

Totara Park Mountain Bike Club Inc

2024 AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 4th June 2024

Venue: The Meeting Lounge, 273 Hill Rd, Manurewa



Present:	Greg Simmons, Kelvin Hieatt, Geoff Leckie, Alan Zuppicich, Braden Schultz, Megan Schultz, Johann Botha, Andrew Shallard, Thomas Airs, Karl French, Jamie Smith, Craig Smith, Phil Murray, Ralph Patterson, Paul Tonkin, Sean Bolton, Brian Blake, Kim Green and Rima Nakhle
Apologies:	Kevin Hawke and Daniel Newman - Moved by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Braden Schultz
Minutes:	Megan Schultz

Current Business		
	Information	Who/When
Meeting Opened – 07:08pm		
Previous Minutes: Read and accepted		
A motion to accept the minutes of the 2023 AGM was proposed by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Geoff Leckie – All in favour-Motion Carried		
1.	<p>Presidents Report Delivered by Kelvin Hieatt</p> <p>Well, it doesn't seem that long ago that I was re-elected to do another year in the roll. Looking back at my last year's Presidents report I see that it was some 6 pages long. Hmm...? I promise this'll be a little shorter. First things first, I want to thank the Nakhle Family for allowing us to use this wonderful lounge for our AGM again. Cheers to Rima and Roger for arranging it for us and providing the tea and coffee.</p> <p>The year started out well with some really good Working Bees in May, June, July August on Scrubber, Rewa Hard, DIC and Pony Express, but I've got to say the one we did on the lower section of Fatmans was outstanding. It was certainly up there with the best with the rather large, very long muddy trench filled, shaped and compacted. We usually get around 12 - 20 volunteers turn up each time, many of whom are regulars, but there's always a few newbies, which is great to see. Everyone gets stuck in and it's always surprising to see how much we manage to get done. I want to thank all those that have turned up over the last year. It's greatly appreciated. You've certainly earned your Trail Karma. If you haven't been to a Working Bee yet, then I highly recommend getting along to one. They are enjoyable, rewarding and we always have a good BBQ afterwards.</p> <p>Volunteer Week in late June was celebrated with the knowledge that we are through both the COVID Restrictions and that equally long period of never-ending rain! Man I'm glad that's over. Another positive in late June was that we received a \$2000.00 Funding Grant from the Manurewa Local Board for the Track Maintenance Fund. This was put towards equipment repairs, tools and Volunteers gratuities i.e. our BBQ's. I would like to thank the Manurewa Local Board for their support. It goes a long way and is always appreciated.</p> <p>Mid-June also saw the second of the Auckland Schools MTB races. However, while the sun was out for racing the overnight rain had made the track a bit wet and sticky. A first with the new toilets and water fountain in place was that we were able to set up a temporary</p>	

bike wash station. The club charged \$5 a bike and we made around \$350, which went into the bank for a future permanent Bike Wash Station.

In August I had the great pleasure of signing the long-awaited MOU – Memorandum of Understanding with Auckland Council. Members of the Committee along with myself started working on this nearly 4 years ago. This MOU is basically a communication document that not only legitimises the clubs right to be in the park, but also sets out the way forward with an Operational Plan covering the maintenance of the tracks and a strategic Plan or as we like to call it “The Future Tracks Plan”. This MOU is very important and will be the basis for the club going forward. I would like to thank David Barker, Auckland Council Parks and Places Specialist and Community Facilities for bringing this together for us as well as members of my committee who put in many a long hour to get this MOU across the line.

In late September we closed the Pony Express track for what was going to be a major rebuild of the uphill section of the track surface. The ruts that had built up over the past couple of years due to the rain run off had totally destroyed this section of track. While technically interesting, especially on an ebike it was not fun at all for inexperienced riders. The track was scraped and reshaped by Bert on his digger from Holland Landscaping then his boys laid, raked and compacted the metal. Now we just need to get CityCare to regularly weed spray the Kikuyu grass growing across the track.

In late October the Whaka100 was again an awesome event, which many club members attended. We took our club tent and flags down to Rotorua and set them up so that members and friends of the club had somewhere to gather and hang around over the weekend. Awesome weather and an outstanding event. It was great to see so many members utilising the tent as a base before and after their races.

While the aim of the Piki50 was to be a prelude to the Whaka100 with its 1280 mtrs of climbing it has become evident that early October is still a little too wet in the park for racing. With the Piki50 now set for early November the 12.7 km course has proved an awesome challenge for many with its gut busting hills and extensive use of the track network. The set up for this year’s race was done in atrocious conditions, but thankfully on the day the sun came out. Once the track dried out the racing was fast and furious. We also included ebikes for better or worse this year with a rider better known for his Best Day Ever MTB YouTube Channel taking out the win. Great video, certainly worth a watch.

