

Christchurch Singletrack Club

2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: **Sunday 9 August 2020 5:30 pm** - Location: Huntsbury Community Centre

Attended by: Craig Tregurtha, Rebekah Tregurtha, Jennifer Tregurtha, Joel Tregurtha, Brian Smith, Bevan Pratt, Nikki Bligh, Jeremy Bligh, Annabel Bligh, Josh Bligh, Sara Taylor, Andrew Marshall, Justine Marshall, Jake Marshall, Flynn Marshall, Murray Anderson, Sam Anderson, Nardia Turner, Graham Turner, Jacob Turner, Mitchel Turner, Graham Allan, Olly Pearce, Brigitte Bilbe, Andrew Laurie, Maria Laurie, John Laurie, Francis Laurie, Sam Radley, Allanah Radley, Alex Adams, Mike Nixon, Brent Miller, Hannah Miller, David Lovegrove, Henry Lovegrove, Daniel Lovegrove, Jo Lovegrove, Emma Lovegrove, Jo Sugrue, Jason Blair, James Gardner, Steve Moffatt, Will Keay, Graeme Marshall, Chantelle Marshall, Steve Baker, Jenny Christie, Meg Baker, Craig Phillips, John Thornton, David Plew (52 attendees)

Apologies: Angela Pratt, Harry Pratt, Ellena Pratt, Dave Ffowcs-Williams, John Pearce, Glenda Ryan, Graeme Woodward, Dave Jones, Nick Singleton

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

The minutes from 2019 were received as being accurate. Moved Rebekah Tregurtha, seconded Mike Nixon

2. Chairman's Report

2019/20 has been a strong season, and a slightly shorter season than normal. We had a little more variety in the race season with a new team race and good numbers riding. The schools series was cut short by Covid but we have managed to continue with some building of new tracks and features after lockdown.

Membership

Membership for last year was 260 which was very slightly up on the previous year. About 140 individual families are represented.

CSC Facebook page currently has 3580 followers. This is an 8% increase and some of that interest came around the time of lockdown and the sometimes controversial issues of track closure and biking during this time. The increase is despite not having any significant events or outstanding results on the world stage.

Singletracks schools racing Facebook page has 690 followers, limited mainly to those interested in the schools race series held over March.

Our new **Crocodile XC MTB Park** Facebook page has 611 followers and this was set up to give some more specific park updates and closure information directly to those that ride there. It's been popular so far and will likely help with the management of the park.

Races / Events

The **Mini XC series (4 races)** from 13th Nov - 11th Dec had great participation with between 102 and 113 racing for each of the 4 races.

We ran a **Summer Series (4 races)** from 4th Feb - 25th Feb as we had no major CyclingNZ or MTBNZ event this year. We introduced some more variety to the races with a mini XC, 90 minute solo or teams race, the reverse enduro, and a full course XC championships. Numbers ranged between 83 and 96 for this series. Feedback was very positive regarding the events.

The **Singletracks (2 of 5 races)** schools series started well with the time trials and a XC race in the first two weeks. 200 riders were competing each day and all was going well until we were half way through setting up the course for week 3. Schools sport cancelled due to Covid.

Nationals and Oceanias Representation in Dunedin

Results for Christchurch Singletrack Club riders;

Nationals

Elite Male: 1st Anton Cooper
11th Nathan Sharratt
U19 Male: 1st Ethan Rose
2nd Jacob Turner
7th Sam Anderson
10th Jordan Sutherland
U17 Male: 8th Nick Rush
M1 Male: 1st Brent Miller
3rd Jeremy Inglis
M2 Male: 4th Chris Taylor
6th Tim Madgwick
M3 Male: 1st Neil Sutherland
U19 Female: 1st Amelie MacKay
U17 Female: 3rd Annabel Bligh
U15 Female: 2nd Eva Nyan

Oceanias

Elite Male: 1st Anton Cooper
U19 Male: 1st Ethan Rose
3rd Jacob Turner
11th Sam Anderson
16th Jordan Sutherland
M1 Male: 1st Olly Pearce
M3 Male: 5th Jason Blair
U19 Female: 5th Amelie MacKay
U17 Female: 3rd Annabel Bligh
M2 Female: 1st Hannah Miller

Gold Segment Series

We ran this for the second year with a few keen segment grabbers. Graeme had done amazing work early on with the website so that results were kept up to date automatically. This was thwarted a little with Strava changing the way they do things, and then starting to charge for any features in the service. Not only that, Covid had a say near the end.

The Longest Day was an event based around riding the four XC gold segments in one day. We had a fantastic day with about 15 riders starting at McLeans Island at 8am and 7 riders completing the segments at Taylors Mistake at 7pm. It seemed to be a good format and maybe a few more will tag along on Dec 19th this year. It is our only genuine social ride that we organise and it would be good to expand it to have a BBQ at Halswell in the middle.

