

# **Mountain Biking Otago Inc. – Annual General Meeting 2023 / 2024**

Otago Motorcycle Club

Dunedin

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Meeting to commence at 1900hrs

Opened: 1903hrs

Closed: 1955hrs

In attendance:

Members – Jonty Allen, Craig Bates, Greg Bouwer, Grant Brown, Jason Bryant, Tim Cleminson, Joe Daniels, Sam Devlin, Stuart Evans, Jason Hasler, Shaun Hasler, Sherree Hasler, Robert Havill, Louise Havill, Glyn Howell, Glen Knol, Mel Lawless, Flon MacKenzie, Dean Medder, Alec Middleton, Jono Pascoe, Adrian Robinson, Adrian Ruthven, Graham Spenceley, Josiah Stephenson, Rupert Stevens, Nick Taylor, Rick Thompson, Jemme Wells, Amber Werensteyn, Karl White, Mike Willis, Lars Winther

Non-members – Daniel Olson, Katie Eglesfield

Apologies: Richard van der Lem, Hamish Seaton, Pelvin Family, Sophie O'Connell, Graeme Collins, Georgia Mayer, Kane Fleury

## **1903 AGM Opened with Quorum Reached**

Minutes from the previous AGM (2022 / 2023)

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

Craig Bates seconded.

## **Awards**

### Breakout Riders

- Erin Hasler
- Paddy Tyrell

### Golden Spades

- Rupert Stevens
- Jonty Allen

## **Correspondence**

Jeni Pelvin

*On behalf of our 200+ Dunedin Orienteering club membership, saying thank you very much to MTB Otago for their great track & liaison work in creating recreational facilities to the whole community.*

1908 President's report (Appendix 1)

1916 Treasurer's report and financial statements (Appendix 2).

*Tim Cleminson motioned that the financial statement be accepted as true and correct.*

*Craig Bates seconded.*

**1920 Motion to change / update MBO Rules for 2024 / 2025**

*No items forwarded by remit or notice.*

**Stand down of the 2022 / 2023 Executive Committee, with thanks.**

Special thanks to Tim Cleminson, who has been treasurer for 9 years, and on the committee for 14. He has managed to take the accounts from a box of paper to a fully integrated Xero system.

## 1923 Election of the Executive Committee for 2023 / 2024

<i>President</i>	– nominations	Rob Havill
<i>Vice President</i>	– nominations	Craig Bates
<i>Treasurer</i>	– nominations	Sophie O’Connell
<i>Secretary</i>	– nominations	Greg Bouwer

### *General Committee*

Jason Bryant  
Jason Hasler  
Sherree Hasler  
Glyn Howell  
Dean Medder  
Alec Middleton  
Jono Pascoe  
Adrian Robinson  
Adrian Ruthven  
Graham Spenceley  
Nick Taylor  
Rick Thompson  
Amber Werensteyn  
Lars Winther

Those absent, but interested in being part of committee:

Hamish Seaton  
Richard van der Lem  
Georgia Mayer  
Kane Fleury

## General Business & Discussion

- 1927 Katie Eglesfield (DCC) on tracks reviews, kids feasibility study
- Katie introduced herself as a new planner to Parks and Rec
  - currently seeking feedback on two reviews
    - i. improved multiuse trails (including MTB)
    - ii. MTBing with kids
      - o This review is about to come out
      - o Looking at the development of riders
      - o Katie is open to chatting in person or email
      - o Consultation has occurred with both Scarlett Hagan and Nat Munns, to gain a coaches perspective
      - o Looking at different locations
        - What features?
        - Is it better to have larger destination, or multiple smaller areas?

## 1929 General Questions?

Craig Bates

- There will be an effort made to start rebuilding the 3 Mile Hill trails in a few weeks time, following logging that has occurred there
- Working with Graham Spencely.

Rob Havill

- We're looking to put in a flow trail in the Middle Road area, with the help of City Forests. Also a climbing trail, and fix the road at the bottom. All with a 6T digger provided and driven by CF contractors.
- Then be able to branch off from this hub to other regions.
- Sadly, though, more areas are scheduled to be logged over the next 18 months, but we knew this would happen (building in a working forest).

