

Totara Park Mountain Bike Club Inc

2023 AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 25th May 2023

Venue: The Meeting Lounge, 273 Hill Rd, Manurewa



Present:	Greg Simmons, Martyn Capstick, Kelvin Hieatt, Geoff Leckie, Alan Zuppicich, Braden Schultz, Megan Schultz, Johann Botha, Alex Botha, Andrew Shallard, Kevin Hawke, Thomas Airs, Karl French, Pam Hewlett, Phil Murray, Richard Casey, Michael Browning, Nigel McCreight, Kieran Nevey, Paul Tonkin, Matt Robertse, Glenn Murphy, Daniel Newman and Rima Nakhle
Apologies:	Adrienne Airs and Mat Glanfield - Kelvin Hieatt moved that the apologies be accepted and Johann Botha seconded - All in favour – Motion carried
Minutes:	Megan Schultz

Current Business		
	Information	Who/When
	Meeting Opened – 7:10pm	
	Previous Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 AGM was proposed by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Nigel McCreight– All in favour-Motion Carried	
1.	Presidents Report Delivered by Kelvin Hieatt Well, it doesn't seem that long ago that I was re-elected and asked to do another year in the roll. Looking back my last year's Presidents report I see it was some 6 pages long. Hmm...? Promise you I'll try and make this one a little shorter. First things first, I want to thank the Nakhle Family for allowing us to use this wonderful lounge for our AGM. Cheers to Rima and Roger for arranging it for us and providing the tea and coffee. One year on and all I can say is "Wow! what a year it has been". When is this bloody rain going to stop! 5 years of rain deficits and man have we got that all back in bucket full's. The damage it has done to both our trails and the Bridle Paths is significant. The year started out with some really good working bees in May and June on Rewa Hard and Pony Express then Tom in July. Tom, even in this weather seems to have held up well. We usually get around 15-20 volunteers turn up each time, many of whom are regulars, but there's always a few newbies. Great though that all get stuck in and surprising how we always manage to move at least whole one of those 10 ton piles of material in a morning and get it spread and compacted it along the track. We even managed to build a wee bit of new track around the tree root section on Pony as a B line to make it easier for those less confident. Volunteer Week in late June was celebrated with the knowledge that over the last couple of years we had lost more than 6 working bees and around 400 hrs of Volunteer time due to COVID Restrictions. Aren't we glad the worst of that is over. Mid June saw another big tree come down, This time on Pony Express. Interestingly the contractor cut the top bit off, but left the bulk of it perched over the track like a large Pray Mantis. Never surprises me each time we get a good blow to hear that we've lost another one or two of these big old trees. Always hoping one day that we'll get another good feature to ride out of one if it drops in the right location. In July we had another big planting in an area around Pony Express that had been fenced off earlier in the year. I	

