

Christchurch Singletrack Club

2019 Annual General Meeting

Date: **Sunday 11 August 2019 5:30 pm** - Location: Huntsbury Community Centre

Attended by: Craig Tregurtha, Rebekah Tregurtha, Brian Smith, Sylvia Seelen, Bevan Pratt, Angela Pratt, Harry Pratt, Ellena Pratt, Nikki Bligh, Jeremy Bligh, Annabel Bligh, Josh Bligh, Graeme Woodward, Sara Taylor, Dean Hamilton, Andrew Marshall, Justine Marshall, Murray Anderson, Sam Anderson, Anya Anderson, Nardia Turner, Graham Turner, Jacob Turner, Mitchel Turner, Cohan Glimtmeier, Imi Blance, Graham Allan, Olly Pearce, Tayler Reed, Beth Reed, Dave Ffowcs-Williams, Brigitte Bilbe, Andrew Laurie, Maria Laurie, John Laurie, Sam Radley, Allanah Radley, Alex Adams, John Pearce, Glenda Ryan, Richard Morley-Hall, Deborah Thomason, Mike Nixon, Hannah Miller, Tom Pearce, David Lovegrove, Matt Doogue.

Apologies: Steve Moffatt, Matt Boulcott, Chrissie Williams, John Thornton, Bridget McMillan, Craig Tolson, Andrea Murray, Jason Blair, Michelle Peterson, Richard Craig, Mike Stringer, Graeme Marshall, Digby Symons

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes from 2017 were received as being accurate. Moved Matt Doogue, seconded Dave Ffowcs-Williams

2. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report

In 2018/19 we've had another exciting season with really good interest in the Mini XC's and the Reverse Enduro, The Best mountain bike race in the country (SIXCO), and another strong schools Singletracks series. We've also had significant track development at Crocodile XC MTB Park and continued work on the supporting the Taramea project off Rapaki.

Membership

Our total membership for last year was 250 people. The membership is reasonably strong but perhaps doesn't really reflect the level of participation and track use in the community. There's work to do to strengthen the club here.

Christchurch Singletrack Club Facebook page currently has 3313 followers. This is an increase of nearly 400 over the year and helps for advocacy in the biking community.

Racesingletracks Facebook page has 583 followers. Limited mainly to schools racing and information relating to the March series.

Races / Events

We started with a **Short Track** event where 45 people raced. This is our last Short Track race for now until we have another suitable location.

A series of 3 evening **Mini XC's** started in early November. For the first week we ran a parent and junior promotion with Camelbak giving away to hydration packs. 148 riders turned up and it made for a fantastic evening of races. The second and third races were spread out a bit due to weather cancellations so despite the numbers still being strong with 119 and 95, the weather did play a part.

The 3rd of February saw **SIXCO** return to the Crocodile XC MTB Park. This was another super event with huge amounts of support. Clearly the best XC event in the country. A lot of work went into improving the technical aspects of the course during the year and as Race Director, Rebekah once again did a great job pulling it all together and making it an event that we are all proud to be involved with.

In mid-February we ran the **Reverse Enduro** for the second time. 51 riders took part and they all seemed pretty positive where I was marshalling ... at the end of the first climb! This format will continue for our hill climb focus as Strava has taken some of the excitement away from straight hill climb races.

The **Schools** Singletracks series ran in March for 5 weeks of racing with around 200 riding each week and over 260 riders registered. This has built up to be about the number of riders that we can fit into each afternoon. Amazing races with a larger proportion of the riders out there riding the

tracks that we use in SIXCO. Great weather on the last day helped to create a really positive prize giving to finish the series. Thanks again to Anton for giving his time to present the awards. At the last minute we added a couple of Mini XC's to the end of the schools racing. These were supported by a small number of keen riders that enjoyed the idea however we lacked the communication to get more people involved at that time.

Nationals - This year the club decided to help support (in a small way) club riders that were competing at the Nationals event in Rotorua. We're keen to see more of a representative focus at the South Island and Nationals events so that riders don't just feel like individuals. Club riders, Anton, Jacob Turner, and Ethan Rose had strong rides at the Oceanias with Anton taking out the elite race and Jacob and Ethan 1st and 2nd in the juniors.

