

## AGM of the Waipa Mountain Bike Club.

Alexandra Hotel, Pirongia, 23 Aug 2018.



**Meeting opened:** 7:45pm

**Present at meeting:** John Walmsley, Matt Barker, Les McKenzie, Adam Hittmann, Phil Brown, Joy Newby, William Apeldoorn, Robyn Anderson, Graham Anderson, Kelly Gleeson, Jo Gaze, Steve Thomas.

**Apologies:** Cam Fraser, Adrian Bathgate

**Confirmation of previous meetings minutes:** Motion proposed by Les McKenzie that minutes from previous meeting be accepted, seconded by Kelly Gleeson. Passed

### **Presidents report 2017/18: Les McKenzie**

Welcome to the Waipa MTB Clubs AGM. Another year has rolled around and 2017-2018 is but a fond memory. What looked like a year of little or no progress was in fact a year of consolidation. I have been ably supported and guided by the current Committee through a year where there was a conscious decision to take stock of where we are at and look at where we are heading in the future. With the trail network we currently have, there has been more than enough work keeping the trails in a condition that make them rideable and in a condition that we hope everyone appreciates.

Funding was an issue as it is for most clubs like ourselves but we persevered. Applications were submitted to funding providers and as we all know there are more and more groups applying who are just as deserving as we are. So we have had refusals and pickings have been lean. However we put our biking helmets on and put forward a submission to the Waipa District Council for funds in their 10 year plan. The Council was wise enough to see the merits in supporting the Club and what we have created with little support. Waipa MTB Club has been granted 10k a year for the next 10 years which is awesome. We are currently looking at how we can put that to use and get the best return. We have been talking to the Council and are looking to join the two forestry roads to create a loop and from there inner trails and link tracks can be created. But if anyone out there knows of a Philanthropist come and have a chat as we can help ease the burden those funds have been for you.

Many thanks must go to the bees who have regularly turned up on the chosen weekends to give us their best few hours. Trail karma is coming your way and as for those who have yet to attend we know who you are!! Nah, just kidding. We accept everyone has loads of stuff to do and weekends are a precious commodity. If there is any support for an evening "Bee" through the week for working on the trails in the Summer let us know. Always open to fresh ideas and it would be awesome to see some new faces on the rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. We even celebrate everyone's efforts with a liquid refreshment afterwards.

As some of you are aware Mountain to Road has been a supporter of the Club over the years but now Callum has moved on and I just would like take this opportunity to acknowledge what he has helped us achieve. Mainly the skills track which does put grins on faces at the exit of which I have witnessed many. I also have had low key initial discussions with the new owners of the bike shop and they are very keen to continue to support the club in many ways which is promising.

Membership is up there and we do know and accept there have been some issues around the on-line membership which we are looking to address. Still the membership forms are available on the website with on-line banking and Kelly has been acknowledging memberships that have come in via that platform. There are still copious numbers of people who ride at Sainsbury Road which is awesome and that people are recognising the trails for what they are. Remind them to join the club. It is not expensive and it all helps with getting tools, materials and signage. There are club shirts available from Ultimo and when there is enough interest we can contact Danny to open the on-line shop and a post will go on Facebook so people can make a purchase.

The Low key Super D or “Sloppy D” as it transpired was something that attracted huge interest and a lot of fun. We plan to build on that with more planned fun rides and social events for all ages in the better weather. Helpers, organisers, timers, Marshalls are positions we are looking to fill for these events to be a success.

Special shout out to Belinda and Hugh for allowing the club to call “The Alex” or 5 Stags as it is now known as our club house. This is where we host our monthly committee meetings and the annual AGM. They have even gone to the extent of making a wash down area for bikes in the back carpark post ride. So wash your bike then come in and wash the mud or dust (yes we have had dust here) out of your throat.

Finally I wish to thank the outgoing Committee of Adrian Bathgate, Secretary and Kelly Gleeson, Treasurer, John Walmsley, Shane Oliver, Matt Barker, Bex Barker, Cam Fraser and Steve Thomas for their unyielding support this year and hope you stick around for next. See you out there!!

**Consideration of financial statements:** Motion proposed by John Walmsley that 2017/18 financial statements be accepted, seconded by Steve Thomas. Passed.

**Fixing of subscriptions for the coming year:** Motion proposed by Phil Brown that subscriptions remain the same as previous year. Seconded by Graham Anderson.

**General business:** No Specific resolutions passed. General discussion on our visions for the future and gaining access to the other side of the valley via proposed the link track. Includes applying to ground effect for sponsorship and whether we should look at having a MTB Park main sponsor.

**Election of officers:**

**President:** Les McKenzie

**Treasurer:** Kelly Gleeson

**Secretary:** Adrian Bathgate

**Committee:** Shane Oliver, Matt Barker, Austin Heffernen, Adam Hittmann, John Walmsley, Cam Fraser, Steve Thomas.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:50pm.