

**Minutes from AGM**

**Date: November 8**

Welcome to all from Steve Kyme

Present: Refer to attached attendees and contact info

Apologies: Michael Brookes

Minutes from AGM held in 2021 accepted by Bec Steele and seconded by Leo Cerda

**Presidents report: Visual presentation included**

Another holiday season is upon us and it marks another successful year for MRORCA.

This will be my 3nd year as President having recently been reappointed. We welcome aboard new members to the committee along with the departure of

Leo Cerda. We wish him and his family the best in their relocation to France and thank him for his contributions to MRORCA over the last 3 years.

I am very confident to claim that we have some of the best maintained trails in Western Australia and this is a reflection of the hard work our committee and volunteers provide for the betterment of mountain biking in Margaret River.

The clubs primary mission remains that of maintaining the riding trails within Wooditjup National Park to the highest level on land managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions. This important partnership has strengthened in recent years including their commitment to aid in the construction of new trails within the harvested pines areas.

Despite our region being vertically challenged, we continue to strive to generate creative solutions and trail diversity. Our local trail builders share our vision to build an array of trail types and the increased support in memberships prove we are achieving this result for riders to experience year-round. As we become a larger part of tourism in AMR, visitors to the region are continually impressed by our efforts and assorted riding network that enables everyone to find something here that suits their riding ability.

Going into the 2nd year of trail sponsorship, this financial initiative has allowed the club to further invest in its mission. Our sponsors’ involvement highlights the value of what mountain biking brings to the region and the economy of Margaret River and MRORCA are happy to promote their businesses on and off the trails.

Another year of Grommets and Lil Miss Orca graduates have been successfully guided by our enthusiastic volunteer coaches. This program is celebrating its 5th year and continues to grow in popularity with the hopes that the club can expand on this service in the future. Support of youth is one of MRORCA's integral missions inspired by their stoke for learning and aspirations of success on the national and international race scenes.

The club’s tireless work will continue in 2023 and it is with your continued support that we are able to achieve our goals of maintaining great trails for all to enjoy.

Club dig days will always be in imperative part of our trail maintenance program so please help when you can.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Account Balances: $37,595.52 Business Visa

$16,413.25 Cheque Account

Total income estimated at $50,492 (including anticipated payments)

Total money out $40,242

Net Profit estimated at $10,250.16 (including anticipated payments)

By comparison to 2021 profit of approx. $2,300

Main income: Subscriptions – approx. $11,000, Events $17,950, Coaching subscriptions $6,500, trail sponsorship $15,000 and DBCA trail maintenance agreement $6,000

Main expenditure: Trail building/maintenance $26,500, Events $6,00, Merchandise $4,700, admin., website, accounting etc. and club affiliation fees $3,000

Projected income for 2023

Likely to change significantly due to new policy from DBCA to be introduced in December 2022. Event rider levy so event organisers pay directly to DBCA not the club. Very important to be a part of this discussion and to make DBCA aware of the consequences of significant reduction to MRORCA’s income. This will have a major impact on our ability to maintain trails into the future.

Events still to beheld at Margaret River include WAGE, XCO, C2C, Summer Series with possible new events to include XC Marathon

Trail sponsorship for the New Pines likely to be launched in 2023 and should bring in $10-$15,000

DBCA agreement unlikely to change though the Club will be pushing for more money due to increased network to manage and decreased income from events.

May be able to increase our coaching programs with additional funds for coaches coming from Grants?

Continue work to build memberships numbers.

Projected expenses for 2023

Events expenses could change with new agreement with DBCA

Trail building budget to be determined after trail audit

Junior/member support program – TBD

Revenue sub-committee to make recommendations to committee to determine budgets for:

* Trail building
* Club events
* Social Club events
* Junior/member support program
* Website costs
* Admin costs
* Merchandise costs
* Coaching program costs

Financial records to be forwarded to Vision Accounting to complete an audit.

**Elections**

All positions were made vacant and nominations were taken for all executive committee positions

Elected unopposed were:

President: Damian Barton

Vice President: Paul Iles

Secretary: Steve Kyme

Vice Secretary: Susie Ormonde

Treasurer: Susie Omonde

General Committee:

Bec Steele

Paul McKenzie

Nilss Johnstone

Mark Brown

Rob Astromsky

Karl Stade

Di James

Linda Holland

Vicky Nurse

Ian Thwaites

Ian Pavey

Michael Brookes

It was requested that a coaching sub-committee be formed to consider:

* Increasing number of coaches
* Up-skilling/upgrading coaches
* Expanding the programs
* Liability issues

To be discussed at first committee meeting

General Business

Trails: New committee to work on the following.

Set guidelines and processes for how MRORCA engages trail building contractors

Establish a process/vehicle for member/rider input

Establish a works program based on audit by committee members

Set annual budgets for trail maintenance

Trail sponsors for The Pines

Possible establishment of a Jump line – perfect for our trail network and user groups. Rex is very keen to assist.

New trails on the Wharncliffe Mill site unlikely to eventuate any time soon. About 2/3 way through an 8 stage process.

Events

WAGE (Susie), XC (Nilss and Pavo), C2C (Damo, Brooksey), Summer series – new format (Bec)

XC Marathon (Pavo)?

Sub Committees

New committee needs to determine the effectiveness, continuation of, roles and responsibilities of any existing or new sub-committees

New Business:

Development of a junior/member support program – Susie still keen to coordinate this. Paul Mc also keen to play a major role. Make suggestions lead discussions on developing a new program.

DBCA - Trail adoption Agreement update

Future Event Rider levy

New trails

Questions and comments from the room

Possibility of providing rubbish bins out in the trail network

Engaging disengaged students at high school in a riding program – Joel keen to look into

Nilss discussed having and publicising more social rides. Look into how Kalamunda deals with liability issues.

Skills park at the top carpark area?

Motorised Bike issues – already brought up with DBCA. There is a definite and urgent need to address this due to the possible impacts on trail user safety and trail degradation.