

# Minutes from the Christchurch Singletrack Club 2017 Annual General Meeting

Date: **Sunday 30 July 2017 4 pm** - Location: Te Hapua, Halswell

Attended by: Craig Tregurtha, Brian Smith, Viv Mote, Laurence Mote, Matt Doogue, Charlotte Doogue, Amos Doogue, Justine Marshall, Andrew Marshall, Flynn Marshall, Jake Marshall, Jeremy Bligh, Nikki Bligh, Annabel Bligh, Josh Bligh, John Thornton, Sara Taylor, Dean Hamilton, Alex Hamilton, Parker Hamilton, David Plew, Ally Mackay, Courtney Ross, Charlie Lane, Rebekah Tregurtha, Graham Allan, Pauline Cooper, Graeme Woodward, Joel Tregurtha, Akira Kobayashi, Murray Anderson, Sam Anderson, Jennifer Tregurtha, Jono Williams, Scott Smith, Linda Smith, Hamish Bennett,

Apologies: Steve Moffatt, Scott Emmens, Glenn Jarrett, Nick Singleton

*The AGM was preceded by a talk by Craig and Ben Oliver about their season, a bike rogaine and afternoon tea.*

## **Approval of the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes from 2016 were received as being accurate. Moved Rebekah, seconded Murray

### **1. Financial report for 2016-17 year Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc**

#### ***Financial Report for 2016 – 17***

##### ***Accounts for the year to June 2017***

<b><i>Income</i></b>	<b><i>2015-16</i></b>	<b><i>2016-17</i></b>
Subscriptions	1822.60	2990.00
Donations/Sales	420.00	2346.50
Event Fees	2082.80	8456.00
Grants	2451.00	7600.00
Interest	888.28	666.57
	\$7664.68	\$22059.07
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>		
Events	862.10	11492.74
Equipment	0	357.87
Construction	3800.64	12241.35
Donations	1000.00	0
Operations	163.21	612.73
Affiliation Fees	525.00	975.67
Refunds		45.00
	\$6350.95	\$25725.36

**2016-17 Excess of Expenditure over Revenue**      \$3666.29

### **Statement of Financial Position**

Brf Fwd from 2015-16 current a/c 1 July 2016	\$10844.16
Revenue 2016-17	\$22059.07
Expenditure 2016-17	\$25725.36
Balance	\$7177.87
Less net transfers to/from Invest	\$4000.00
Balance in current account	\$3177.87

### **Investments**

	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Transpower	\$20000.00	\$8000.00
Other	\$11397.97	\$20790.51
Other 1	\$0	\$7000.00

Two investments mature in July 2017 and one in January 2018.

### **Comments**

#### **Revenue**

Was well up on 2015/16 due to strong subscriptions, event fees (Port Hills Classic and Schools racing) and grants (Southern trust \$1600, NZ Community Trust \$2500 and Lion Foundation \$2000).

#### **Expenditure**

It was also a big year for expenditure. Montgomery Spur track building \$12000 plus and events (PHC, Schools Racing) \$11,000 plus.

#### **Investments**

\$12000 of the "Transpower" grant was used to build Montgomery Spur. This leaves \$8000 of this grant left.

\$7000.00 from the current account was invested in short term saving in June.

Moved that the financial report was accepted by the meeting. Moved Rebekah, seconded Murray.

### **3. Election of Executive Committee members for the 2017-18 year.**

Chairperson: Murray Anderson, Moved Rebekah, seconded Matt

Secretary: Rebekah Tregurtha, Moved Pauline, seconded Brian

Treasurer: Brian Smith, Moved Craig, seconded Rebekah

Committee members: Graham Allan, Sara Taylor, Craig Tregurtha, Matt Doogue, Pauline Cooper

We accepted the resignation of Glenn Jarrett, and thanked him for his contribution to the committee through assistance at events and with trailbuilding.

### **4. Chairperson's report**

#### **Membership**

The club retained a healthy membership with 37 Families equal to about 80 riders and 82 individual members. Good strong numbers.