Track building

We started with a Specialised dig day at the Crocodile XC MTB Park that had 70 or 80 people participate in throughout the day. We got started on Double Exposure and Rickrolled and we also had some great progress with pruning some of the pines to increase the visibility through the tracks. Work continued on improving the Entrance Hub with seats going in. This was extended recently with a bike rack, repair stand, and table being installed.

A group of around 10 Christs' College students spent two days of their volunteer work helping to build the new C2 passing line along with a few other improvements.

The installation of the container near the entrance hub and race base has been made a massive change for race organisers and track builders as we have so much gear on hand rather than requiring trailers each time. Smiths Cranes provided free delivery to the park which was not an easy task.

After lock down a lot of work was done on Rickrolled to get that open. It's a fun addition and we've successfully added non-threatening but fun drops and jumps into the park features. Work has also started on the Garden Path which is an extension to our green easy loop.

Signage has been a major project for the year. There have been a number of supporters for this and a lot of hours have gone into post and sign installation. Particularly Brian and Alec, and Dave (sometimes with family) helping out installing posts. Flynn Marshal did a number of sessions helping to install the signs.

A big thanks to Moorhouse Medical, Jennian Homes, New World Halswell, Snowride, Chch International Airport, Mitre 10 Hornby, Advanced Tree Services, Martyns Outdoor Power, and

Smith Crane and Construction. These businesses have had a significant part in funding signage and tools and developing aspects of the park.

Graham has continued to make improvements to Taramea this year.

Club Equipment

The game changer this year has been the installation of the container. Our management and storage of club equipment is so much easier and it's enabled us to expand what equipment we have, but also utilise it a lot more.

Significant purchases have been the Blower for clearing tracks of pine needles etc. To clear all of the tracks in the trees of loose material now takes 1 person about 2 hours instead of multiple people getting sore with rakes over multiple days!

Two of our scrub cutters reached the end of their serviceable life so we purchased two new brush cutters and we were also given one as a donation. These get a lot of use, especially in spring.

A new petrol hedge trimmer has already been used a lot to clear vines and scrub. It has made seemingly impossible clearing jobs easy and means that when choosing track lines we don't necessarily take the easy option where the least scrub is. The B line for Double Exposure will be cleared almost entirely with this.

We have also purchased another 4 radios to take our total to 16. This ensures that during events all marshals and first aiders etc. are in direct contact. (These are not stored in the container!)

We have also bought a BBQ so that we can provide food at some of the larger track builds and events.

3. Financial report for 2019-20 year Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc

Accounts for the year to June 30 2020

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>2019-20</i>
Subscriptions	\$3345.00	\$2880.00
Donations/Sales	\$1444.30	\$10146.72
Event Fees	\$13530.52	\$3508.50
Grants	\$7084.10	\$4431.00
Interest	\$628.49	\$ 586.91
Investment Matures	\$9339.07	
	\$35371.48	\$21553.03
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Events	\$13391.55	\$2687.26
Equipment	\$5765.11	\$11282.80
Construction	\$2443.42	\$2601.92
Donations	\$2589.98	\$0.00
Operations	\$1175.97	\$3015.65
Affiliation Fees	\$1456.14	\$2330.95
Refunds	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
	\$26822.17	\$21918.58

2019-20 Excess Revenue over Expenditure - \$365.55

Statement of Financial Position

Brought Forward from 2018-19 current a/c 1 July 2019	\$12769.57
Revenue 2019-20	\$21553.03
Expenditure 2019-20	\$21918.58
Balance in current account	\$12404.02

Investments

	2018-19	2019-20
Other	\$17000.00	\$17000.00
Other 1	\$13075.71	\$13365.27

The term investment of \$17000 matures on 3 May 2021. Interest rate is 2.5%

The term investment of \$13365.27 matures on 9 April 2021. Interest rate is 1.75%

Interest earned in the financial year to 31 March 2020 was \$924.66

Revenue comments:

Donations were up significantly due to an increase in private donations to \$940 and several corporate donations in particular for the signage project. Foodstuffs SI and New World \$2800, Moorhouse Medical Centre \$2000 Jennian Homes \$1000, Christchurch International Airport \$1000 Snowride Sports \$1000 were very generous donors. Very much appreciated. Please support these companies.

Event fees and Grants were down due to no major events run this year.

Expenditure comments:

Event expenses were well down as a result of no major events being held.

Equipment purchased this year included THE container \$2600, the signage \$2800, 2 brushcutters, a hedge trimmer and a blower \$4247.

The Operations cost increase related mainly to maintenance/repair costs of machinery early in the year \$900.

Fees are much higher because I included an amount of \$1319 which was a refund of funding made because of the cancelation of schools racing, in this area.