understand that this is the last of the big plantings in the park that Council plan to do so it was great to see another big section of track retired from the paddock and put into the bush behind the fence line. July also saw the first of the 2 Auckland Schools races to be held in the park. Thankfully it was a lovely sunny day so track conditions were mint. Also, in July we had the first of the Auckland Mountain Bike Clubs Cyclo-Cross events. A short course race that went up and over the Look Out. I for one would like to see something like this again, but unfortunately that'll have to wait til next year. Interestingly at the same time the Local Board and Council introduced us to the design concepts for the new toilet block and told us they hoped to have it in by late October early November. Hmm...? more on that later. Mid July saw the slip on Log Cross progress to the point where we had to close the track due to the track completely falling away. It was reported to Council again and this time CityCare came in, looked at our suggestions and moved the fence further into the paddock so that track could be redirected well away and around the slip. This seems to have worked well as there have been no further issues. More good works done by our outstanding core of volunteers with track works on Gutsa, DIC Tom and Puhinui Flow. And of course, another couple of big trees down. One on Pony Express just by Challenger and then in September the two big ones across the start of Pony and the Pony Return. Thankfully they all got cut up and removed from across the track pretty quickly. In early August we saw entries open for our new race the Piki50. A 12.7 km course that enabled us to run a 2 Lap 25km race as well as the big one a 4 Lap 50 Km race, which was to be held on October 1st . Early August also saw the second of the Auckland Schools MTB races. However, this time after 8 days of rain she was a bit of a mud fest. Was surprising though how quickly the tracks bounced back with little noticeable damage. Around this time a team by the name of Kiwi MTB Collective was doing the European circuit with UCI. A member and regular club rider Matt Wilson was named in the Tally's sponsored team to ride for New Zealand in the World Champs at Les Gets in France. Always very proud to see our club riders make it that far. October 1st bugger! Always hate postponing events, but hell that was one horrible day. While I'm happy for riders to play in the mud one thing is for sure we won't put marshals out in weather like that! It was going sideways not to mention how cold it was. We had hoped that this race was going to be a good prelude to the Whaka100 for many, but alas we had to postponed it until November 5th, which was a couple of weeks after. Speaking of which the Whaka100 was awesome. We took our Club tent and flags down to Rotorua and set them up so that Club members 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 after their races. Wow, what a race the inaugural MyRide Piki50 turned out to be. A couple of new cups and a new course. A great event. Something we plan to grow over the coming years. Our thanks to Tony and Jade from MyRide who sponsored this event. We can't do these events without them so our thanks goes to them big time. My thanks also go to the marshals. New events are not always easy, and they all did a great job. Pam Hewlett won the Women's Open 50km Alex Botha won the Mens Open 50km Kath Oberlin-Brown won the Womens Little Piki25 Tommy Mollison won the Mens Little Piki25. Finally in mid November we had worked through the machinations with Council to get our own contractor in to remove the big rut down Fatmans, scrape the track and tidy up some of the drains. Given the amount of rain we've had since I'm glad this work has held up to date and the rut has not reappeared. The rollovers and out-slopes have made a huge difference. More of this to come in the future. A good working bee was had on New Years eve where we gave Rewa Hard, Puhinui Flow, Mawhitiwhiti and Scrubber a good old tree trim. The big storms of Anniversary Weekend and early February came and went and while there was some track and tree damage it wasn't as bad as it could've been. We got off pretty lightly we reckon. Then into February it was time to crack into our Woodside Summer Series albeit a week late due to Cyclone Gabrielle. As always it was great to see many turn out although due to the ongoing weather and the long trackside weeds and grass numbers were down this year compared to last. Think we averaged around 65 per race this year where as last year it was around 95. That said we had a flash new timing system and more radios which made our event safer and a lot better. Greg is very pleased with the timing equipment. Once he learnt the system it made a huge difference. Gotta

	<p>say a big thanks to the Wiri Licensing Trust not only for the new kit, but also the vouchers from the Woodside Bar, Kitchen, Functions, and also Our Local. Again people, without sponsors like this a club like ours doesn't exist so please support them both where you can. Late February, wow what can I say! Not 1, but 2 National Champions! Young Alex, you made us proud again! Becoming the New Zealand U15 National Champion for the second year in a row. Our congrats goes to young Alex Botha. A 3rd title before you're 15 we hope? We'd also like to congratulate Matt Wilson on becoming the U23 and Elite National Champion, beating longtime National Champ Anton Cooper in the process. Matt is currently away racing on the international stage and doing very well. In fact had it not been for a flat he would've won his first Group 1 race last weekend. You can watch his races live and free on Youtube. Good luck to you both with your future races. You most definitely have our support. Who would've guessed it, but in mid Feb the new toilet block turned up in sections on the back of a truck and were craned into place. Unfortunately due to a number of competing race events we had to postpone our Totara360 as the numbers were just not there. Thankfully our naming rights sponsor Shimano's Lazer Helmets hung in there and we were able to move it to April 22nd. After some weed trimming by the contractor and a couple of quick working bees the tracks were finally in order to the 4th running of the Totara360, but hey it wouldn't be the Summer of 2023 without more rain! Wow what about that Mud Fest? It was a huge day and certainly one that won't be forgotten anytime soon. We had around 140 riders across the line and everyone was covered in mud from head to toe before the end of their first lap. It might have been the toughest race many will have ridden, but what we saw was a lot of smiles and a lot of happy people come the prize giving. Again, my thanks goes to all sponsors who help put this day on. Lazer Helmets, MyRide Botany, Wiri Licensing Trust, Cyclexpress, The Big Bike Film Night and others. My thanks also goes to Adrianne and the Papakura Sea Scouts for the wonderful BBQ and also Chrissie the Coffee lady who did a sterling job in that weather. And last of all from Greg and I we'd like to thank the Marshalls. It wasn't easy out there. Some of us almost died laughing at the sights we saw. Cheers also to Jaselikesbikes for a great video. Oh and who could forget the not quite finished, but open just for us, flash as toilet block with the amazing colourful wrap. You should've seen the mud in them at the end of the day. It took me 2 hours to wash it down before finally going home at the end of a very long, but satisfying day. Cheers to our Local Board for this much needed facility. And finally, my thanks to my committee. You're a great bunch to work with, I look forward to working with you again over the coming year. Hopefully we can get that MOU signed in the next month or 2 and really get this club and trail network moving forward. Question: anyone seen that bloody Parrot?</p> <p>A motion to accept the Presidents Report was proposed by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Braden Schultz--All in favour-Motion carried</p>	
2.	<p>Treasurers Report Delivered by Greg Simmons</p> <p>Total revenue- \$40,021 Total expenses - \$32,456</p> <p>Surplus for the year - \$7,565 Accumulated surplus - \$33,967</p> <p>Net funds - \$34,025</p> <p>Trillion Trust Grant received and was spent on hand held radios and timing equipment</p>	

