



# NMTBC AGM Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday 11 April 2022, Waahi Taakaro Golf Club. 7pm

**Present:** See attendance list.

**Apologies:** Bryce Buckland, Mike Gane, Allison Couldrey, Scott Jones, Anne Malham, Mel Schroder, and Keith Richardson.

Matter	Moved	Action
<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>1. Welcome (Matt Ball "MB"- Vice Chair)</b> Introduced latest strategic plan including key goals (on NMTBC website).</p> <p><b>2. 2022 AGM Attendees/Apologies</b> As above</p> <p><b>3. 2021 AGM Minutes and matters arising</b> No Matters arising</p> <p><b>MB – Thanks to Mel Schroder</b> for everything she's done as chair of NMTBC</p> <p><b>4. President's Report (read by MB on behalf of Mel Schroder)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspired by volunteers, proud to be associated with NMTBC. Pressures from fires, pandemic etc</li> <li>Proud to have been NMTBC first female chair and one of only the few female mountain bike club chairs in NZ</li> <li>Thanks to family for support, BC (club manager), committee members, members, volunteers, and everyone else who has helped.</li> <li>Future – Mel will still run events and will get involved with youth development.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Financial Report (Chris Short).</b> Challenging times for NMTBC to be operating in, particularly at the Gorge and for attracting sponsors. NMTBC hoping we are past the worst.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continues to be a challenging environment for the club financially</li> <li>COVID has had a significant effect on club income particularly at the Gorge and on Sponsorship and Donations</li> <li>2021 deficit of \$127,000 in contrast to a \$144,000 surplus in 2020</li> <li>Some of this difference is timing around recognition of income and expenditure for trail development</li> <li>Club cash position is reduced by \$90,000 from the previous year as a result</li> <li>Club continues to ensure we have good processes for managing finances including budgets and cash flow monitoring.</li> </ul>	<p>2021 Minutes accepted: Moved: Nigel Schroder 2<sup>nd</sup> – Belinda Crisp</p> <p>2021 Accounts Accepted: Moved – Jamie Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ali Jamieson</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A worst case zero budget for 2022 has been agreed to move towards restoring some reserves</li> <li>• The cancellation of EWS and repositioning the club in respect of management of contractors for trail development has helped to remove some financial risks</li> <li>• The club will need to remain vigilant as we emerge from the worst of the COVID pandemic.</li> <li>• Exploring alternatives with the management of the Gorge needs to be prioritised to help with financial risks as well.</li> <li>• A thank you to the Club Manager again for her outstanding management of the club</li> <li>• A thank you also to Johnston &amp; Associates who took over monthly and annual accounts for the club last year as well.</li> </ul> <p>Member questions</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Does the club use club funds to build trails?’</b> CS- Yes, in some cases. There are various ways trails can be funded including council money and club money .</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Will there be less trails with club funds being lower?’</b> CS – Not necessarily – there will be more volunteer builds and the club will look to get sponsorship, donations and other funding..</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Why has commercial operator income halved?’</b> BC – This is because we are still to receive the second operator’s payment for 2021</p> <p><b>Q – ‘What does the land access fee include?’</b> BC – The fee is for both Ngati Koata land access and Tasman Pine. The 2021 financials also include a 2020 payment</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Is the nearly \$50,000 cost for access to Sharlands a sustainable cost for the club?’</b> CS – NMTBC must investigate options for this going forward. Might not be sustainable..</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Will the Sharlands fees be discounted if Sharlands was closed?’</b> CS – NMTBC will work to ensure it is discounted.</p>		
<p><b>5. Portfolio Manager Overviews:</b></p> <p><b>Jono Corfield– Events</b></p> <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid and weather affected events in 2021.</li> <li>• Large numbers for XC.</li> <li>• Dodzy was unfortunately cancelled in 2021 but it will be back for 2022.</li> <li>• Open days at the Gorge were a huge success.</li> <li>• It was year six for Shred Like a Girl, a wet but fun event.</li> </ul>		

- Working towards increasing social events.
- Dig Day Sundays started in 2021 and were a huge success. They'll continue for 2022.
- The Go Pro film festival ran for the first time. Lessons learnt for future events.
- A massive thanks to Loui and Jess Harvey for the Super D series, this was a huge success and ran during difficult covid times.

