

BIKENZ ROAD AND TRACK COUNCIL MEETING

Auckland 29th September 2012

1. PRESENCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Ivan Aplin (IA) President, Stephen Canny (SC) Vice President, Garry Bell (GB), Mark Ireland (MI), David Osten (DO), Brian Roulston (BR), Mike Sim (MS), Kieran Turner (KT) BikeNZ CEO

Minute taker: Mark Ireland

Apologies: Steve Hurring (SH)

Meeting open 8:45am

IA advised that KT was only able to attend for part of the meeting, so we would cover off items that would not require his input up to his arrival, estimated to be around 10.00am.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Friday 15th June 2012 (Pre AGM Council Meeting)

Accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved MS Seconded BR CARRIED

Saturday 16th June 2012 Annual General Meeting

Affirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved DO Seconded IA CARRIED

Saturday 16th June 2012 (Post AGM Council Meeting)

Accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved BR Seconded MS CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Nationwide Date for Centre Champs

Recommend within a 2 week period prior to Club Nationals, as per AGM discussion.
Communication to go out to the country

3.2 Club Nationals TT Distance for Elite/U23 Men

As per AGM discussion, to be "approximately" 40km, varying to suit the course and turn requirements. Will be included in the Event Guidelines review that is currently in progress.

- 3.3 Separate U23 category for women, to be trialled at the 2013 Club Nationals. Events and Tech Panel to look at requirements for entry numbers for separate race or combined, the basis for awarding medals and protocol to follow if winner of a combined race is U23
- 3.4 Club Tool Box – KT to send draft out shortly, how extensive this will be will depend on funding
- 3.5 Traffic Management – KT advised that priority since AGM has been the membership model review, but there are some pilot projects underway, will be tackled fully in 2013 to get some momentum with this big project. IA expressed the view that it is something perhaps easier said than done, will be a challenge for all.
- 3.6 Service Level Agreements – BRT and BikeNZ are working together well, with the working groups now the operational basis between the two, along with the SLA and Relationship Agreement that sits in front of the SLA. SLA will be finalised off the back of the Membership review, timeframe set for November, with Feb 2013 being the date for ratification and sign off by Council.

4. RATIFICATION OF INTERIM COUNCIL DECISIONS

Track Events

- 4.1 Omnium to be held in conjunction with Age Group Track Champs
- 4.2 Elite Track Champs Dates – 31st Jan 2013 to 3rd Feb 2013
- 4.3 Age Group Track Champs Dates – 26th Feb 2013 to 2nd Mar 2013
Moved MS Seconded DO CARRIED
- 4.4 Masters Women Track Events – add Scratch, Keirin and Team Sprint, following survey of riders and AGM decision. Need to look at minimum entry numbers – Events/Tech Panel
Moved MS Seconded BR CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS PART 1 (THROUGH TO ARRIVAL OF KT)

- 5.1. Masters Men Cat 1/2/3 – Medal allocation to be as per Events report from MS
- 5.2 Masters Men Team Sprint – currently 120 years combined age minimum, review against entries etc to confirm if that is appropriate, as per AGM discussion – Events / Tech Panel
- 5.3 Elite Road Nationals survey completed, responses much as expected depending whether the respondent was a hill climber or a sprinter, but some valuable information nonetheless
- 5.4 Elite Road Nationals, update from Ross Bartlett by email, Final lap will bypass Dyers Pass, so first and last laps will be on the flat. BikeNZ to negotiate other changes for 2014/2015 with organiser, Police and City Council
- 5.5 Elite Road Nationals TT – Request that BikeNZ discuss with organiser the feasibility of a different TT circuit, preferably one that could attract more spectators.
- 5.6 Elite Road Champs – Date locked in. Noted a clash with an event in Hawkes Bay. This was the result of date “creepage” and those at the local level were also unaware of the Elite dates although they had been communicated out
- 5.7 Masters Road Champs medals – to be as per MS Events report

- 5.8 Age Group Track Champs – possible change to ratio of Time Qualifiers vs allocated entries, Events/Tech Panel are reviewing. Needs to be completed shortly
- 5.9 Junior Points Series. General discussion on this, appears to have gone well, some concern around points series race clash with Schools Nationals in Levin.
- 5.10 National Selectors – GB has been in discussion with Mark Elliot and our existing National Selectors regarding review of the roles and personnel.
- 5.11 Schools Cycling – IA has had some initial discussion with Kevin Searle, Schools President, about alignment of rules (particularly around gearing and equipment), linkage & pathways for riders to move them through to clubs, alignment with Australia. Noted by GB that Bike Manawatu has a very good combined model working, this might be able to be picked up in other areas of the country.
- 5.12 Council Rep – MI presented a discussion paper. Agreed that the Council Rep role is now something covered off by BikeNZ (against the Event Guidelines) and also the Technical Delegate. Noted that at UCI level, the Technical Delegate co-ordinates information to deal with “unforeseen circumstances” so that aspect of the Council Reps role can be managed that way. There are always a number of Councillors at any given Championship anyway. A job description to be formulated, which will include representing BRT’s policies and Council.