This is the first year running the Singletrack **Gold Segment Series** utilising Strava. It's been an experimental year getting systems in place and working out how best to make it work. We thought it might give incentive for some riders that are training incentive and also encourage riders to try different tracks.

Graeme Woodward took on the project of getting it underway and is now looking at improvements and fine tuning for the next series to begin in October. He will provide an update later on about what we will be changing for 2019/20, along with a significant days riding in December!

Participants: 168 (men); 33 (women)

More than 2500 segments ridden! (10 months)

Most popular month: October 2018, 420+ segments covered!

2 outstanding athletes will be added to the Hall of Fame for completing all 10 segments in a month! Olly Pearce and Jason Blair.

Trackbuilding

The trackbuilding focus at Crocodile was around building some more technical aspects to include in the SIXCO race. This has included the successful loop of Elegator, Spurious, Off the Cuff, Coopers Creek, and Down & Out. The rock garden has also been a popular addition to the loop. The new deck area was also planned and built ready for the SIXCO race. It's already had a lot of use and provided much better space in the busy entrance hub. Thanks for Mitre 10 Mega for the wood and Tayler for many hours of building!

A large number of people have been involved in these projects and some will be recognised in the CSC awards.

I would like to recognise Allister Davies who works independently on some of the Crocodile tracks. This year he has put in a lot of hours on Crocodile and The Low Road. The addition of what we now call Crocodile Up (originally Up U Go) has added to the riding loops and means that we will be able to enhance Crocodile Down as a downhill only track with more fun. He has also started the process of making The Low Road into a separate up line and down line.

Taramea has had continued improvements through Grahams track team and the club will continue to support further development around this area.

Craig and Graham will provide a trail building update later on.

Club Equipment Improvements

The main addition to the equipment this year has been the electronic timing system. It's not always straight forwards setting up a system like this, however it has reduced the amount of manual timing and checking required to collate results.

Also, a big thanks to Ground Effect for providing some great quality track tools that have already been doing the hard yards!

Award - Brian Smith

Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Service Award. Brian was recognised last year for his help with track building and race support. He has now retired and luckily for us he's still keen to put in the hours at the tracks and at events. Its great having people like this involved with the club.

Award - Murray Anderson

Outstanding Contribution to Schools Cycling.

Anya and I had a great trip up to the Cycling NZ awards at Cambridge. A big thanks to all the people that put in the nomination! The exciting thing about this award for the club and mountainbiking is that it's the first time a Cycling NZ award has gone to mountainbiking. A reflection on the increasing influence mountainbiking is having on the national body.

Volunteers

We have had really good support this season. Committee members have been more involved and there have been many others who have helped regularly. We've appreciated this a lot! The club relies on the help from lots of people providing a wide range of skills from computer work, through to hard labour and digger driving! There will be some volunteers recognised in the CSC awards.

In Summary

The year has been extremely positive with great events (including club races, SIXCO, and Schools Racing), increased participation, new tracks, and more exciting plans!

3. Financial report for 2018-19 year Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc

Accounts for the year to July 29 2019

<i>Income</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>
Subscriptions	3325.00	3345.00
Donations/Sales	2974.35	1444.30
Event Fees	12852.00	13530.52
Grants	5975.00	7084.10
Interest	751.07	628.49
Investment Matures	0	9339.07
	\$25877.42	\$35371.48

Expenses

Events	11256.56	13391.55
Equipment	4996.09	5765.11
Construction	5838.81	2443.42
Donations	1050.00	2589.98
Operations	628.59	1175.97
Affiliation Fees	1064.88	1456.14
Refunds	0	0
	\$24835.03	\$26822.17

2017-18 Excess Revenue over Expenditure \$1210.24

Statement of Financial Position

Brought Forward from 2017-18 current a/c 1 July 2017	\$4220.26
Revenue 2018-19	\$35371.48*
Expenditure 2018-19	\$26822.17
Balance	\$12769.57
Balance in current account	\$12769.57

*Includes matured investment of \$7339.07

Investments

	2017-18	2018-19
Transpower	\$12451.12	0
Other	\$17000.00	\$17000.00
Other 1	\$7151.65	\$0

The balance of the Transpower grant was spent on the Taramea track.

