

Hastings Valley MTB Club

Annual General Meeting 2008.

5th August 2008 6.30pm at Gordon Street Cycles

Present:-

Bill Beaumont	Tony Rowe
Jo Beaumont	Duncan Pretty
Caitlin Beaumont	Jason Dragos
John Tracy	Kirsty Field
Greg Trotter	Craig Whiting
Jamie Vogele	Cindy Vogele
Kerry Williams	Vicki Polverino
Mark Bullen	Jason Trotter
Kim Francis	Darcy Orme
Wayne Dafter	Josh Newkirk
Jai Cooper	Ali Bigg
Lloyd Newell	Paul Price (Green Gym)

Apologies:-

Jason English	Jennii English
Kye Polverino	Blake Polverino
Matt Williams	Peter Latham
Chris Bullen	Luke Bullen
Liam Rourke	Thomas Rourke
Pat Galbraith-Robertson	Richard Rooimans
Matt Reichart	Belinda Porter

Election of Officers

Tony Rowe welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared that the first item on the agenda would be to elect all club officers. All of the 2008 officers positions would be available for new people and everyone was encouraged to volunteer. Prior to the AGM members had been notified that two candidates were contesting the roles of President and Secretary. Proxy votes had been sought for members not able to attend the meeting and proxy votes were to be counted along with the votes of those who were present.

1. President – Tony Rowe had been President for seven months and he felt this would be a good time to pass on this responsibility. Jason Dragos and Duncan Pretty confirmed that they were both standing as candidates for president and no other names were put forward. A vote

was taken by secret ballot. On the first round of voting there was a tie with both candidates attracting the same number of votes. The President asked any of those present who were not currently financial paid up members to withdraw their votes. The second vote produced a conclusive result and Duncan Pretty was elected as President.

2. Vice President – Craig Whiting had withdrawn his nomination for Vice President and Lloyd Newell put his name up for the job. He was elected unopposed.
3. Treasurer – One candidate had been nominated for the role of Treasurer and for 2008/9 Kirsty Field was elected unopposed.
4. Secretary – Two candidates had been put forward for this role, John Tracy the existing secretary and Craig Whiting. A vote was taken and Craig Whiting was elected to be the new secretary.
5. Webmaster – Craig offered to continue in the role of webmaster and was elected unopposed to this job.
6. Race Director – No candidates offered themselves for this role and it was left unfilled.
7. Social Ride Coordinator – No candidates offered themselves for this job and it was left unfilled.
8. Publicity Officer – Richie Rooimans had been acting as publicity Officer and had indicated he was willing to continue doing this job, he was therefore elected unopposed.
9. Food and Refreshment Officer – This role had been undertaken in the past by Tanya Pretty, who was unable to continue due to family commitments. No other candidates offered themselves for the job and it was left unfilled.

Reports of Officers

- Treasurers Report – Kirsty Field issued a financial statement for the period since the last AGM showing the club was in a healthy financial state and was fully able to sustain its operations for another year. All fees due to MTBA, Forests NSW and Department of Fair Trading had been paid up to date and several items of equipment had been purchased to facilitate club operations.
- Secretary's Report – John Tracy reported on three aspects of the role of secretary. On communications the picture was good in that the club maintained good relations externally, with Forests NSW, MTBA and Hastings Valley Council. Regarding internal communications the website had been running very successfully for the last six months and an e-mail distribution system for members had been running well. The website had also been updated with forums and surveys on issues of interest to members. This had resulted in a great deal of involvement of members in decision making by the club. Regarding the legal status of the club the registration with department of Fair Trading had been maintained and the Constitution had been revised and updated. The club had been granted Planning Permission by Hasting Valley Council to run operations at Telegraph Point and Bago so from the legal point of view the picture was again good. Regarding membership there was

a less good story. The club currently has 58 paid up members, 42 senior and 15 junior. 38 members from 2007, 23 senior and 15 junior, had not maintained their interest. There had been a trend towards members not taking annual MTBA membership and riding with day licence only. There was a general discussion amongst members present as to the way forward on membership but no decisions were taken.

- Presidents report – Tony Rowe thanked all those members who had made his time as President so enjoyable and looked forward to continuing his support for the club in the future. He wished the new President well in his job.

General Business

Four items of general business were discussed, meeting location, club sportswear, a new race format and the 'Green Gym' project.

- Lloyd Newell asked whether club members were happy to continue holding meetings at Gordon Street Cycles and to have club operations closely allied with the shop. There was a general discussion and members overwhelmingly wanted to continue the close relationship formed with Lloyd and Gordon Street.
- Jamie Vogeles raised the subject of the club racewear and proposed a new design of jersey and T-shirt showing a stronger identification with the club. There was a long and detailed discussion about racewear but overall there was no support for a major change of design although some options would be explored to raise the prominence of the HVMTBR logo. Lloyd offered to continue sponsoring the club jersey and it was agreed that the club would try and offer a jersey to all junior riders at a highly sponsored price (\$20?). It was agreed to design and model a club T-shirt and Jamie was asked to produce some designs for members to view.
- Jamie also put forward a proposal for a 'Marathon' format race to be run in addition to the existing 12Hr and cross-country races. The idea was welcomed but further discussion was held over to a future meeting.
- Paul Price from the 'Green Gym' project gave a brief presentation regarding the potential for cooperation between the club and his group of conservation volunteers. Members present were very supportive of his initiative and it was agreed that the newly elected club officers would seek to take full advantage of this offer to help with maintenance and development of club facilities.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

John Tracy
Secretary - HVMTBC