

Mountain Biking Otago Inc. – Annual General Meeting 2020 / 2021

Caledonian Function Room
Logan Park, Butts Road
Dunedin

20th August 2020

Refreshments from 6:45PM
Meeting to commence at 7PM

Opened: 1908 Closed: 2022

In attendance:

Members – Adrian Robinson, Adrian Ruthven, Amy Wood, Bevan Clayton, Brent Cunningham, Brett Raudon, Calum Booth, Campbell McDade, Craig Bates, Devonia Kruimer, Graeme Collins, Graham Spencely, Greg Bouwer, Hamish Seaton, James Gardner, Jason Murdoch, Josh Fitzgerald, Jules Gross, Justin Booth, Kane Fleury Karl White, Kerrin Williams, Kristy Booth, Marco Geisreiter, Marko Lazarevic, Matt Wood, Michael Croucher, Nathan Gilbert, Nick Beekhuis, Nick Taylor, Richard van der Lem, Rick Thompson, Ronel Cook, Rowena Geisreiter, Sarah Muir, Tim Cleminson, Tom Elder, Zac White

Non-members – Danielle Salmon

Apologies: - Meg Embleton-Muir, Rob Havill, Jeni Pelvin, Nat Munns, Jules Gross, Glyn Howell, Jason Hasler

1909 AGM Opened with Quorum Reached

Minutes from the previous AGM (2019 / 2020)

Greg Bouwer motion that they be accepted as true and correct.
Craig Bates seconded.

Correspondence

1910 President's report (available on the website)

1922 Awards

- Volunteer of the Year Bernard Pemberton
- Digger of the Year Jnr Jack Ramon
- Snr Graham Spencely
- MTB Riders of the Year
 - Junior Female Emma Cunningham
 - Junior Male James Gardner

- Senior Female Rowena Geisreiter
- Senior Male Kerrin Williams
- Life Member Graeme Collins & Rick Thompson
- President's Choice Jason Hasler

Craig then took the time to thank Kristy for her sterling efforts in the President's role. She has truly gone above and beyond anyone's expectations.

- 1939 Treasurer's report and financial statements (available on the website).
Tim Cleminson motioned that the financial statement be accepted as true and correct.
Brett Raudon seconded.

1944 Motion to change / update MBO Rules for 2020 / 2021

Motion 1: To raise membership fees

Individual membership to increase from \$30 to \$40

Create a Junior membership at \$30.

Increase Family membership from \$50 to \$70.

As usual, apply for membership and pay, then get accepted or declined at the following committee meeting.

Context provided by Kristy that the new sub structure fits in the mid-range of club subscriptions in NZ.

Passed. All in favour.

No further items forwarded by remit or notice.

Stand down of the 2019 / 2020 Executive Committee.

1946 Election of the Executive Committee for 2020 / 2021.

President – nominations Kristy Booth

Vice President – nominations Craig Bates

Treasurer – nominations Tim Cleminson

Secretary – nominations Greg Boucher

Appointed Committee Roles:

MBO Club Commissaire – Committee Appointed Role – James Crawford
 role to reside outside of the committee

General Committee

- Adrian Robinson
- Justin Gardner
- Callum Booth
- Tom Elder
- Graham Spencely
- Kerrin Williams
- Nick Taylor
- Josh Fitzgerald
- Kane Fleury
- Hamish Seaton
- Adrian Ruthven
- Brett Raudon
- Brent Cunningham
- Rick Thompson
- Graeme Collins
- Richard van der Lem
- Matt Wood
- Glyn Howell
- Jason Hasler
- Rob Havill
- Nat Munns
- Campbell McDade

General Business & Discussion

1950 General Questions?

- Bevan Clayton – Nicols Creek
 - getting close to done with what can be done by hand
 - talk of helicoptering gravel in?
 - Knows of people with no time, but who are able to contribute financially
 - questioning the use of targeted funding?
 - Give-a-little page? Bike shops? Signage?
 - The trail is getting messy (riders) so needs some level of progression
 - Kristy – waiting on pricing to progress. Need this information before we can progress with fundraising. DCC maintenance money planned to be split between Big Easy Down and Nicols.
 - Hamish – plan is dependent on funds (two days vs one day of helicopter time). Roughly \$30,000 needs. But need to get the gravel to the top, where the helicopter will collect it from to spread it.
 - In short, Jules has a yes to drive fundraising. To work with committee.

