

Hastings Valley Mountain Bike Riders Club Meeting

Date: 02/02/2009

Present: Duncan Pretty, Lloyd Newell, Jai Cooper, Ali Bigg, Pat Galbraith-Robertson, Jason Dragos, Kim Francis, Greg Trotter, Wayne Dafter, Jarrod Dafter

Apologies: Craig Whiting, Kirsty Field, Jason English & Jenni English.

Business arising from last meeting:

- 🚲 Date has been set for 12hr on 21st/22nd March
- 🚲 Committee has been working hard to organise sponsors, prizes and track
- 🚲 Volunteer roster has been drawn up for the 12hr and call has been put out for volunteers.

Treasurers Report:

- 🚲 Current bank balance as at end Jan \$8,469.17
- 🚲 \$2800 is from council grant for junior development and has purchased the following.
 - 2x 20" geared bikes
 - 2 x 24" geared bikes
 - 2 x 26" geared bikes, plus helmets; fork mounts for trailer to transport the bikes and also allows money for the purchase of a cage or shipping container to store the gear.

Race Report:

2 events since the last club meeting on the 3/11.

First being the skills clinic/2hr night race on the 15th November.

Second one being the 6hr enduro on the 29th November, these two events combined raised \$190 which allowed the club the break even as food and drink were provided. The 6hr saw 68 competitors most from out of town.

General Business:

- 🚲 12hr Race 21st/22nd March 2009 and entries are now live with the link from the club website from today 2nd February and, Email has gone out to last year's entrants today. Feel free to up load dates onto websites and forums.

- 🚲 Volunteers needed, roster drawn up, please contact Duncan or Bec to put your name down contact details can be found on club website

- 🚲 The race calendar for this year is almost complete and the first half the calendar should be finalized and on the website by the end of the week. It will consist of an autumn and Winter XC series with an Enduro series ongoing throughout the year. The races will points based on the best 3 or 4 races you do out of each series (i.e. in a 4 race series it your best 3 results that count) by doing this the people who race can have a race off to help out with the running of the event and not be penalized for doing so. It will also contain social rides and other events around the place. A big thank you to Kim Francis, Greg porter, Jason Dragos, Pat & Lloyd for putting it together. First race is set for the 14/02/2009 with a 3hr enduro at Tele. Point.

- 🚲 People will be needed to help with the on the day running of the events so please put your hand up as the guys have done an awesome effort on the calendar and would hate to see it fizzle due to lack of help.

- 🚲 We will be trying to organize a training session for about 1hr or so one evening so people can be trained in the use of the timing system and how to set a track so on the day you are performing these roles it is not so daunting. Date for this TBA.

- 🚲 An Occupational permit for Tele. Pt & Bago has been sort & approved by Forests NSW, it is for 5yrs at a cost of \$1000/yr. This makes tracks legal and building new ones legal. We work with state forests on best areas to build sustainable tracks. \$1000/yr in conjunction with our annual special purpose permit means our regular club events are free so the \$2.50/ rider we pay for club events is contained by these permits. All members at the meeting voted in favor in going ahead with the occupational permit and Lloyd as very generously stated GSC as major sponsor of

the club will sponsor this project to the tune of \$500 to help cover the cost of the permit.

New Business:

- 🚴 Jarrod from the Australian Sports Commission came and talked about the after school programs they run for primary school kids in the Hastings 2days/week. He was interested in seeing if the club would be willing to set up mountain biking as one of the activities the kids can participate in. it would involve club members doing a coaching course of 6hrs in total and the time you provide to the program is paid. An expression of interest will go out for anyone wishing to undertake the course and who would be interested in taking up this opportunity to promote mountain biking.

- 🚴 Club members have been in contact with council in regard to the possibility of developing a mountain bike track in town. Council has been very positive and open to the suggestion. A proposal will be drafted to council in the near future stating the area proposed for the track and all the finer details of the development and maintenance of the multi-user track. Numerous club members have already voiced their commitment to help get the project under way and constructed. We would also look at getting the schools involved in the construction and maintenance of the area use.

Next meeting: TBA

Meeting Closed: 19:15