Christchurch Singletrack Club Facebook page = 2532 followers

Christchurch Singletrack Rides Facebook group = 1105 members

Christchurch Singletrack Chicks Facebook group = 343 members

#### **Races / Events**

We had a busy season consisting of 10 "small" races. We began with a Short Track race just for women and children. This had the desired effect of getting more women along, but they generally didn't continue to participate in the subsequent events. There were 14 women and 17 children at this event. This year we changed the timing of the short track racing to the evening. From an organisers perspective this was good as it didn't affect our weekend and it was easier to find suitable dates. We had 56 participants at the first one, 57 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 55 at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This compared with 31, 29 and 24 competitors the year before when they were held in the afternoon so it seems it is more appealing for riders as well! Due to congestion we probably wouldn't want too many more riders than that, unless we build some dual lines up on Siberia.

At the three Mini-XC races before Christmas we had 52, 47 and 59 competitors. They are really enjoyable races to organise so we decided to do a couple more in the New Year which had 50 and 40 participants. We enjoy observing the social interaction between club members and it is great being able to offer something for our membership. At the last Mini-XC some people stayed away as they thought it would be cancelled as there was a fire on the top of the Port Hills at the time. Rebekah had gone up to Siberia earlier in the day to confirm that the fire was far enough away as to not affect the race. Little did we know that it was about to significantly spread and by the next evening helicopter crews were based in Halswell Quarry. The quarry was closed for several weeks and the bottom of Kennedy's Bush wasn't opened until earlier this month, almost 5 months after the fires began. Siberia Plateau is still closed.

We decided to change the way our hill climb series was run. Rapaki has become very busy over the past few years so we weren't entirely comfortable running a race there. Many people have GPS devices and indeed there are 170 members on the Singletrack Club's Strava Club so we decided to try just setting hill climb competitions via Strava. Just 14 people took part in the first one up Worsley's, about a third of normal attendance, but there was a little bit of confusion about how it would operate. Our second hill climb was run in the traditional way and had 29 people. Kennedy's is the longest climb of the series and usually only has about 30 – 40 people participate so was on par with normal attendance. Due to the fires, Rapaki Track was closed so the advertised Strava climb there never eventuated.

#### **Members Outstanding Success's**

Massive congratulations to Anton Cooper and Ben Oliver for taking out the top two spots in Elite men at the National Champs. Also great results from other club members, Craig Oliver who came in 4th in the Elites, Brent Miller who took out the Vet men, Payson Partridge, 2nd in Senior men, Dave Lovegrove, 2nd in Master 2 men, Zoe Nathan, 2nd in under 17 women, Archie Martinovich, 10th in U17 men, and Ethan Rose, 2nd in U15. Jacob Turner was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Schools champs U15 boys.

Anton in much better health this year and seems happy to be back with Trek. Since May 30th this year he has quietly moved up from 27<sup>th</sup> world ranking to 14<sup>th</sup> and looks good for more. He is still one of the youngest in the top 20. Ben Oliver sitting at 85<sup>th</sup> and Craig under repair.

World Masters games Sharron Prutton won her grade (65–69), Pauline Cooper was 2nd (60-64) and Pete Sommerville was 6th in his grade!

### **MY SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS IN THE YEAR**

The commissioning of the **Montgomery Spur track**. What a great addition to the Port Hills tracks. It provides a very good transition from Burwood and McLeans to the hills. It has a really special feel to it on the outlook over the sea and city. Usage has been very pleasing

The first year of the **inter schools cross country races**. The first grading races were on the new Montgomery Spur track. It was great to see so many competitors from a broad cross section of schools and most of these guys and girls turned up to all the races. The range of bikes was pretty vast with young ladies on totally unfashionable upright cruisers to keen young blokes on dads old clunkers (thanks Dad) to hard core racing hard tails. Special thanks to Murray Anderson and his team of professional and willing helpers. The appreciation from the competitors after the last race was well earned. I'm looking forward to next year.