- Tim Cleminson – auditor
 - Tim Cleminson motioned that MBO appoint Darren Stewart to audit the accounts for the next subscription year.
 - Justin Gardner seconded. None opposed.

- Kristy Booth – DCC
 - explained that, following last meeting with DCC Parks & Rec, we were told that development of trails at Signal Hill was essentially over, as the “hill was full”.
 - Asked for discussion and guidance from the membership as to our future at Signal – sit back and wait, or stop working and just book trails as needed for events, like most other clubs in NZ do?
 - Felt that it is not necessarily the end of the world, as things will evolve with time, and staff turnover in P&R might change things.
 - Notify P&R as to our 5 year plan (Big Easy down will take a while!)
 - Marco Geisreiter
 - wait, rest and focus. Any idea as to what it is that they want?
 - Brent Cunningham
 - might be folly to expect DCC to adequately maintain the trails at Signal...
 - Mike Croucher
 - any idea as to the basis of their decision?
 - Greg – visuals from surrounding hills, as well as lines on the map look like a lot
 - Hamish Seaton
 - DCC is working on the Track Strategy at present
 - walking tracks vs MTB
 - hopefully will drive change / focus
 - DCC knee-jerk reaction vs public input
 - Graham Spencely – view of MTB in Dunedin, vs other cities?
 - Destination
 - Kristy Booth
 - the councillors see it, but P&R do not yet
 - Robert West has been promoted, and will be replaced by Scott McClean, who as a mountain biker, will hopefully be more sympathetic
 - might be able to convey to him the importance of Signal Hill to the city
 - Greg Bouwer
 - stressed the difference between MTB trails and multiuse (which most of our trails are)
 - Craig Bates
 - Whare Flat has a lot of potential
 - City Forest see it too
 - DCC will realise soon enough that the cruise ships won't be coming this season, and Dunedin has huge potential as a MTB destination
 - Karl White
 - are there long-term protocols in place with DCC for continuation of the relationship? If one person leaves, do we need to start from scratch?

- Greg – that institutional knowledge repository in one persons head is ending, with protocols being put in place. But it is a slow process.
- Marco Geisreiter
 - do they acknowledge the time and effort that MBO puts into things?
 - Kristy – the councillors do.
 - Craig – pointed out that the councillors do not control much. They are the figure heads for the business that the DCC is.
 - Kristy – most of the current issue is from the trail name debacle. The DCC blames MBO exclusively for the bad publicity.
 - First notification, August last year. Met with DCC. Acknowledged complaint, agreed to continue with approval for trail names. No retrospective name changes.
 - Lockdown this year, same person complained again. Kristy proactively offered to remove signage. Someone noticed and it went public. Thanked at first for proactive efforts. In hindsight, should have left signs up.
- Kane Fleury
 - is it time for an economic report on the impact of MTB on the city?
 - The value to the city does not appear to be realised. All well and good to have numbers of those being brought to Dunedin, but no idea of spend.
 - Who would do it?
 - Easy way to communicate our value to the city, and that not everything MTB is negative.
- Hamish Seaton
 - track strategy is currently on the go
 - walking is underway now, with MTB to kick off next year
 - hopefully we'll see an attitude change when we get to that point.
 - Just a lack of knowledge at present
 - time should improve things – we should have a good future with Scott
- Marco Geisreiter
 - asked Hamish what DCC is like to work with compared to other cities councils.
 - Hamish commented that, on the whole, we have done well. Other councils are more difficult to deal with. As part of that, we seem to be experiencing a reigning in at present. Just a lack of knowledge
 - we are an asset to the city, making Dunedin a destination
- Callum Booth
 - speaking of multiuse trails, is there any word of things going the other way?
 - Hamish – the trails group is discussing this at present

- there are only three walking only trails – Pineapple, Cargil and Ross Creek
 - Pineapple is being considered currently for up only – that then opens Peppertree for down
 - Ross Creek was historically water department, and was only considered for walking. Now thinking of putting in some MTB trails.
- Pump track?
 - Kristy – working on it, but we are stretched too thin at present to take that on ourselves.
 - Hence why we pushed for it in the Play Space Survey. Which apparently had ~170 submissions

No further questions / discussion

2022 **AGM Closed**