#### 2022 events:

- National DH event ran in 2022 – Covid effect logistics and spectators but still was a hugely successful event.
- Mammoth – MS and HB last time running event. A massive thanks to them. The trails and event were fantastic.
- Junior Enduro – 115 entries, lots of happy passionate kids. A fantastic event.
- Plan – More events including everything from last year. More social days and more youth events. Need lots of support.

Thanks to: Ellie Davies, Hamish Berkett, race organisers, volunteers, sponsors and land owners.

Hamish Berkett commented that EWS would have been great to run but regardless of whether it ran or not, it still put Nelson on the map and helped to get lots of new trails which was one of the main aims. The financial risk was large for the club and it would not consider taking on an event of that size unless the risks could be reduced.

Ali Jamieson – Acknowledged how fantastic the Nelson events are and how slick events run. Statement supported by other club members.

Ellie Davies – Thanked Jono for all his work.

#### **Brendan Hill – Trails**

Successes: Lots of new trails, Maitai pump track, building and maintaining landowner relationships, dig days, trail re-grading and being involved in the Out and About Strategy.

Challenges: Illegal trail building, Covid, forestry closures, trail re-grading, injuries on Crazy Horse and compliance issues with resource consents.

What next: Trail closures due to forestry. Top Dog Extension, Maitai Valley trails, easier graded trails, golf course trails and skills area, Jenkins Hill trail.

Special thanks to: Ian Phillips (Easy Trails), Kurt Lancaster (Living Trails) and Ben Pointer

#### Member questions

**Q** – 'The Out and About strategy mentions limiting trails? What does this mean?'

**BH** – Council has no desire to shut trails but there will be more emphasis on maintaining the current trails on NCC land.

**Q** – 'Are you looking at working with different landowners?'

**BH** – Yes potentially. NMTBC committee recognise the need for this and when capacity and capability allow, will look more towards Tasman.