	<p>\$2,500 going out for a new e-barrow \$2,000 coming in as a grant from local board</p> <p>A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was proposed by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Geoff Leckie. All in favour. Motion carried.</p>	
3.	<p>Membership Report Delivered by Megan Schultz</p> <p>We currently have 267 members which has held reasonably steady over the last year. We also have 4,500 people following our page on Facebook. 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. We have also started to use our Instagram page more to reach an even wider variety of people.</p>	
4.	<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>No injuries at working bees and only minor injuries in races such as cuts and scrapes</p>	
5.	<p>Track Maintenance:</p> <p>The club are currently working with council on the Operational Plan. We are currently working with Bert from Holland Landscaping which is a commercial landscaping company. He is a local mountain biker and understands how a track needs to be formed. Council contractors struggle to get in to the park as they aren't familiar with the area. They don't complete the necessary work required such as maintenance and weed trimming. We feel that more supervision is required (directed by the club) and a more knowledgeable person/company to be completing this work. Bert will come in next month (June) to repair Pony Express from the Hub up to the top cattle grate and also clear the drains to stop water running down the track. Some work of the work that doesn't need to be completed by a digger can be done at the working bees coming up. We were unable to get our usual MAP40 and so we have had to go for a GAP40 as track material due to the MAP40 not being available from the quarries. Seven truckloads of material have been put into the park for resurfacing the tracks.</p> <p>Council is struggling to have the staff to do the maintenance work so the club would like to work with Bert (Holland Landscaping) to allow this to be done so the club can get what is needed done.</p>	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Events for 2023/2024:</p> <p>Piki50 – last Saturday of September 2023 Summer Series – February 2024 Totara 360 – early April 2024</p> <p>We would like to build more features to include in these events We are hoping in the future to hold a round of the National Champs which requires a 5km 150m vert loop that we would need to build Greg would like to hold a reverse night ride event (ride the tracks in the opposite direction to normal) In the future Greg would love to build a dual slalom track down from the Macrocarpa grove in the park. This could be used as an option during racing and people would come to race each other down the tracks.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Council/Local Board:</p> <p>The MOU was completed over a year ago however the Operational Plan needs to be completed before the MOU can be signed. Kelvin, Andrew and Alan are working on tidying up the operational plan to ensure it is correct for the club. Council would like this more complete before the MOU is signed. The MOU is due to be signed within council in the next couple of months.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>General Business</p> <p>Richard Casey – teaches at Manurewa High School- Manurewa community has the opportunity to put in a bike hub. He was wondering if the club could get behind it and volunteer their time to help out with bike maintenance and working with people and their bikes. Yes the club would definitely like to support this.</p> <p>Councillor Daniel Newman – he is disappointed that the MOU is still sitting unsigned with council. He would like this speed this process up as it is not good that it has been completed for the last 12 months without being signed. He has given his word that himself and Glenn Murphy will address this issue urgently and get this completed.</p> <p>Glenn Murphy – Kelvin Hieatt took Matt Winiata around the park to show the trails and damage within the park. He took photos to document and geo tag damage in the park to report back to council. He would also like to work on getting this MOU signed and completed.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>Martyn Capstick is stepping down as a committee member this year we thank him for his 8 years of service</p> <p>President – Kelvin Hieatt Nominated by Geoff Leckie and seconded by Martyn Capstick. Unanimous vote. All in favour</p> <p>Vice President – Geoff Leckie Nominated by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Greg Simmons. Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p>	

	<p>Treasurer – Greg Simmons Nominated by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Johann Botha. Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p> <p>Secretary – Megan Schultz Nominated by Greg Simmons and seconded by Geoff Leckie. Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p> <p>Media Officer – Braden Schultz Nominated by Megan Schultz and seconded by Kelvin Hieatt . Unanimous vote. All in favour.</p> <p>Committee – Alan Zuppich, Johann Botha, Kevin Hawke, Thomas Airs, Phil Murray and Braden Schultz</p> <p>Greg moved Paul Tonkin seconded - All names put forward were accepted. No further voting was undertaken.</p>	
Meeting Closed – 08:37pm		
Next Meeting: May 2024		