Moved MI Seconded GB CARRIED

- 5.13 Presidents Role at Championships. MS confirmed this is in the Event Guidelines, and should probably be noted in the Racing Rules under the National Champs section.
- 5.14 Tech Panel met with BikeNZ recently to plan for season ahead. Focus on club level commissaires courses, refreshers and development pathways through to UCI level. Possibility to arrange Elite National Commissaires course in conjunction with Australia to share costs.

6. JUNIOR WORLDS

IA attended the Junior Worlds, and noted it was a great pleasure to attend this well organised, friendly event. A special thanks to Steve Canny for his professional leadership and hospitality.

SC spoke on feedback from the UCI (that it was the best ever Jnr Worlds), a number of teams intend to return to NZ to race here in the future. Economic analysis was presented to Council.

Supplementary after KT arrival – KT acknowledged, on behalf of BikeNZ, a great job done by Cycling Southland in organising and hosting this event, some good learnings for BikeNZ for other major events that BikeNZ is involved with. He advised that IA will be reimbursed for his airfares to Invercargill, as he was there as BRT President

7. FINANCIALS

- 7.1 IA presented the final accounts, confirming that the account is now closed and the remaining funds have been transferred to BikeNZ
- 7.2 Last part of the loan money that was gifted to BikeNZ will go through in the final quarter of this financial year

7.3 A budget for general Council / BRT expenses is included in the BikeNZ Budget now

Moved IA Secoded BR CARRIED

KT arrived at 10.20am

8. CEO REPORT (KT)

- KT will arrange for notification of the proposed Centre Champs dates to go out to the country (refer item 3.1)
- 2013 Club Nationals – Event Organiser has been confirmed and BikeNZ are working with them and has appointed an Event Director
- Junior National Points Series – KT will check to ensure that jerseys are available for the Yunca Tour
- Trade Teams – will resolve the language in the licencing documents to make sure the rules are correct for 2013. Teams currently largely limited to the Benchmark Series. Some Expressions of Interest in running a similar series in the North Island. Noted we need to ensure that a series does not conflict with existing events. A working group looking at how to develop Trade Teams and support them, the concept is very successful in Australia
- Calendar Management – clashes discussed, need to decide who will be the arbitrator when there is a clash. Need a 2 year calendar to assist with date planning. Agreed it will be a challenge given the number of events, including those run by people that have no linkage to the organisation. SC to send KT a link for an events registration system. IA asked KT to provide a paper on Calendar Management for the Events Panel to consider.
- New Website – goes live on 4th November. Clubs can have their own portal, which will link through to National calendar to enable visibility of dates
- Oceania Confederation – BikeNZ met with Cycling Australia and Graeme Sycamore (General Secretary) met with the BikeNZ Board. Oceania is still operating at times without reference back to the National Federations. Not a lot of information on available funding. Graeme Sycamore has stood for the position of General Secretary again, if re-elected will be there for four more years. Need to look at future representation on Oceania, BikeNZ will discuss with the 4 x MOs at the BikeNZ AGM.
- Track Calendar for World Cups – Changing in 2014, move to regional (i.e. within Oceania for us) qualification for entry. Will be looking at running events in NZ and AUS to gain points and qualification. Benefit will more track events within NZ.
- UCI – looking at possibly combining Asia and Oceania track and road champs – to get greater numbers. There would still be separate medals for each of the Confederations. Probably 2015 at the earliest.
- Noted that some data on the website is out of date (Councillors details etc). This will be corrected on new website. Any errors found are to be sent to Emma Bryant, she is coordinating corrections over the next two weeks.
- Officiating – for any external parties, such as schools or private promoters, Commissaire appointments should be done via BikeNZ, to ensure that our officials are properly supported and compensation . e.g. Schools NI & SI Champs or some of the larger promoter run 1 day races.

- BikeNZ has a significant funding challenge for 2013, with end of contract with major sponsor and reduction in other funding. BRT currently gets around \$3 of services for every \$1 of licence income, which includes share of overheads. Will be working with Council to identify those areas of significant priority, but some services may have to be trimmed back. However coaching and development pathways will be maintained at current levels.