<p><b>Q – ‘Is there potential for full volunteer builds?’</b>  BH – Yes, most builds this year will be volunteer builds starting with the Top Dog Extension but will mostly be aligned with the Out and About Strategy.</p> <p><b>Q – ‘What trails will be affected by Sharlands harvest? When?’</b>  BH – Chings Highway and the bottom of Aorere. The closures will commence around June/July and then November for several months. Sharlands will be open in the weekends during this time.</p> <p><b>Q – ‘When will E Tu etc open?’</b>  BC – PF Olsen initially hoped to have the harvesting completed by February 2022. The latest date is July 2022, but there are rumours of the closure extending to November</p> <p><b>Q – ‘If NMTBC loses Ngati Koata land, where will DH races go ahead? Where else can we build trails?’</b>  BH – Negotiations ongoing with Ngati Koata, it is hard to know beyond next 5 years. NMTBC will be investigating options for other areas to develop going forward.</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Will Viral Flow be rebuilt?’</b>  BH – Possibly, it would be a volunteer rebuild.</p> <p>NOTE – Due to a culling program, Codgers, Codgers-Maitai, parts of Fringed Hill and Marsden Valley will be closed during weekdays for three weeks from the start of May. NMTBC has voiced their concern about the impact of this on recreation.</p> <p><b>Zane Smith – Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New App – lots of potential for further development and functionality</li> <li>• Current membership 2,700, now annual membership.</li> <li>• You now don’t have to be a member to ride at the Gorge</li> <li>• App – lots of great functionality including push notifications and news.</li> </ul> <p>Member Questions</p> <p><b>Q – ‘How many members are under 18?’</b>  BC – Around 20%</p> <p><b>Q – ‘Why have you dropped needing to be a member to ride at the Gorge? Has this affected membership?’</b>  GM (Ops Manager at Wairoa Gorge) – Joining a club should be because you want to belong, and it is something you want to be part of rather than being forced. The philosophy is now that the Gorge is a “carrot” to join the club due to the discounted rate to ride there.</p> <p><b>Matt Ball – Wairoa Gorge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of positive changes and lots of positive feedback.</li> <li>• Gorge has broken even over the past few years which is fantastic given the challenging environment of the past few years.</li> <li>• Vehicles are working great now with an extra Troopy and a side by side.</li> <li>• Solar at Irvines and internet at Deans Shed</li> <li>• Price reduction for members</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creamed rice reworks ahead of time and budget</li> <li>● Thanks – Greg McIntyre, community, volunteers, sponsors, and riders.</li> </ul> <p>How can members help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Come and use it.</li> <li>● Attend a working bee</li> <li>● Volunteer</li> <li>● Donate</li> <li>● Stay</li> </ul> <p>Member Questions</p> <p><b>Q</b> – ‘Sponsorship - there is a big jump between categories. Route sponsorship looks too cheap’</p> <p><b>MB</b> – Noted.</p> <p><b>Q</b> – ‘Is there the option to pedal up the road?’</p> <p><b>GM</b> – Yes, we are looking at this. There are plans to investigate a climbing track.</p> <p><b>Q</b> – ‘How do you balance the cost for locals and getting them there?’ What about a season pass?’</p> <p><b>MB</b> – Agree, we’d love a season pass but it requires still knowing how many riders are there, to get drivers and vehicles etc.</p> <p><b>Q</b> – ‘Can you do a pay per run model?’</p> <p><b>MB</b> – It gets difficult as we still need to know how many people will go.</p>		
<p><b>6. 2022 Committee Election</b></p> <p>Pursuant to 10(c) of the Club Rules, the following Committee Members have served for two years on the Committee and are standing for re-election (vote required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tony Mifsud</li> </ul> <p>Pursuant to 10(g) of the Rules, the following have filled the vacancy on the Executive left by the retiring members, and wish to be elected formally onto the Committee (vote required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Zane Smith</li> <li>● Anne Malham</li> <li>● Brendan Hills</li> </ul> <p>The following Committee Members are remaining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matt Ball</li> <li>● Jono Corfield</li> </ul> <p>Retiring Members (retired during the last year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hamish Berkett</li> <li>● Zoe King</li> <li>● Brent Goddard</li> <li>● Ellie Davies</li> </ul>	<p>Returning committee members confirmed - Moved: Ellie Davies 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie Roberts Unanimous vote.</p>	

<p>Retiring Committee Members at the 2022 AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mel Schroder</li> <li>• Chris Short</li> </ul> <p>Thanks to all these members for all the hard work over the previous years.</p> <p><b>New committee members (max 10)</b> With the departure of the above retiring executive, there are four positions available on the committee. (vote required)</p> <p><b>Nominations received prior to AGM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tayla Carson</li> <li>• Chloe Quilliam</li> <li>• Scott Jones</li> </ul> <p>Nominations from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamie Roberts</li> </ul> <p><b>Executive Positions recommended by the Executive</b>(vote required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Brendan Hill</li> <li>• Vice-Chair – Mat Ball</li> </ul>	<p>New Executive Members elected: Moved - Ellie Davies 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brent Smith Unanimous vote</p> <p>Executive Positions: Moved - Jono Corfield 2nd : Tony Mifsud Unanimous vote</p>	
<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>7. General Business/Feedback</b></p> <p>Life Member nominations:</p> <p>David Judson nominated Keith Richardson as a life member. NMTBC committee and all present agreed! Thanks Keith for everything you do for mountain biking in Nelson.</p> <p>MB acknowledged the amazing Nelson MTB Community – Nelson Helibike, Krankin Kids, Gravity, Wheel Woman, MTB skills Clinic, Cable Bay and amazing shops.</p> <p>Hamish Berkett – wanted it acknowledged that NMTBC was not entirely in agreement with all the trail re-grading carried out by the Nelson City Council but accepted that some re-grading was required.</p>		

**Meeting closed: 9.38 pm**

**Minutes Approved:**

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**President NMTBC**