

HANMER SPRINGS MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

AGM SUNDAY 9 June 2019 – held at the Heritage

PRESENT: Committee members: Alan Butts, Serge Bonnafoux, Mike Lawrence, Gill Lawrence, Steve Pearson, Sharron Bonnafoux, Tiff Wafer
Club members: Jane/ Flynn & Tom Pearson, Simon Pearson, Alan Edwards & Mark Inglis

APOLOGIES: Steve Halligan, Wendy Davis, Graeme Shaw, Grum & Juliet, Ed Curry, Graeme Abbot.

MINUTES APPROVED OF LAST AG M: 17 June 2018 Sharron/ Steve

MATTERS ARISING: None

ELECTION/CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS:

Chair – Alan	Gill/ Tiff
Secretary – Gill	Sharron/ Alan
Treasurer – Serge	Steve P/ Mike
Equipment Officer – Sharron	Gill/ Steve P
Committee Members x 7 - Wendy, Steve P, Graeme S, Steve H, Mike, Tiff & Alan	
Gill/Alan	

Bank signatories – The three signatories will be The Treasurer/ Secretary/ Chairman - Serge, Gill & Alan. Approved Steve/ Tiff

Accountants – Sue Lynch approved to stay on for the club accounts
Alan/ Steve

CHAIRMANS REPORT ON 2018/2019:

From my last report the theme was “*Crikey we have so much to do*”. Which of course was great news at the time as we had been given the green light from the TNG to get stuck in to all our proposed projects.

They were:

The Skills Park, Beam Me Up Scotty, Hank Hill & Addiction

The handbrakes I spoke of last year, namely “Funding” and “Contracting Trail Builders” have unfortunately been applied and we have made limited progress this past 12 months. We have not achieved as much as we would have liked, however progress is being made.

In summary, here’s an update:

- **Skills Park**
Grading trails – Construction will commence in the next couple of weeks with an opening planned pre-Xmas. Signage is being finalised now.

Structures/obstacle course – Currently being designed and construction will commence this coming summer.

- **Addiction**
Stage 1 – top section of addiction is complete
Stage 2 – uphill trail from Jollies Pass Rd to commence digger work shortly
Stage 3 – Connecting Addiction to Detox, work underway. Completion 2019
- **Beam me up scotty (not the official name yet!)**
Starting at the top of Yankee Zephyr and exiting at the waterfall car park. Steve is hand building this new trail and having walked it recently it will certainly be an impressive iconic trail. A big thanks to Steve for his work on this project.
- **Hank Hill**
This trail has been approved in principal, but we need more specific details for Rayonier to give us the final sign off to commence construction. The terrain is difficult to access, and some digger work may be required to get access to GPS the entire trail.
- **Bike Washdown / Repair station**
We are working with the Foursquare Community Trust who have indicated they would fund the construction of this accessory area to be located near the carpark on the Jollies Rd hub area, Hopeful for completion of this project in the summer of 2019/20

So, we are very much underway and are hopeful that this time next year we will have lots to celebrate. Financially, the club is in a secure position with some limited funds still currently available to assist project development.

Mountain Biking continues to grow rapidly as a national leisure activity for all age groups. However, Hanmer Springs is showing negative annual visitor growth (-12% approx.) and lagging far behind other tourist areas in the South Island. So, developing and promoting new trails will surely attract new visitors and keep the regulars returning. The challenge is getting the information out to prospective visitors within the funds that we have and the limited marketing budget of Hurunui Tourism and local tourism businesses. There is no easy solution to this problem as our district has a low number of rate payers and the council is cash poor.

We must continue to stay focused on our objectives and vigorously pursue completion of our main projects in the next 12 months. The new committee will be working on a new 10-year plan which has not been reviewed seriously for some time.

A big thank you to all the committee members for their work and support during the past year, especially Gill & Serge who carry a higher workload in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer. As always, a special thanks to Steve Pearson for enduring the TNG meetings on our behalf.

And finally, a special thanks to the Council funded gardeners Graeme, Kerry & Chris who have looked after all our trails so well all year round.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2018/2019:

Kia ora koutou, good evening all,

Thank you for attending our 15th Hanmer Springs MTB club AGM.

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what happened to New Zealand last March 15th.

We have all been touched by the event some closer than others, and if you do not know it, Hanmer has been, but regardless we need to care, consider, communicate with each other and embrace our diversity.

I just want to say that this is not us, this is not New Zealand and we should do everything we can to avoid it happens again. Thank you.

Here is a summary of the financial activities for the Club over the last year.

Our membership subs have dropped by \$300.00 down to \$860.00.

Donations have also dropped by \$535.00 down to \$780.00

The sponsorship from the Thermal reserve and the local businesses has not been renewed resulting in \$6000.00 the club did not get.

We made a bit of interest on our accounts for \$10.74

As a result our total revenue has heavily suffered and in total is down to \$1650.74 from \$8486.30.

In ways of expenses:

We paid one year of accountancy for \$201.25.

Thank you to Sue Lynch for the promptitude she dealt with the accounts.

Advertising is up and is the biggest expense the club had.

The website has been redesigned and is now live.

Affiliations have been adjusted from last year, as there were some misunderstanding with NZMTB and Bike NZ.

We are now to be affiliated to Bike NZ as well as MTBNZ, to get our insurance cover valid.

Our equipment is aging and maintenance is getting more and more expensive.

One of the weed wackers has been retired and given at no cost to Graeme Shaw as the cost of repair would have been in excess of \$500.00.

The club still owns two of those.

As the snail mail delivers less and less letters the PO box has been cancelled saving \$175.00 a year.

The total of the expenses is for the year is \$5143.56.

Our net loss for the year is \$3492.82.

The Club has been able to absorb that loss thanks to the reserves it had.

We knew we would have some expenses with the design of the new website. But the club cannot go this way for another year and we will need to find ways to bring in funds.

We have too many people including locals who are users of the tracks and do not contribute at all. It seems that the \$20.00 membership or \$40.00 for a family is beyond reach for too many. Those people have no idea of what the club does, advocating, maintaining, future proofing and developing tracks.

Structures are in place, the club operates with the same bunch of volunteers who are dedicated to try to make Hanmer Springs a MTB destination.

The community will soon have to realise that relying on the thermal reserve is not any longer the way to go.

All tourist destinations around the country are progressing not Hanmer Springs.

There have been some great successes with MTB all around the country Hanmer Springs should be part of those.

Thank you
Serge

Sponsorship: Alan explained how he raised the funds previously by approaching the local businesses directly to help support building the local network but felt that since it was a bad business year/ and how no new trails had yet been opened, that he couldn't approach the providers again. Hopefully in the next 12 months this should change.

Sharron asked what the annual affiliation costs were. They are:

Matariki \$363.83

NZMT \$375.00

Other discussions held:

Steve thanked Alan for all his hard work during the past year.

Mark Inglis explained that the Thermal Pools are rebuilding the Hanmer Trails website & are looking at other websites to help – Hurunui website/ Derby & others. Mark thanked the club for their work – proposed grading trail is getting really great feedback.

St James trails was being discussed – Hurunui Trails wanting to keep this as a great ride, however DOC have funds to maintain but not upgrade the trail to what a great ride should be at this time.

Mark also updated us on the Hurunui Heartland ride – this is now sign posted & has been receiving positive feedback. NZTA looking to improve road conditions for the cyclists using these roads.

DATE OF NEXT AGM MEETING: approx 2ND week in May 2020

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR?

No questions asked at this time.

Other Business:

No other business to discuss at this time.

Meeting closed: 7.10pm