Overall Female Winner of the 50km: Elizabeth Hicks
Overall Male Winner of the 50km: Isaac Schuurman
Overall Female Winner of the 25km: Lisa Karl
Overall Male Winner of the 25km: Jared Scollay
Overall Winner of the Ebike 25km: Lance Eastman

Our thanks to Tony and Jade from MyRide Botany for their sponsorship of this event, we couldn’t do it without you. Next Piki50 Race is November 16th so lock in the date.

During December as the last of the stock were removed from the park the internal gates were thrown open. Pete the Farmer had retired. He was 85yo and had worked the Farm Park for more than 20 years. It was now time to spend more of it with family so he and his wife Ann moved south to join their kids and grandchildren. They did a lot for the club so we wish them all the very best for the future. On that matter the park remains stock free at this time. Future stocking of the park is up in the air. We may see cattle back in the park by Christmas or we could see another season of grass growth and hay baling. Who knows. All I can say is that we will let you know as soon as anything is confirmed.

Into the new year and once again Bert and his digger were back in the park this time scraping and shaping the top section of Pony Express along Redoubt Rd. However, while this was done it was way too hot and dry to lay and compact the metal. That would have to wait until one the metal was delivered and two there was a bit of moisture in the ground to allow for better compaction.

Then into February it was time to crack into our Woodside Summer Series again. As always it was great to see so many turn out. Think we averaged over 100 riders per race this year, which was awesome. With the grass and weeds out of the way for this years racing the

times were pretty hot. There were a large number of categories with lots of winners so all I can say is thanks to everyone that turned up to race. As always the \$100 Vouchers were a winner so a huge thanks to our sponsors the Woodside Bar, Kitchen and Functions for their support of our event. Of note at the 6th and final race we were able to unveil our new equipment. Along with the radios and timing equipment last year the new PA Sound System we purchased with funding from the Trillian Trust will help make the club more self-sufficient and less reliant on other clubs for event equipment. Trillian receive and distribute funds from the Wiri Licensing Trust so we thank them again for their support. It's great to have such a wonderful funding partner to work with.

Who would've guessed it, a 2 week run of sunshine, broken on the one day we wanted to race with a huge downpour. Ahh...! I hate having to postpone events! While racing in the rain and mud at the Totara360 last year was fun it was not something we wanted to do again. It was a simple decision for Greg our Race Director and I to make, but it had to be done. The Shimano Totara360 was postponed from 23rd March to the 13th April. While this was a good date change for some it wasn't for others. Unfortunately our main sponsor Shimano had to pull their teams out as they had another event arranged. While numbers were down on previous years an absolute great day of racing was had despite the heavy rain the day before. Once again as the track dried out the faster the laps got with young Alex Botha doing a sub 20min on the last lap of the day with just on 50 seconds to spare.

6 Hour Solo Male Overall Winner: Thomas Airs with 15 Laps in 5:48:24

6 Hour Solo Female Overall Winner: Pam Hewlett with 13 Laps in 5:55:22

3 Hour Solo Male Overall Winner: Pascal Tindall with 8 Laps in 2:50:20

3 Hour Solo Female Overall Winner: Kayley McMillan 8 Laps in 2:56:26

6 Hour Teams Relay Overall Winner: MyRide Botany with 17 Laps in 5:59:09

My thanks to Shimano our Naming Rights Sponsor and our Spot Prize Table Sponsors MyRide Botany and Pirelli Moto NZ. Please support them as they support us. I also want to give a big shout out to the Marshalls that have helped out at all our race events over the last year. We cannot put these races on without you so a big thanks from both Greg and I. The time you put in is greatly appreciated. My thanks also to Adrienne and the Papakura Sea Scouts for the wonderful BBQ and also Chrissie our Coffee lady. You gotta have a good coffee!

Back in 2017 I wrote to Councillor Newman and the Manurewa Local Board about the poor state of the Bridle Path down to, around the Hub and up past our Club Container. Well you wouldn't believe it it's finally done, well all but a few minor fix ups. The top sections at both ends will be completed later in the year when the weather comes right. My thanks to Matt Winiata Chair of the Manurewa Local Board for pushing this along and getting it done.

In March and April we managed to get 26 truck loads of metal dropped into the park with 4 of these piles spread, raked and compacted along the top of Pony Express. The rest of Pony Express and the Challenge Track are now all completely scraped and reshaped with the resurfacing about to start in the next week or so.

On May 17th I sat down with David Barker and Kristen from Council Parks and Places and Alex from Parks and Community Facilities to sign the Operational Plan for the MTB Tracks in the Park. This is basically our Maintenance plan that covers who is responsible for what. In essence we are to look after the track surface while CityCare is responsible for the weeds alongside the tracks. The Operational Plan covers our working bees and any contractors we employ to undertake larger work for us. Along with the MOU this plan has taken many hours to pull together. My thanks especially go to my fellow committee members Andrew and Alan for all the hours they put in to get this agreement across the line.