The **Port Hills Classic**. It was a special year for this race and Sara and her crews put on a very special event. Saturday worked very well, great X country racing with a few old klunkers out there adding to the atmosphere and much pain for some. A very popular sprint series and heaps of kids races which went off very well. Sunday saw the Enduro, Uphill sprint, Cyclo cross and appalling weather for the last two events. We certainly have some hard core multi disciplined cyclists out there. Congratulations to Brent and Hannah Miller on their success's over the two days. Awesome efforts.

### **Christchurch Adventure Park**

I guess it is not for everyone but it WAS for a lot of people and will be again. The park definitely brought a lot of mountain bikers to the city. I met Australians, Hamiltonians, Wellingtonians and numerous other out of tonians. The bike shops in the city were fizzing and MTB business was booming. The park regulars were developing a very positive social scene based around groups of riders learning or improving skills on midweek evenings and having a beer and some social banter afterwards. Good stuff.

What was happening outside the park? You could ride down Flying Nun, Vic Park and Bowenvale Bonus on a Saturday afternoon and spot one maybe two other riders. Wow. Tracks were deserted and quickly getting that neglected deserted look about them. Not so good.

Will a balance arrive once the adrenalin and dust settles down in the park? Where there is change there is opportunity. Are there any here?

### **Track Building**

It takes teams of people to build tracks and teams need leaders. This year we started with Craig and Graham as our core leaders and added Murray to the mix. It has been great to watch Craig and Murray working together and bouncing ideas off each other. There is real enthusiasm in the quarry right now and tracks are coming on. Graham continued with his work parties on various Port Hill tracks after the

massive effort on M Spur. Some individuals liked to work more or less solo to bring us new tracks this year, Alistair in and around the Quarry and Kennedys Bush and Dave Sidery on Murphs. Great stuff. Great riding has resulted. Thank you and your teams so very much.

More Thank Yous

Graham a special thank you and a small token of appreciation from the Club and the so many riders that have enjoyed the tracks you have organised to be built and maintained over so many years. And of course a huge thanks to everyone who volunteered their time for so many things, event organising, track building, marshalling, timekeeping, registrations or whatever. Thank you so much.

A Final Thank you.

Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Anton Cooper and Sara Taylor for initiating and coordinating the biggest and most deserving thank you of all. On June 28<sup>th</sup> Rebekah and Craig were awarded a Christchurch City Council community service award for their contributions to mountain biking in and around Christchurch over many years. So well deserved. Yahoo.

## **5. Craig's 2016-17 trailbuilding review**

### **1. Living Springs**

Built two tracks in Totara Gully in mid 2016 - Jan 2017 to make the most of a new reserve and avoid the often dreaded 4WD climb

### **2. Halswell Tracks**

Network becoming more popular, especially after closure of CAP

Several new trails recently been approved by Dan van Asch

Designed to give variety of XC riding and provide numerous race configurations

Focus is on doing as much as possible in the forest

Building of these new trails begun March 2017

Big effort being made during autumn/winter/spring 2017

This work is in addition to the trails being built by Allister Davies

## **6. Graham's 2015-16 Port Hills Liaison Review**

- After 11 years I have handed over coordination of 'Trackwerx' to Ally McKay
- My focus will be on the Montgomery Spur / Taramea Loop Track development
  - In respect of this my huge thanks to the many who assisted – and continue to assist - with this project
  - Laurence Mote, Nick Thurley, Nick Singleton, and Craig & Rebekah stand out in this regard
  - Glenn, Greg Milne & Mike Stringer were mega in leading the build of stockgrids
  - Scott Walker of T5 was good to work with, and proved amenable to feedback / collaboration
  - It would be unfair to single out other volunteers there were so many