The term investment of \$17000 matures on 28 April 2020. Interest rate is 3.4%

One investment of \$7339.07 (\$7151.65 plus interest) was withdrawn to facilitate more work on the trails through winter and help with cashflow for future events.

Comments

Revenue

For 2018-19 was just \$155 up on 2017/18. This excludes the matured investment. SIXCO \$5444 and Schools racing \$5805 along with Grants \$7084 made up the bulk of the revenue.

Expenditure

It was another big year for expenditure in line with our increased activities i.e. SIXCO, Schools Racing and work done to add to and improve trails in the Crocodile Park.

A timing system was purchased this year for around \$6500.

Note: The current balance of \$12769.57 positions us well for future works and to stage another large event should the opportunity arise.

4. Election of Executive Committee members for the 2019-20 year.

Chairperson: Murray Anderson - moved Rebekah Tregurtha, seconded Brian Smith

Secretary: Rebekah Tregurtha - moved Dave Ffowcs-Williams, seconded Alex Adams

Treasurer: Brian Smith - moved Craig Tregurtha, seconded Mike Nixon

Committee members: Graham Allan, Sara Taylor, Craig Tregurtha, Matt Doogue, Andrew Marshall, David Ffowcs-Williams, Nikki Bligh, and Matt Boulcott.

5. 2018-19 trailbuilding review

1. Taramea & Rapaki

Graham shared the plans for new tracks that we are hoping to build and updated us on improvements that have been made to the existing track.

2. Living Springs

Craig had little to report on Living Springs.

3. Halswell Tracks

Craig gave an update on the progress at Halswell's Crocodile XC MTB Park and the plans for the coming year or so, which include building a small climbing rock garden at the top of Croc Pot, and an alternative descending track (Rickrolled) adjacent to Off the Cuff. Once they are built then work will begin on Double Exposure, a track on the other side of the valley (above Murphs).

Craig also gave a run down on the fantastic set of signs Murray has designed and which we are currently seeking funding for.

6. General Business:

Events this season – dates (and some events) to be confirmed

- Gold Segment series
- "Longest Day" Gold Segment ride 14 December
- Crocodile XC racing – Midweek Nov - Dec
- Reverse Enduro hillclimb event – mid-week in Feb/Mar
- Singletracks schools racing – 5 Wednesdays, starting late Feb
- XC racing following one or more of the Wed schools events
- Hopefully National XCO Champs

Graeme Woodward gave an update on the Singletrack Gold Segment Series.

7. Awards

Singletracks Schools Series

Fastest Female - Courtney Ross

Fastest Male - Ethan Rose

Top School Girls - Cashmere

Top School Boys - Cashmere and Rangiora (tied)

Gold Segment Series

Top 3 women (Hannah Miller, Brigette Bilbe, Glenda Ryan)

Top 3 men (Olly Pearce, Jason Blair, Jamie Harbour)

Hillclimb Champs (Reverse Enduro)

Women's Hill Climb - Annabel Bligh

Men's Hill Climb - Jacob Turner

Club Champs (SIXCO)

Women's Club Champion - Hannah Miller

Men's Club Champion - Anton Cooper

Building of the deck

Taylor Reed

Track building and maintenance over 2018/19 (Crocodile XC Park)

Brian Smith
Richard Morley-Hall
Sam Radley
Anton Cooper
Martin O'Brien

30+ sessions (Crocodile XC Park)

Dave Ffowcs-Williams
Mike Stringer
Martin O'Brien

Racing support

Nikki Bligh
Glen Duffield

Gold Segment Series coordinator

Graeme Woodward

Life Time Member

Graham Allan

8. Celebrating the Singletrack Club being 10 years old

Rebekah gave a summary of the activities, highs and lows that have been part of the club over the 10 years since the club was initiated.

The meeting began with a potluck dinner and ended with an anniversary cake. The formal part of the meeting began at 6:45 pm and ended at approximately 8:40 pm