



QMTBC 2024 MINUTES

Date: 30/04/24

Start Time: 6.30pm

Finish Time: 9.00pm

Location: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, corner Stanley and Sydney Streets, Queenstown

Meeting Purpose: Annual General Meeting 2024

Attendees

Committee members: Pete McNally (President), Bruce McLeod (Treasurer), Gemma Beckman-Cross (Secretary), Cliff Baker, Ben Bulling.

Admin: Natalie Sharples

Apologies: Emmerson Wilken, Christian Wingate, Donna Meek

Members as attached: (minimum 25 to meet Quorum) Over 80 attended the meeting

Documents

- Financial Statement
- Minutes from previous AGM

Meeting Business

1. Welcome and thank you to partners Holiday Inn Express & Suites for the venue and set up.

Housekeeping; toilets, food and drink, and fire exit location etc.

2. 2023/2024 recaps and plans

Speech on the year's highlights/summery - Pete

- i. Trail maintenance and new builds – Kep got into action with D9 when it was required. Not a great start to the season, did also mean we were not able to run events in Bike Park until the new year. Salmon Run is also a work in progress. We did a full machine run down Hot Rod and Rude Rock. Coronel Senders – thanks to Rod for the funding for this. IB55 –



new features from Glen and Co. Also putting on the Thursday group ride – thanks for this, it is awesome. Hammy's Return took a couple of years to get fixed, quotes came to \$100k, we found the M3 Contracting team and they have done really great work for \$35k. Also funded by Rod -thanks to Rod. Good to have the other side of the hill now accessible. Ben fixed up Stoney Creek on Remarks. Emmerson and co fixed up Dream and Mini Dream – thanks. Some tech grade 4 and 5 trails have been legitimised in the Bike Park. Howard has built a grade 3 trail called wedgie. Bike Fest was awesome – Meagan and Emmerson. Huge crowds and a wide range of events. Bike Fest raised over \$20k. Thanks to Wayne – the Southern DH Race (raised \$4.8k) and Coro 1200 (thanks to Erin and team) were both awesome events. The Bike Fest made \$5k for the Club, huge thanks to the volunteers, sponsors and competitors. We will still have McGazza Fest – 3 day event each year, maybe do the bigger Bike Fest every 2 years. Thanks to Helen for organising merchandise this year and also the Women's Enduro. We held a concussion clinic with the Headache Clinic which was well attended. Ben Hildred organised a quiz night – thanks for this. World Mountain Bike Awards were held in Feb at Yonder – thanks Rod for organising. Matt Begg held an after hours event at Gorge Road, which was a great night and drew a big crowd. The club also helped out with the Red Bull performance camp – was this space. The club applied for an Impact 100 grant for sealing the Kerry Drive pump track, didn't make the top 5, but will apply again. Signed a new 10 year contract with DOC – have been working well with them over the last year.

Financial Statements - Bruce

- ii. Thanks Pete for your last 11 years of service on the committee. Another big year, just under \$500k by \$250. Still a big turnover, which shows the enthusiasm for MTB in Queenstown. Net loss of \$9,643. \$91k approx. came in from membership which is awesome. We are the biggest club in town and in the province. Trying to keep on top of maintenance in the Bike Park has been a challenge – more people riding up there, the new volume created by the new gondola. Red Bull gave us \$10k for Gorge Road which was awesome. Emmerson stepped up with a whole lot of support for the Bike Fest. Huge thanks to Emmerson and Meagan. \$139,048 – donations, most from Rod and other great companies – Altitude Brewing, High Performance Academy, Queenstown Bike Taxi, Coronet Peak (running events), HeliBike, Outside Sports, Bikeaholic are all giving back funds to the club. Also individuals and other companies – all hugely appreciated. The donation tab on the App to have brought in about \$5k. Funds from Vertigo Races from last season also came into the



account – thanks Pang. Again thanks to Helen for Women’s Enduro and running the merchandise.

- iii. Expenses – most work happened in the Bike Park. Structure might change for next year, Skyline and Council deal directly. Thanks to Elevate as well for the wider maintenance. Thanks to Natalie for her hard work in the admin role. Thanks to the dig night guys – amazing work. Awesome work with the Trails Trust in the last year, excited to continue to work in a co-lab with these guys especially to Sunshine Bay, even GY. Other exciting project is the Coronet Forest project, trees are all gone, massive project but looking forward to chipping away at it. Working with Ranger, who has been an awesome help with funding and improving conversation with the Parks & Recreation team at Council. Shout out to Rod who funded a new airbag at Wynyard. Shout out to Pete for all your hard work.