Now I hear you ask? Where's the dollars? WELL, in my hand I have a Service Agreement from Council for \$150,000 + GST. Work on this funding started late last year and will cover the renewal of most of the tracks through to June 2025. My thanks to Kieran Nevey from Sport and Rec for providing us with this funding. And yes as mentioned we have already started this work, but needs must given the time of year and the incoming wet season.

	<p>There will be a lot going on in the park over the coming years so keep an eye out. Remember to always look where you are going not where you are! And finally, my thanks to my committee. You're a great bunch to work with. It is a sad time for me, but my 3 years as deemed by our constitution is up. Time to stand aside and let someone else take the reins. It's been great. I've enjoyed my time as your club President and hope that what has been achieved over this time puts our club in good stead for the future. Our club and our park are my passion! I won't be going far so I'll see you all out on the tracks sometime soon. Thank you all. I move that my Presidents report be accepted.</p> <p>A motion to accept the Presidents Report was proposed by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Greg Simmons –All in favour-Motion carried</p>	
2.	<p>Treasurers Report Delivered by Greg Simmons</p> <p>2024 Revenue: \$27,907 Expenditure: \$33,532 Net Surplus: (\$5,645)</p> <p>Net Funds: \$28,322</p> <p>The revenue consists of maintenance income, grants, donations received, interest received, club racing revenue, pike/360 race revenue and other.</p> <p>The expenditure consists of tools and equipment, sub-contractors (track repair/drain maintenance), track materials, working bees, club racing costs, piki/360 race costs, NZMTB Affiliation and other.</p> <p>Net Funds Composition: Maintenance: \$10,298 General Funds: \$5,825 Track Building: \$5,500 Rider Development: \$4,250 Racing: \$2,449</p> <p>A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was proposed by Greg Simmons and seconded by Johann Botha –All in favour-Motion carried</p>	
3.	<p>Membership Report Delivered by Greg Simmons</p> <p>We currently have 284 members and have 4,800 people following our page on Facebook. There were 481 race entries and 450 working bee hours. We had 19 complaints about 'That hill!'</p> <p>The club has a very active presence on Facebook which allows us to promote races, working bees and other goings on within the park to a wide audience. Members also receive emails to inform them also as not everyone has or uses Facebook.</p>	

4.	Health and Safety Nothing to report No injuries at working bees and only minor injuries in races such as cuts and scrapes.	
5.	Track Maintenance: Our working Bee dates have been set for the fourth Saturday of each month between May and October (Octobers will be the 2 nd Saturday due to Whaka100 event being the fourth weekend). Bert from Holland Landscaping is working on scraping the paddock sections of the tracks and some of the suitable bush sections. His team then lay and compact material onto these sections. Puhinui Flow won't be scraped but it will have metal placed and compacted into the trench to form a solid ride line. The Operational Plan has a schedule in in for weed spraying so we can now start leaning on CityCare to ensure this is done.	
6.	Events for 2024/2025: Winter/Spring 2024: Short Course and CX November 2024: piki50 Feb/March 2025: Summer Series March 2025: Totara 360	
7.	Council/Local Board: With the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Operational Plan now completed, how the maintenance of our tracks is managed between TPMTBC and council is officially documented. This has allowed the club to move forward on much needed maintenance of the tracks. We will need to deliver reports to council to show photos and notes on track maintenance the club has completed. The Mill Rd corridor is now back on the plans. A rough guide to a time line (from National MP Rima Nakhle) is that it will start before the next term. This will affect some areas of the Pony Express track.	
8.	General Business New Plymouth MTB Club has a good club base area at their MTB park. It is a couple of containers with a shelter between them. Kelvin would like to have a similar set up for our club. This would also be a secure storage area for all the club equipment (instead of in Greg and Kelvins garages). It will give us a base to work from for registration during race events and protection from the weather for riders and groups in the park. Over the next couple of years, the council will be working on the Redoubt Rd carpark. This will include development of a pump track, beginners track, bike wash and additional parking.	

	<p>The signage for the mountain bike tracks and maps showing the location of tracks in the park needs to be updated over the next year.</p> <p>The club may look at setting up membership through Hivepass over the next year.</p>	
13.	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>President – Alan Zuppich Nominated by Andrew Shallard and seconded by Geoff Leckie. Unanimous vote. All in favour</p> <p>Vice President – Andrew Shallard Nominated by Geoff Leckie and seconded by Phil Murray. Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p> <p>Treasurer – Greg Simmons Nominated by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Andrew Shallard. Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p> <p>Secretary – Megan Schultz Nominated by Braden Schultz and seconded by Kelvin Hieatt. Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p> <p>Committee – Kelvin Hieatt, Johann Botha, Kevin Hawke, Thomas Airs, Geoff Leckie, Phil Murray, Craig Smith and Braden Schultz</p> <p>Moved by Phil Murray and seconded by Andrew Shallard- All names put forward were accepted. No further voting was undertaken.</p>	
Meeting Closed – 08:15pm		
Next Meeting: June 2025		