

Totara Park Mountain Bike Club (INC)

AGM 2018 Minutes

Friends of Totara Park Club Rooms

10th May 2018

Meeting opened: 7.31pm.

Attendees: Kelvin Hieatt, Greg Simmons, Paul Allen, Colin Stickells, Blair Holst, Mike Small, Martyn Capstick, Geoff Leckie & Dave Barnett .

9 Members in attendance.

Apologies: Peter Futterup, Sean Bolton, Kevin Hawke.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 AGM was proposed by Mike Breen and seconded by Geoff Leckie

Presidents Report Delivered By Greg Simmons;

Increases in all club activities including Membership, Contracted drain clearance/track reshaping, Working Bees, volunteer hours, events were recorded and new council tracks supported by Auckland Council and community funding organisations were confirmed. Greg commented that 2017/18 was a successful year in getting our base layer right as a group, and that the 2018/19 year is when we will start to be a real club He also expressed excitement about where we are headed.

A motion to accept the Presidents Report was proposed by Greg Simmons and seconded by Paul Allen

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report Delivered By Kelvin Hieatt;

Kelvin ran us through our accounts which had been depleted of the funds granted by council for track maintenance. Some \$25000 was spent on maintenance in the 2017/18 year. Looking ahead, grants from The Trillion Trust, The Trusts and further maintenance funding from Auckland Council will see us continue with our maintenance program and will see the clubs coffers able to fund our projects for this coming year.

A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was proposed by Geoff Leckie and seconded by Mike Breen

Motion Carried

Membership Report Delivered By Paul Allen;

In 12 months we've gone from 17 members to 135, a monthly prize giveaway, along with a renewed web presence have seen facebook followers balloon to over 1200 and attendance at working bees skyrocket.

A motion to continue with free membership for 2018/19 was proposed by Greg Simmons and seconded by Mike Breen.

Motion carried

MOU

A motion to proceed with an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with council was proposed by Mike Breen and seconded by Martyn Capstick. Discussion centred on whether or not Council Contractors should maintain and/or spray some sections of the track network. It was agreed that the club should push to manage all maintenance work required on the track network.

Maintenance

It was agreed that working bees would continue every 3 weeks initially to armour tracks affected by water damage. Anti Slip tape needing to be re applied to cattle grates. It was generally agreed that we have a lot of hard work ahead but once repairs of storm damaged tracks are completed the track network will be very resistant to storm damage.

New Tracks for 2018

A new planting as part of the Million Trees project for Auckland Council will see over 2 kilometres of new track built for us by Trailpro. This will consist of an up track and 2 downhill tracks of different styles with 90 odd metres of vertical. This is first new track built in the park since 2012 after some 12 months of lobbying council and applying for funding from council and outside charities.

Funding

VP Paul has been learning the craft of Funding Grant Applications, we give thanks to The Trillion Trust for \$20000 of funding for new tracks. There are more applications for funding for equipment, rider clinics, maintenance in the pipeline.

Signage

Mockups have been done for entry and exit signs for the park, we'll get them up around the park over the next few months. Sponsorship and/or funding by grants are to be looked at.
Cattle

We have ratified our policy on cattle in the park. Cattle have been a contentious issue in Totara Park over the past few years and the club has formulated a policy so that the public and council understand our collective opinion on stock in our park. The policy was ratified by a vote with Mike Small being the only member against the proposal present at the AGM.

Ebikes

There are signs stating that ebikes are not permitted within Totara Park. This was a response to Stealth Ebikes using Totara Park as a launch venue for their range of high powered throttle controlled bikes, some of these could hit 70kmh and our club demanded in the strongest terms possible that it was not acceptable to have these motorcycles on our trails. Mike Breen kindly spent a little time riding some Scott pedal assist ebikes in the park for an evaluation of the damage which could be caused to track surfaces by these types of ebikes. His opinion was that there would be no difference between a pedal assist ebike and an aggressively ridden mountain bike. A proposal that we arrange for an overprint of the signs stating that pedal assist ebikes are welcome on our trails was proposed by Paul Allen and seconded by Greg Simmons

Motion Carried

Health and Safety.

Kelvin Hieatt is to formulate a H & S policy for the TPMTBC.

Election of Officers

President – Greg Simmons; Nominated by Kelvin Hieatt and seconded by Martyn Capstick

Vice President – Paul Allen; Nominated by Greg Simmons and seconded by Kelvin Hieatt.

Secretary & Treasurer (combined) – Kelvin Hieatt; Nominated by Greg Simmons and seconded by Paul Allen.

Executive Committee – Mike Small, Sean Bolton, Colin Stickells, Mike Breen, Martyn Capstick, Kevin Hawke, Blair Holst

All names put forward were accepted and voted for unanimously.No further voting was undertaken.

Meeting closed: 9.17 pm