Admin Update - Natalie

- iv. We are a team of people on a committee, but a big part of what we do is thank our community. Membership is looking great. Skyline pass and POC helmet were gifted to us to give away to a member which helped boost membership. Gold members have increased – 15 this year which is awesome. Really easy on the app to become a gold member on the App and you get a cool gold member sticker. Short term memberships too have had a decent uptake. Huge thanks to our sponsors. Also huge thanks to our 80 local partners. New trail maps signs are here. Huge thanks to Sarah from Fluid. Great picture of where we are now. We are going to have one at the midway station, bottom of Skyline access road and Wynyard. Big thanks to Kep and Ranger. Big team effort. QR codes are now located around the network. Good to be able to tell visiting riders that we need their support. We have also developed top tube QR codes for bike rentals so we are hoping this will have a positive effect in terms of donations. This winter we are still doing a lot of things – we have three grant applications in and have three/four to go. We want to get in some trail consents, these can take a while – others have taken up to 9 months. We would like to better partner with Skyline to connect visiting riders with the club, we want to promote the club to visitors. We will also have to update and re-audit our H&S documents. We are also looking for specific QR codes for Gorge Road. We are keen to do another members survey, we love to hear what members think, want and direction. We are keen to host another bike industry meeting, tweak discount/rebate model – we want to make it a win/win for everyone. Native planting days and wilding pine slaughter sessions are both really good things for us to stay involved



in.

Future events and development - Rod

- v. Thanks to Steve Carey for getting his track done. We are looking at getting another trail near Carry On. Getting Morning Glory built was awesome – thanks to Willy. A lot of work has taken place on Mt Dewar, the full 50 km loop is pretty much complete. Skyline maintenance is \$350-\$300k. We need to stress to the Council how important Skyline MTB trails are. Have not got the Council consent for Proving Grounds yet, still scheduled for this upcoming Feb, \$1.5mill to put the event on, big sponsors are needed and coming on-board. Rod has been talking about the trail to Sunshine Bay and on to GY, if we get a new powerline that way this will help the trail. Mountain Bike Awards was a great night – good example of getting stuff done. Red Bull training camp was awesome, the team was blown away. New flat bag project is in the works, and the bag should arrive soon. The App has been extensively developed. The membership App is really important, also holds great data for us to use for lobbying etc. The top tubes will hopefully create an obligation for visiting riders to give us donations.
- vi. Annie – CEO of a new organisation called Track. Believe in empowering MTBers. Annie will be raising funds to give back to the community, environment and MTBing. Iwi oversight will be present on all projects. Track will recognise all the work that has already been done. Track will be a non-for-profit. Budget will be \$2million to start. Huge opportunity to do big things. Conversation is at the heart of this organisation. Rod is trying to put a gondola in from the bottom of Coronet Road. Idea is to decarbonise skiing. Gondola would get used most of the year. Landowners below are keen. Fast track consent – iwi have been involved, Ngai Tahu are interested in investing. Gondola would be used all year round. Will know where this is at in the next few weeks. Rezoning down the bottom of Coronet Peak. The landowners are excited – Bike Sports Hub. Environmental school potentially, neat commercial space.

3. Vote For Club Rule Change

Proposal for the constitution to be amended to allow a maximum of 10 members on the committee (currently is a maximum of 8).

Introduction to the rule change by Nat and Pete.

Passed by a very clear majority (by show of hands approx 90%).

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

4. President: Fraser Gordon

Nominated: Kepler Rek

Seconded: Pete McNally

5. Treasurer: Bruce McLeod

Nominated: Julian McPike

Seconded: Jason Rhind

6. Secretary: Courtenay Jamieson

Nominated: Emmerson Wilken

Seconded: Meagan Wilken

8. General Committee Member Nominations and Voting:

a. Emmerson Wilken

i. Nominated: Conor MacFarlane

ii. Seconded: Meagan Wilken

b. Cliff Baker

i. Nominated: Mark Williams

ii. Seconded: Tom Lewis

c. Ben Bulling

i. Nominated: Aaron Fernandez

ii. Seconded: Wayne Boatwright

d. Megan Mackie

i. Nominated: Ben Hildred

ii. Seconded: Daisy Maddinson

e. Christian Wingate

i. Nominated: Fraser Gordon

ii. Seconded: Ryan Purcell

f. Will McManus

i. Nominated: Tim Hassall

ii. Seconded: Bill Shaw



g. Ashley Peters

- i. Nominated: Fraser Gordon
- ii. Seconded: Meagan Wilken

h. Any further nominations from the floor? No

9. Vote/Ballot for committee members - Number of applicants (10) did not require a competitive vote. All applicants therefore elected and approved to committee, with no objections from the floor.

10. Introduction from new president Fraser:

- a. Queenstown is a massive part of his life, community and riding scene here is amazing - keen to grow on this. Thanks to those stepping down - Gemma and Donna. Massive thanks to Pete. Keen to get stuck in. Onwards and upwards!

11. Questions:

- 1. Long term plan with Kerry drive? Our thought is that tar sealing it makes it more versatile. Also keen to build a dual salam track. Need funding.
- 2. Volunteers at Dream track - who should they talk to? Anyone on the committee, doors always open. Always open to ideas.
- 3. Suggestion - QR code at bottom of trails.
- 4. Suggestion from Rod - AGM first week after daylight savings finishes. We will look into this.