now need to be included.
- It is acknowledged that all current and future velodromes need to be utilised.
- There is a concern related to the cost of hosting indoors. Suggestions mooted about using outdoor velodromes.
- NB We still have the petition from a few years back.

**Actions:**

- **Council have already formed a panel to review the hosting of the Track Championships with BikeNZ and SportNZ. Council makes the final decision**
  - **An early decision timing and programme is preferred**
  - **Responsibility to a majority of BRT members**
  - **The 2014 forum supports the intent of North/South rotation**
  - **Recognition of higher costs in Commonwealth Game years – suggestion Elites held in the South Island in odd years to accommodate**
  - **Set dates following UCI meeting in second week of June**

**13.4 That there should be one national road and TT title for open men and women and U23 men. Support 25km distance.**

*Why should Open/Elite/U23s have two shots at a road title?*

- *We should be encouraging these riders to participate at our open championship in January.*
  - *There are plenty of opportunities to compete at club regional and national level competition without having to put on another event for this group of riders*
  - *We should be encouraging these riders to step up to the open/elite competition and have an event that can be promoted to possible sponsors.*
  - *We do not have this duopoly of opportunity with national track or national criterium.*
  - *We should be holding our national events up as the pinnacle events and not have a second tier event available.*
  - *This rationalisation would help us better resource the age group national Road championships.*
- Submitted by Cycling Southland

**Response:**

- There is already only one National Title for Elite / U23, which is won at the January Champs in ChCh.
  - The Club Nationals is for the “2nd tier” riders – those true amateurs who work and can only train at weekends and who can’t be competitive against our top international riders. There are no National Titles for these two age categories at the Club Nationals.
  - We believe there is a place for this event to cater for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier riders.
  - Additional entry fees are welcomed by organisers and are committed with Event Manager appointed until 2017.
  - The Road race course distance is generally 30km shorter and less difficult.
  - Approx. 2 years ago council advocated that the TT should be reduced to 25km – this was rejected by delegates.
  - Council still believes for the number of entries received for the club nationals TT should be 25km.
- **2014 Forum supports the SQ but with the 25km TT racing distance for Senior/U23 – 25km**

**13.5 That the club road nationals be moved to October.**

*Currently the club road nationals follow shortly after the track nationals. This limits some riders to prepare properly for both events.*

- *This causes congestion in the calendar for events being positioned where they are now.*
- *We ask that they be moved to October where they used to be in the calendar.*

- *This would also allow for costs of participants, clubs and organisers to spread over the year.*
- Submitted by Cycling Southland

**Response:**

- The Club Nationals are currently allocated until 2017.
- On changing to April/May 2010 – there was a lift of approx. 20% in entries which would indicate support.
- The issues around October – exams, young riders having to train in the cold, dark and fog (placing themselves at risk) still exist.
- Current off season of June/July/Aug is a great break for everyone
- **The 2014 Forum supports the status quo**

### 13.6 Team Events

*To allow athletes to ride team events at Track Nationals without the need to change clubs.  
To encourage participation in all team events.  
To enhance teams racing.*

- *To help encourage and foster a higher standard of teams racing at track nationals, composite teams should be allowed to enter as they currently do but that the points earned by a composite team member are carried through to the respective centres as represented within the composite team. Ref: Page 2 of 2*
- *The current points' allocation system for events should be readdressed by BRT to accommodate composite team members.*
- *Team events should carry greater points than individual events.*
- Submitted by West Coast North Island Centre

**Response:**

- Remit submitted last year and was thoroughly debated by a panel which included a wide range of stakeholders and their recommendations were considered and then adopted by Council.
- Council acknowledges this outcome was poorly communicated in the minutes.
- Adopted recommendation is for the events for individuals, only those events that have 5 or more centres entering riders will count for points in the overall points shield.
- In teams events there will need to be 5 teams entered for the points to count towards the overall Points shield.
- Composite teams are put together by the Commissaires Panel, so teams are not stacked.
- **Council view is the current arrangements needs to run for a couple years before considering changing and a review will then be conducted**
- **The 2014 forum supports the status quo**

## 14 General Business

None received by closing date (35 days prior to the meeting).

General business was allowed from the floor.

Malcolm Saunders (Tasman) – raised concern that U19 riders are not being represented at Elite Road Champs. Notes that numbers of entrants are consistent falling, and suggests this is due to the difficulty of courses. Propose a separation of classes at Elites (between U23 and Elite), and to add an extra event day to accommodate these changes.

Ivan Aplin responded to clarify that the Elite/U23 are combined to maximise UCI points.

Steve Stannard (U19 Road coach) also responded, noting concerned that adding U19 into Elite would pressure them too much. Issue is getting more riders to Elites event.

Garry Bell agreed too early to move U19 to Elites.

#### **Status quo remains.**

Garry Bell recommended that the sector/BikeNZ find ways to better publicise rider Awards and that these should be combined with volunteer awards in a 'bigger' function.

Lindsay Jordan added that notice of nominations needs to come earlier in the year; there also needs to be more of a push for nominees to attend the actual awards evening. Also need to take note of worthwhile rider/supporter achievements throughout the year. It was note that that nominations were very slow coming in and that Centre/Clubs need to be more proactive.

Graham Sycamore suggested a club survey is needed to establish the value of the awards to clubs, and for action to be taken from their response.

#### **Survey to be considered.**

Steve Canny (Council) made a recommendation that Centres and Clubs review and update the contacts held at BikeNZ as inability to communicate with them is frustrating.

Graeme Bell supports this and also suggested Clubs and Centres provide a secondary contact for cases where the primary is unavailable.

#### **Clubs and Centres to update contact information held by BikeNZ.**

Steve Canny tabled a motion of thanks to the Chairman.

**Carried**

### **15 2014 AGM VENUE**

Date and Venue will be formally advised by BikeNZ in the near future.

Agreement that the cost of returning to Cambridge may be too high, but will wait on discussion with BikeNZ and other MOs.

### **16 CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 9:55am.