Graham Spencely

- There are plenty of trails, new and old, in those areas. Best to get out and ride them while you still can.

Craig Bates

- Please, however, stay out of the areas that the logging crews are busy in.

QUESTION(S): regarding Whare Flat

Q - will there be information signs at Whare Flat? Stay out of certain areas, etc, for various activities?

A via Craig Bates - referring to the trapping, that CF were happy with the community response to the trapping, and the outcome of the trapping was good. So thanks all.

QUESTIONS: regarding Signal Hill

Q - the table top jump and safety

A - we need to define a route to access that does not involve pushing up the step downs. Safety is the issue. We have signage on order to help with that. But the skills area (which we have started the ground work for) should help mitigate the pressure.

Q - the Plateau

A - signage and redirect work has been working well so far. The landing sharkfin will be touched up when work is being done. The ruts will be remediated by Milty when he works there. The issue being how dry it is - water will be needed, and could be an issue.

Q - where is the Blue Jumps Line going to be?

A - Rob walked through the challenges and time frame (it won't be soon), as well as the rough location. Emphasised that it is a dream at this point in time.

Q - trail crossings on the Design Windows Easy Down

A - MBO have looked at bridges and/or tunnels, but unlikely to get the go ahead. So looking to reroute the down trails as they approach the crossing, to enhance safety. These would be Magnetron, Student and Treaty.

Q - signage. Both overall, and trail specific.

A - we have signs sorted, just needing to install (for those trails without). We are also working on new sign boards for the top of the hill, the plateau and the carpark.

Q - Jumps track rebuild?

A - with Milty coming to tidy it up, looking to smooth the trail and, if budget allows, add a couple of new features. We are looking to refresh the flat section and add a few more jumps there though.

Q - the skills area - what stages will it be aimed at?

A – we are looking to target it to beginners through to Lismore skills park level.  
Aiming at trail and enduro bike use.

QUESTIONS: regarding Nicols Creek

Q – what is going to happen to the top of Nicols?

A – we are looking to get a connector in to link to Swampy Summit. This work, however, will trigger consents. So a longer term project, but getting it underway. It will just take time, as the new biodiversity rules kick in as well.

No further questions / discussion

**1955**            **AGM Closed**

## Appendix 1 – President’s Report (Rob Havill)

This has been my second year as president, and I’ve still got a lot to learn. I’m very proud of what all of the volunteers have achieved, so many new trails and infrastructure put in for the public to freely use. Everyone has been working really hard to try and make Dunedin the best possible place to ride your mountain bike.

With covid restrictions gone, we’ve had some more certainty around events for the 2022 and 2023 season

- A successful 2023 Naseby 12 hour, the 20<sup>th</sup> year and Gouldie memorial. A huge effort from Craig and the team to keep this event running
- The Enduro series supported by Bike House – harder enduro events leading up to 3 peaks
- The night XC races supported by Off the Chain had a great turnout this year, showing the series is growing and grass roots racing is still greatly desired by the community
- The Duffers stunners Enduro – Encouraging women to give enduro a go in a fun social setting
- Sunset Showdown races – after work single stage enduro races for members. Strong numbers showing again that grass roots racing is a hit
- Assisted with
  - 3 Peaks enduro
  - the police games mountain bike events
  - 3 Cyclocross races run by Bike House
  - Get 2 Go challenge for year 9 and 10 students
  - North Otago Funduro at Herbert Forrest
  - Great Naseby water race
  - North otago national XC
  - Aoraki Secondary Schools

For 2022 – 2023 we’ve been working on finishing off some projects and assisting trail builders