9. BIKENZ NEW MEMBERSHIP MODEL

Following feedback on the Membership proposal from Councillors and some Centres, a meeting was held during the Junior Worlds in Invercargill, with Richard Leggatt (BikeNZ Chairman), KT, IA, SC, SH, GB & MI. A number of issues were clarified. A joint communication from KT / IA was subsequently drafted specifically targeting BRT members and was circulated that same week.

BRT Council gave its endorsement to the proposal at that meeting

“That the decision to endorse the Membership Proposal be ratified”

Moved MI Seconded GB CARRIED

10. BIKENZ CONSTITUTION CHANGES

A Skype meeting had been held earlier in the month, with KT (BikeNZ CEO), IA, MI, GB, SC & DO, to get clarification on the proposed changes to the BikeNZ Constitution and to recommend some changes around the status of Member Organisations and the voting percentages of MO's vs other members and Tier 1 clubs. Agreement was reached with BikeNZ over these recommendations.

Following that meeting, a number of changes were made to the proposed constitution and this was then circulated to Councillors.

BRT Council gave its endorsement to the revised proposed Constitution, as one of the Member Organisations and would vote accordingly at the BikeNZ AGM on 13th October.

“That Council endorse the proposed BikeNZ Constitution and vote in favour of it at the BikeNZ AGM”

Moved MI Seconded GB CARRIED

SC vote against

Dave Osten Abstained

IA thanked all Councillors for their time and effort in providing constructive feedback on both the Membership Model and the BikeNZ Constitution. He noted that Councillors had taken time out from important roles at the Junior Worlds to attend that meeting.

Two important clarification memos were able to sent out following the meeting at the Junior Worlds and the Skype meeting.

It was agreed that having all the information earlier and being able to discuss at the BRT AGM in June would be been the ideal, to provide clarity for our members, but it was acknowledged that this was not possible due to factors beyond our control.

“Confirmed that this was the process followed by Council and that this summarises the discussion at Invercargill and by Skype”

Moved IA Seconded DO CARRIED

Noted that there is still very much a role for Centres to operate, based on the specific needs of each region. BRT would be willing to assist any region or Centre that would like to undertake a review of their function, as discussed at the last two AGM’s.

Noted that a letter had been received from Cycling Southland late yesterday. Disappointment was expressed that this letter, addressed to Council, had been circulated to the country before Council had had the opportunity to reply and to clarify some of the issues raised.

A communication is to be prepared by IA/MI to clarify the issues again. This would be circulated to Council and KT prior to going out the country, before the end of next week.

SC left the meeting at 1.55pm

11. GENERAL BUSINESS PART 2

- 11.1 BikeNZ Board nomination – A name was sent in to BikeNZ as an expression of interest to follow up on (not a formal nomination though) for the Board vacancy. KT confirmed that the name must be formally submitted and then it gets approved by the Appointments Panel before going up for election. As no names were formally put to the Panel, nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting. BRT would like to continue to have people on the board with an interest in Road & Track as well as the skills the Board requires, a strategy is needed to ensure we have suitable people to put forward to the Panel whenever vacancies arise
- 11.2 IA keen to get a copy the database of BRT members, but has yet to be able to get a copy from the office. KT will follow up.
- 11.3 2014 Club Road Nationals – Following recommendation from the Events Panel, Council endorse the appointment of Stephen Cox as Event Organiser for the 2014 event, to be held in Waikato, delivering the event in conjunction with BikeNZ
- 11.4 Club Road Nationals – as per Events Panel recommendations and model/strategy adopted for Club Nationals at November 2011 Council meeting. Noted that the process for sign off of approval of the appointments needs to be sharpened up, there were some delays with the most recent ones. The Events Panel to review.

2013 – Wakatipu

2014 – Waikato

2015 – Hawkes Bay

2016 – Wakatipu

2017 – Waikato

Expressions of Interest for the 2018 – 2021 events will be called for in 2015

“That the recommendations of the Events Panel be approved, as per items 11.3 & 11.4 above”

Moved Ms Seconded BR CARRIED

- 11.5 Centre of Excellence – final plans signed off, foundations are down. Discussions underway with WBOP Centre regarding co-ordination of officials and volunteers, along with Regional Co-ordinator Cath Cheatley.
- 11.6 Junior National Points Series to be reviewed after the Yunca Tour
- 11.7 Senior NPS – no spare resource to manage this, focus will be on calendar management and other priorities
- 11.8 Coaching Courses – have been delivered and NI/SI Coach positions advertised.
- 11.9 High Performance – the entire team was congratulated on their success in London
- 11.10 New Membership website – communication to go out now, so that people know how to licence once the site goes live on 4th November.
- 11.11 Bert McConnell – the recent passing away of Life Member and unofficial NZ Ambassador to the UCI was noted.

Meeting Closed: 2.40pm