- I now have the support of Gray Rathgen & a group of his colleagues from Jade Corporation for the refinement & development of MS.
- The development is currently focused on drainage and some armouring.
- Shaping of some corners will come over time.
- Proposals for future include;
  - some alternate, skill development oriented lines through rocky areas
  - A lower line on front face, following mostly sheep tracks (narrower & more technical)
  - A descending flow line on NW spur – this will hopefully have an exit to Erewhon Terrace. There is an access easement there, but this may require considerable resolving with residents.
- Approx \$14000 has now been spent on MS, leaving \$6000, most of which will be used to gravel the leg that runs parallel & above Rapaki – the boggy stretch!
- In terms of the “bigger picture” I present this;
  - A new parcel of land coming into ‘public ownership’ – Tussock / Macs to the east of Rapaki Track. This offers the prospect of filling the singletrack gap between Witch Hill & Castle Rock, plus other lines if we play nice.
  - Maintaining & enhancing relationships with bodies such as Mt Vernon, and Summit Road Society are important to be seen as responsible recreation partners. Mountain biking faces enough challenges with its image as it is without inviting antipathy with cowboy attitudes & guerrilla tactics.
  - On upper Rapaki Track we plan to cut a singletrack line within the paper road corridor (this is an acceptable & agreed development to the Mt Vernon Farm Park, and will enhance separation of descending riders from other track users)
  - Lastly, as alluded to by Ally McKay, I believe there exists in Christchurch/Canterbury the potential/a need for an umbrella group (CSC/Gravity/Mt Hutt/Cant Mtbike Club/Nth Canty/CAP/Hanmer/Castle Hill) that meets/liaises say 4 times a year – something to be pondered & taken forward by those with time & energy

Graham Allan, Port Hills Liaison

## **7. Sara’s Port Hills Classic Race Report**

The 2017 PHC was held within Halswell Quarry on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> after being delayed 7 weeks due to the PH fires. This year’s event marked 30 years since the PHC began so we decided to change the format to celebrate all things mountain biking, having not only xc and kids races but also a sprint event, enduro, hill climb, cyclocross and showed MTB movies.

The event was a great success with all events well attended even with Sunday’s atrocious weather. We had 107 in the PHC, 47 in sprint event, 57 in kids races (18 in hard, 25 in medium and 14 in easy races), 95 in endure, 31 hardy souls in the hill climb and 30 in cyclocross with numbers in the PHC and kids races increasing again for the third year.

The main xc event was held over a slightly shorter course due to fire damage to Siberia but we still received some great feedback from the riders about the course and there was some fierce riding to be seen. It was great to see about 10 riders competing on original bikes from 30 years ago who finished with a smile/grimace on their faces. Ben Oliver and Hannah took out the wins in the 3 lap event. The sprint event proved very popular with spectators and was run over short, tight and super fun course enjoyed by all, Ben Oliver and Eva Elliott took out the wins.

Gravity Canterbury kindly organised the short enduro on Sunday morning which was well attended. The cyclocros event was organised and run by Scott Emmens who built an amazing course within the inner quarry that everyone enjoyed. Congrats to Brent and Hannah for taking out the cyclocross wins.

We are grateful to Cycleways for again sponsoring our event, providing demo bikes, service plus staff as helpers on the day. They kindly donated a 24" Specialised kids bike to be given away as a spot prize which we had a lot of fun giving away. It ended up with an extremely happy 10 year old girl.

We were well supported on the day with sponsors and volunteers so thank you again to all that were involved.

### **8. Trophies:**

The following trophies were awarded:

Men's Club Champion – Ben Oliver

Women's Club Champion – Hannah Miller

Hillclimb Men's Champion – Brent Miller

Hillclimb Women's Champion – Hannah Miller

Top School – Cashmere High School

Fastest Male – Scott Smith

Fastest Female – Courtenay Ross

### **9. General Business:**

**Laurence** – gave an overview of the Sumner Summit Track. Has been talking to the council since 2012. Has had some issues with residents. Will talk to Hagley Ferrymead Community Board soon. Would love support from others keen to see this trail developed.

### **Events this season – proposed dates**

- ◆ Singletracks schools coaching with Cycleways - October
- ◆ Short track racing - Tuesday evenings, 7, 14 & 21 Nov
- ◆ Mini-XC racing - Tuesday evenings, 28 Nov, 5 & 12 Dec
- ◆ South Island XCO Champs – 4 February 2018
- ◆ Hillclimb - February/March
- ◆ Singletracks schools racing - Wednesdays, March (term 1)

**Life Membership** – Pauline moved that Craig, Rebekah, Jennifer and Joel be given life membership to the Christchurch Singletrack Club. Seconded Murray.

Meeting ended at 5 pm