

# Minutes from the Christchurch Singletrack Club 2014 Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 2 August 2014, 6:30 pm

**Location:** Heathcote Cricket Club rooms

**Attendees whose names were recorded:** Rebekah Tregurtha, Noel Whiteside, Brian Smith, Michelle Peterson, Jeff Long, Scott Emmens, Glenn Jarrett, Craig Tregurtha, Caroline Depatie, Mike Nixon, Greig Larcombe, Graeme Marshall, Dean Hamilton, Sara Taylor, Graeme Woodward, and Jennifer Tregurtha

**Apologies:** were received

## 1. Approval of the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

The minutes from 2013 were received as being accurate. Moved Rebekah, seconded Glenn

## 2. Financial report for 2013-14 year Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc Accounts for the Year to June 30, 2014

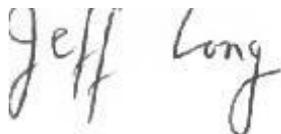
<u>Income</u>	2012-13	2013-14
Subscriptions	2188.30	2210.00
Donations/sales	2880.20	500.00
Event Fees	2404.20	2684.40
Grants		2445.63
Interest	80.63	818.18
Other Income	75.00	
Auction proceeds	2652.11	
	<b>10280.44</b>	<b>8658.21</b>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Events	1227.00	578.13
Equipment	932.00	1182.85
Construction	4903.79	3131.00
Donations	2500.00	
Operations		489.93
Affiliation Fees	222.94	685.00
	<b>9785.73</b>	<b>6066.91</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>494.71</b>	<b>2591.30</b>

Bank balance at the SBS Bank was \$6,400.40 as at July 14, 2014

Term Investment of \$10,440 at SBS Bank, maturing Oct 1, 2014

Term Investment of \$20,000 from Transpower at SBS Bank, maturing Jan 6, 2015  
held for the Huntsbury Track mtb work

Although some equipment purchases will last for more than a year, they have all been expensed.



July 24, 2014

The financial report for 2013-14 was received as being accurate. Moved Jeff, seconded Craig.

### **3. Election of Executive Committee members for the 2014-15 year.**

Rebekah stepped down from the position of Chairperson, as required by the club rules (3 years maximum term) after a sterling effort!!!!

Jeff Long retired from the position of Secretary-Treasurer, having been Treasurer from the inception of the club 5 years ago!

Tony Greaves resigned from the committee. Zane Smith also resigned as he is moving to Auckland. Sad!

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Brian Smith	Moved Rebekah, seconded Craig
<i>Secretary :</i>	Rebekah Tregurtha	Moved Craig, seconded Sarah
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Scott Emmens	Moved Craig, seconded Michelle
<i>Membership Sec'y:</i>	Michelle Peterson	Moved Craig, seconded Glenn
<i>Committee members:</i>	Graham Allan, Glenn Jarrett, Sara Taylor, Craig Tregurtha	

### **4. Approval of 2014-15 membership fees**

Rebekah moved that the club membership fees for the July 2014 to June 2015 year remain at Individual \$20 (including \$5 levy to MTBNZ) and \$30 a family. Now that the membership portal has been sorted out, Michelle will send an email to all current members encouraging renewal.

**5. Chairperson's report** Received with acclaim (attached).

**6. Track Reports** Were presented by Craig and Graham (attached).

**7. Trophies:** with the main event at Living Springs cancelled due to weather-induced track damage, this year's champion's trophies were not awarded. The hillclimb series champions were Brent Miller and Sharon Prutton.

### **8. General Business:**

- a. Caroline will organise children's group rides for 6-12 year-olds one evening a week, starting October, at a variety of locations.
- b. BikeNZ registration. Up to individuals if they wish to be a registered rider, but not required for any club events.
- c. The current cyclo-cross events were organised by Scott but under the umbrella of the CSC.
- d. Sara to look at the possibility of organising one major race, possibly Port Hills Classic in style.
- e. Some discussion about the purpose of the Club – agreed the main purposes were to develop and maintain tracks and organise races. Useful to retain a club structure for attracting funding and for track building.
- f. Many thanks to Rebekah and Craig for the huge amount of work they put into the club over the last year, and also for the amount of track building and maintenance work.

# Chairperson's Report for the Christchurch Singletrack Club 2014 Annual General Meeting

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## Club membership for 2013 - 2014 year

By the end of the year we had about 100 financial members. This is about half of the previous year. I feel that the club has lost some momentum during the year.

Facebook "likers" is 1130.

## Review of the club's activities during 2013-14 year

Rebekah reviewed the 2013-14 year activities.

*Events:*

- Short Track Series (3 events) 146 entries over 3 races, made up of 104 individuals.
- Mini-XC Series (3 events) 121 entries over 3 races
- Port Hills Hillclimb Series (3 events) 256 entries over 4 events, made up of 88 individuals
- Cyclocross Series (5 races during winter 2014). Run by Scott Emmens. Currently in progress.
- 4 Hour event to be held in May at Living Springs was cancelled.