4. Election of Executive Committee members for the 2020-21 year.

Chairperson: Nikki Bligh - moved Craig Tregurtha, seconded Andrew Marshall

Secretary: Rebekah Tregurtha - moved Justine Marshall, seconded Alex Adams

Treasurer: Brian Smith - moved Craig Tregurtha, seconded Murray Anderson

Committee members: Graham Allan, Sara Taylor, Craig Tregurtha, Matt Doogue, Andrew Marshall, David Ffowcs-Williams, Murray Anderon, and Matt Boulcott. – moved Bevan Pratt, seconded David Lovegrove

5. 2019-20 trailbuilding review

1. Taramea Loop @ Montgomery Reserve

Opened spring 2017, very popular, fits 'the brief'. Improvements made include; drains, gravelling, paving climbing corners, rock skills area, berming descending corners.

Next challenge; U channel remediation – bevel sides, eventually gravel. Plans: further armouring, another log rollover ramp (advanced), some alternate lines
Awaiting approval; a link to/from bottom of Rapaki Track. In process with CCC consultation. Completion of this 2-way mtb line will create a full ascent or descent option separate from Rapaki Track

Upper Rapaki Singletrack line aka “The Full Monty”

Established early in 2018 by David Jones, closed whilst permission was sought from Mt Vernon Farm Park board. Rebuilt / improved in 2019 once approved.
Tussocks planted along new route, rampant thistles tackled.
Ongoing improvement of drainage, armouring & major maintenance (esp. descending corner above bluffs)

Volunteer Acknowledgements;

David Jones
Gray Rathgen
Chris Hislop
Robbie Halliday

Central Port Hills

CSC is poised to take on more commitments to work in public-private/volunteer partnership, especially the ‘Central’ Port Hills – the joined up Linda Woods Reserve + Mt Vernon Farm Park + Huntsbury Reserve.

Whilst this will bring an enhanced Port Hills mtb ‘network’ for all to enjoy, there looms an expectation for CSC to lead the volunteer input to build and, the bigger challenge, to maintain these tracks.
Succession planning required to lead this into the future.

Nick Singleton also provided an update on Linda Woods Reserve

2. Living Springs

Due the financial impact from COVID-19 on Living Springs, the pines are due to be felled starting 17th August. Once the site has been cleared a team will be able to go in and re-instate a track. The track network will be closed to all riders during the logging operation and potentially until a new track is completed.

3. Crocodile XC MTB Park

Craig gave an update on the plans for the coming year or so, which include building a small climbing rock garden at the top of Croc Pot, completing the Garden Path, improving the walking access and completing Double Exposure. Recently two track counters were installed thanks to Dave FW so we will begin to get data on usage patterns. The CCC is installing a squeeze gate at the entrance of the park to make it safer for people and dogs using the quarry. A roof will also be installed on the container to make it longer lasting.

6. General Business:

Events this coming season

- Gold Segment series: November – Hillclimbs, December – Sprints, January – Port Hills XC, February – Crocodile XC, March – McLeans XC, April – Living Springs XC (TBC)
- “Longest Day” Gold Segment ride 19 December

- Crocodile XC racing – up to 8 events on Wednesday evenings between Nov 4 and Feb 17
- Singletracks schools racing – 5 Wednesdays, starting 24 Feb
- National XCO Champs – 27 February

Controlling track access

It is difficult to physically change open/closed signs or chains at all three access points at the Crocodile XC MTB Park every time it needs to be done. We have partly created the Crocodile Facebook Page so that people can get in the habit of checking there for updates before riding.

7. Awards

Singletracks Schools Series

No awards given due to cancellation of 3 weeks of racing

Gold Segment Series

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

Top 3 men (Olly Pearce, Brent Miller, Jason Blair)

Hillclimb Champs (Reverse Enduro)

Women's Hill Climb - Annabel Bligh

Men's Hill Climb - Jacob Turner

Club Champs (Summer Series)

Women's Club Champion – Annabel Bligh

Men's Club Champion – Jacob Turner

Contribution to Crocodile XC Park and/or Club Racing

Mat Palmer – (Advanced Tree Services) - Tree work at Crocodile

Flynn Marshall - course marshalling, sign installation

Andrew Marshall - Support organising container installation, shelving

Brian Smith - track building, course marshalling, drains, race set up

30+ sessions (Crocodile XC Park)

Sam Anderson

Contribution to Rapaki area tracks

Gray Rathgen - Taramea / Full Monty

David Jones - Taramea / Full Monty

Life Time Membership

Murray Anderson

The meeting began with pizza. The formal part of the meeting began at 6:10 pm and went through to 7:50 pm. We had a short interlude and then we treated to an interesting and entertaining talk and video by Steve Moffatt. Following this we presented the awards and finished about 8:40 pm.