- The Signal Hill toilet has been up and running – the amount of hours by multiple committee members is astonishing, a much larger project than anticipated and a huge effort to complete on volunteer time. The amount of use its getting as well as the bike wash (with upgrades incoming) shows it was definitely a need for Signal. A huge thank you to the business and contributors to this project, especially DCC and Lotteries for large amounts of the funding.
- Nicols heli graveling – Approximately half has been completed and riding well. Unfortunately the method of gravelling needs to be changed which is why there has been a bit of a delay on the next stage. We’re hoping this can be completed soon
- Sig Digs have been working hard all year. Their Tuesday night sessions have been productive and a good positive environment for those who want to give back to the trails. A recently complete Debaule revamp has been proving a hit and riding well
- The whare flat crew have been going hard with heaps of new trails. We love to support these guys as much as possible, they are incredible! I think this is all the ones completed in the last year.. With even more opening soon
  - Lucy’s Tail
  - Instant Classic
  - Peeled Cheese
  - Charcuterie
  - Borrowed time
  - No more heroes

- Roll the Dice
- Eezed in
- Ride the flume
- 90s Landing Strip
- Tin Man – (rebuilt)

The last several years have seen the club do a lot of infrastructure projects. The road to Signal, The carpark, the toilet, and the 4wd track. I'm aiming for the club to now direct time and energy into trail development, as this is now where members will see the most benefit now that these major projects are complete. There is a lot in the pipeline, some projects we are working towards completing and some we are hoping to gain permission for, gain funding and progress.

- Redwoods revamp – starting very soon to help keep redwoods an all weather trail center and accessible to new mountainbikers
- Signal Hill jumps track revamp – Also beginning very soon
- 4x track revamp – started with some work to go
- Whare flat middle road trails rebuild
- Signal Hill skills park – Jumps progression at the base of Signal Hill
- Signal Hill Blue jumps trail

A huge thank you to the DCC, City Forrest for land use and funding. All of the business that support us, the committee, and the members.

## Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report (Tim Cleminson)

### **Mountain Biking Otago Treasurers Report 2023**

After the disruptions of recent years we have had a normal year of activity with club events and no large events such as an Islands or a Nationals round.

The annual Maintenance Development grant from the Dunedin City Council has enabled us to continue the contracted track maintenance work. The track development component of that grant was not spent this financial year due to the Nicol’s gravelling and Toilet project being undertaken, however plans are underway to utilise that soon. The Toilet Project is now complete with total expenditure of \$74969.79 as at 30 June, of which \$73969.79 has been reimbursed by the DCC and a \$1000 donation from the Acorn Foundation has been put towards it. The 4WD Track redevelopment was also completed. Total cost was \$54103 of which \$17765 was in the 2023 financial year, MBO contributed \$4103 of club funds to this project above the \$50000 DCC Development Grant. Continued sponsorship from Emerson’s and Design Windows helps the ongoing development and upkeep of the facilities at Signal Hill which we are grateful for.

#### **Profit and Loss Statement.**

Revenue of \$152151 this year has produced a small net profit of \$362 after depreciation of \$18944 resulting in a net cash increase of \$63386.

Revenue has increased with Donations, Entry Fees, Interest, Membership Subscriptions and Other Revenue. Consolidation this year of some expense GL codes eg: Materials, Signage to Track Development makes comparison with last year difficult, however there have been decreases in Equipment Purchases and running costs, Repairs and Maintenance.

#### **Balance Sheet.**

Bank account balances on 30 June 2023 were \$238549 with members Total Equity of \$233031 which is a small increase from 2022.

Included in the Total Equity is \$46095 from the Lotteries Commission Grant for the Toilet project. This will remain as Capital Work in Progress on the Balance Sheet and will be treated as a Donation to the DCC once the project is handed over.

#### **Fixed Assets.**

No Fixed assets were purchased or disposed this year.

With no large events this year and less entrants in the Naseby 12 Hour has resulted in reduced revenue, however club days, sponsorship, donations and a significant increase in Membership



subscriptions has helped keep the club liquid. This year's Performance Report has not been audited or reviewed as previous reviews and advice from an Auditor has ensured that we are treating our finances appropriately.

Tim Cleminson MBO Treasurer - 18.10.2023