## Craig's 2013-14 trail building review

### 1. Living Springs

The last year can be summed up as STORMY! In late June last year a storm system brought 200 mm of rain and strong winds, causing several very large slips above the lower section of Zanes which deposited large amounts of soil onto the track and did some bridge damage. In the Pines a few trees got blown down across the track and there were a couple of slips. The tracks were closed for several months while we spent numerous days clearing the slips and trees.

Before we finished repairing damage from the June storm, another storm blew through Canterbury on 10 September bringing extreme NW gales which blew over numerous trees in The Pines and a few kanukas in Mississippi and Zanes. This took a few sessions to clear.

The summer started out okay with just general maintenance like spraying and grass cutting. But then two more storms during March 2014 blew over several trees in the Pines and Zanes and left windblown debris over most of the track. Along with tidying up that storm damage we installed 2 cattlestops on the new fence above Zanes (Zanes has been destocked). In that area Living Springs have planted several thousands more native trees which is fantastic. A significant milestone during that time was reaching our 200<sup>th</sup> trailbuilding session at Living Springs.

On 18 April, yet another storm hit, blowing over a couple of big trees (one of which ripped a huge hole in the track), left windblown debris over most of the track and created a small slip in the Pines.

Less than 2 weeks later on 29 April, the sixth storm this season hit and brought heavy rain on an already very sodden ground, causing a large number of trees to fall over in the Pines, some ripping up the track, and creating several holes and slips. We were very grateful to hear a couple of days later that John from Living Springs had rounded up a few guys and cleared some of that damage for us. There is still one large hole that

hasn't yet been repaired but we did do a lot of work on drain clearing after that storm to speed up the drying process.

Our scheduled 4 HOUR event in early May had to be cancelled as a result of this latest damage and wet conditions.

So with 6 significant storms it certainly was a year of cleaning up rather than track development at Living Springs.

## 2. Halswell Tracks

In autumn last year we finalised the line for a new track in the lower Crocodile paddock and had lots of people help us clear the vegetation corridor. But then nothing more happened over the winter and spring to ensure we didn't create sediment runoff issues. In December the crew from D&E Track and Trail used their Singletrack 240 digger to do the benching and several of us spent a few sessions doing the back sloping and finishing work. Deviation was chosen for the name and the track was officially opened at Christmas. A small amount of maintenance work was done on it in autumn but since we got the heavy rains in March and April the track has remained closed. We intend to keep it closed until conditions dry out significantly. Before that time we need to install a bridge across the creek as in one of the storms this year our creek crossing got blown out.

C2 has become very popular over the past couple of years and held up very well to the storm events. A few big trees had to be cleared and holes filled but in general the track has remained open for most of the year so far. The diary shows 14 sessions have been spent on maintenance on C2 during the past 12 months.

The Crocodile Track got hit hard with all the autumn rain but is riding better now after Graham's team spent a day there at the end of June. The plan is to hopefully tidy up that track with a digger this coming summer.

Dave is currently building a more technical line in the forest block which hopefully will be ready to ride this coming season.

Soon we will be installing a noticeboard at the bottom of C2 where a flat clearing has been made.

There are plans for all sorts of track improvements and development on Dan van Asch's farm but we're keen for more leaders to get these projects up and running. Let me know if you are keen.

## Graham's Port Hills Track work Summary

*"Port Hills Trackwerx has had a good year, with maintenance & improvement work taking place every month Feb – November, from Crocodile to Anaconda tracks, and everywhere in between.*

*Nick Singleton, the CCC Ranger, is clear that we are steadily improving the tracks by attending to problem areas in a relatively permanent way – with re-routes, armouring, improved drainage, improved line of sight, and gravelling.*

*Turn outs to Trackwerx now average 12 keen workers, sometimes as many as 20. Many riders make it a regular event, and we keep on picking up new people interested in giving back. The Canterbury Mountain Bike Club have undertaken to make Trackwerx their club ride and have on occasions brought in up to 10 riders/workers. Thanks CMBC.*

*In the near future we will be looking at an "adopt-a-track" scheme, whereby groups of friends with a nominated & knowledgeable leader, can take care of the basic, regular maintenance on a section of Port Hills track. If all sections got more regular drainage clearing / improvement then we could be looking at bigger jobs for the 3 hours a month we dish the dirt on Port Hills Mountain Bike Tracks.*

*The long dreamed about Huntsbury Spur line is still stymied by CCC recreation/reserves management conservatism. However we have not given up on this and will be seeking feedback from (distant) home owners who may be visually affected by the proposed track. Who knows, we might yet get to use the Transpower Community Fund money before it must be returned!!*

*A special mention to Dave Johnson (BASIC bikes), Ally McKay, and Nick Thurley for all their work on Greenwood, Anaconda, and Flying Nun tracks respectively. (Ally will be taking over as chief custodian of Flying Nun now that Nick T has a home build project to make his priority)*

*Thanks a heap to all who turned out at any time through the year – your efforts DO make a difference"*