

Hastings Valley MTB Club
Annual General Meeting 2007.
14th December 2007 6pm at Gordon Street Cycles

Present:-

Bill Beaumont
Tony Rowe
Jo Beaumont
Kim Francis
John Tracy
Roger Barlow
Mark Trotter
Richard Roomins
Greg Porter
Belinda Porter
Jason Dragos
Tanya Pretty
Duncan Pretty
Lindy Heckenberg
Mark Caulfield
Grant Burley
Craig Whiting
Josh Newkirk
Beck Sanders

Apologies:-

Cindy Vogele
Kirsty Field

Election of Officers

Bill Beaumont welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared that the first item on the agenda would be to elect all club officers. All of the 2006/7 officers positions would be available for new people and everyone was encouraged to volunteer.

1. President – Bill Beaumont has been President for some years and he felt this would be a good time to pass on this responsibility. Tony Rowe volunteered and was elected unopposed.
2. Vice President – Bill Beaumont was elected to this position unopposed.
3. Treasurer – Thanks were offered to Cindy Vogele for her work as treasurer during the 2007 season. For 2008 Kirsty Field was elected unopposed.
4. Secretary – John Tracy volunteered to undertake this job and was elected unopposed.

5. Bicycle Users Group (B.U.G) coordinator – This is a new position and reflects the wish of the club to register as a B.U.G in New South Wales to represent the views of riders in this area. Roger Barlow volunteered to do this and was elected unopposed.

6. Race and Social Ride Coordinator – Jamie Vogeles had previously asked to step down from this position and unfortunately there were no volunteers from those present to take this role. It was decided to spread the job amongst members and form a subcommittee when needed. The first sub-committee to be formed would be for the 12hr Enduro race set for 1st/2nd March 2008. An informal group consisting of Jason Dragos, Kim Francis and Craig Whiting would undertake to establish a program of social rides, including the existing regular ride scheduled for 5.45pm every Tuesday afternoon starting at Timbertown Cemetery. A second informal group consisting of Mark Trotter and Duncan Pretty would consider racing matters.

7. Publicity Officer – Jason English was congratulated on doing a good job in this role during 2006/7 but he had asked to step down in the light of his commitments to his new racing team. Two people, Mark Caulfield and Tony Rowe were elected to take this job on jointly.

8. Webmaster – Greg Porter, the 2006/7 Webmaster, explained to the meeting his plans to make the club website easier to maintain. He himself asked to step down from this job due to work commitments. Unfortunately none of the members attending the meeting felt able to take on the full commitment of being webmaster so it was agreed that Craig Whiting, Jason Dragos and John Tracy would work together to push forward Greg's work on website development.

9. Food and Refreshment Officer – This role has been undertaken in the past by a group of people on an informal basis. Tanya Pretty volunteered to coordinate refreshments in regard to race days.

General Business

· A brief financial summary was provided to the meeting outlining the club's income and expenditure during the 2006/7 season. Greg Porter queried the large costs incurred and the lack of detail in the report. Members were reminded that some large, but unintentional, outstanding debts to NSW Forestry and MTBA (for one day licences) had been paid during this period. In general it was felt that the club was solvent and could continue to raise money in the usual way by running races and seeking sponsorship, however the incoming treasurer, Kirsty Field would be asked to advise the club on the level of fees applied to future races.

· Bicycle User Group Registration. It was agreed that Roger Barlow would go ahead and investigate the registration of Hastings Valley B.U.G with Bicycling NSW.

- 12Hr Enduro Race 2008. It was agreed that Bill Beaumont would continue with the preparations and publicity for this race and would form a sub-committee in due course to involve more club members when required.
- Cooperation with Port Macquarie Road Cycling Club. It was agreed that we would investigate the possibility of building a short course MTB racing track in cooperation with the road club, based on the bush area around the Criterium Track at Herons Creek.
- Forest Access. Duncan Pretty raised the subject of further access to NSW State Forests particularly around the perimeter of the existing Club racetrack at Telegraph Point. No specific actions were agreed although it was felt that we should take the opportunity of future meetings with NSW Forestry to sound out this possibility.
- Racing at Bago Forest. Jason Dragos raised the possibility of running races in the area of Bago State Forest. It was agreed that the club would seek the necessary authority from State Forests and PMHCC to undertake races in this location.
- Christmas Race. It was agreed to run a 3hr Enduro style race on Sunday 9th Dec at the club race track at Telegraph Point. Track layout and preparation would be on Saturday 8th Dec.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7pm.

John Tracy
Secretary - HVMTBC