



QMTBC 2025 MINUTES

Date: 31/07/25

Start Time: 6.30pm

Finish Time: 8.00pm

Location: The Brew Hall, Arthur's Point. Queenstown

Meeting Purpose: Annual General Meeting 2025

Attendees

Committee members: Fraser Gordon (President), Courtenay Jamieson (Secretary), Cliff Baker, Ben Bulling, Ash Peters, Emmerson Wilken, Christian Wingate

Admin: Nikki Atkinson

Apologies: Bruce McLeod (Treasurer)

Members attended: (minimum 25 to meet Quorum) 41

Documents

- Financial Statement
- Minutes from previous AGM

Meeting Business

1. Welcome and thank you to partners Cargo Collective for the venue (The Brew Hall), set up and \$1 donation on new beer per pint sold on the night.
2. Apologies from Bruce, he unfortunately was unable to come tonight due to sickness (Influenza), so Fraser will be covering the Financial Report and the announcement of our new constitution.
3. **Financial Statements - Fraser**
 - a. Income was approximately \$473k and we recorded a \$133k gain for the year.
 - i. This was largely the result of an unexpected \$120K donation from Tahuna Ride and Conservation. While we didn't get to spend that value prior to March 31st, it has allowed us to pull the trigger on Rude Rock



realignments, and a new climb in the upper Ben Lomond network.

- b. Income - \$473k
 - i. Membership \$95.4K, is up slightly this year while membership numbers are similar to last year. This is a vital component of our income that will be used for maintenance and administration.
 - ii. Grants - \$95.5K
 - 1. QLDC \$72.1K
 - 2. Aotearoa Gaming Trust \$8.7K
 - 3. Central Lakes Trust \$7.7K
 - 4. NZ Community Trust \$7.0K
 - iii. Donations - \$257k
 - 1. Tahuna Ride & Conservation \$170K
 - 2. Drury Family \$18K (new flat Air Bag)
 - 3. As well as donations from Atlas Beer Cafe, Community Trust South, Onsen Hot Pools, Kelly McGarry Foundation, All Good Productions (Natural Selection Tour), Keep it Low Ltd , Queenstown Bike Taxi, Cargo Collective, Outside Sports, Bikeaholic, Monk Earthworks, Hugo Charitable Trust and many more contributions (mostly via the app where people can voluntarily donate).
- c. Events brought in \$22.6k. Some great events that were organised by our enthusiastic and tireless volunteers with standouts being
 - i. McGazza Fest led by Emmerson, Downhill Races (World Champs by Pang & Jimmy and the Race series run by Wayne Boatwright), Dirt Town Queens Enduro lead by Helen Watling and the movie nights, including collaborations with Forward.
- d. Merchandise had a lower turn over and offloading old stock shows a loss this year but we are keeping our brand alive with some new designs. Shout out to Helen and Jarna.
- e. Expenses - \$329k
 - i. Network maintenance thanks to Elevate for their hard work, \$120K
 - ii. Maintenance & junior apprentice in Queenstown Bike Park, \$58K
 - iii. McNearly, Morning Glory & Hot Rod & Dream refresh work
 - iv. Jumps at the end of Carry On & Hot Rod
 - v. Administration; big thanks to Natalie & Nikki for keeping everything running smoothly!
- f. Since the end of the financial year we've completed a realignment of the lower Rude Rock corners, and started a long awaited climbing link between Fernhill Loop and Beeched As (Creeky Climb). The maintenance contract for the Bike Park will again be managed through the Club to assist QLDC in keeping that work going. Thanks to Steven Peters for championing that cause! The greater



network maintenance, beyond the bike park, proved that \$120K was a realistic budget, and that will be rolled through into next season.

- g. Administration costs will be significant in committing to the paid General Manager role, and we'll be asking that person to seek funding sources to cover those costs.
- h. Big thanks once again to Debbie Hutton for giving the final accounts a tweak and tune up, and the continued accounting support throughout the year.

4. Admin Update - Nikki

- a. Goals from last year were to increase our numbers of short term memberships and gold memberships, these are tracking well. We had 87 people purchase a 14 day membership which is a 10% increase from last year and 25 Gold memberships, 10 more than last year. Our biggest jump was seen in our Gold Family Memberships, which increased by 17. Our standard membership numbers have tracked pretty consistently over the year with a peak of 2257 on the day of McGazza and now currently sitting at 2243, 18 up from this point last year. Whilst we haven't seen as big of a winter drop as we sometimes do, we are aware that numbers have plateaued this season and will be sending out a detailed survey to see what user groups we are missing and how we can encourage the younger generation to purchase a membership. We have been gifted a Skyline Season Pass as a prize for the completion of this survey.

5. Membership Fees - Fraser

- a. Fees have not been raised in a few years, and with the increase of costs, along with inflation we have decided to raise membership fee to \$60 for an adult and \$35 for a child.

6. Life Member Awards - Fraser

- a. We are stoked to announce two new Life Time Member Award recipients, Glen Buckland and Pete McNally. Glen has been an integral part of our community and a massive driver for the development of 7 Mile. He has also done an outstanding job with Pedals & Pints these last few years. Pete McNally has dedicated years to this club, with 11yrs of service on the committee and all his hard work with the development of McNearly Gnarly. Glen unfortunately is not here tonight, but Pete delivers words of thanks and his plans for projects around McNearly Gnarly. Pete wants to increase the planting in the area, with the longer term goal to get the climb cleared of saplings and bring back 'slaughter days' with help from the club.

7. Strategy Day - Ash Peters

- a. In April this year the committee took part in a Strategy Day led by Esther Buckolt,



a community strategy organiser from Wellington. The council agreed to cover the costs of the day. The committee sat down and developed an Action Plan to help direct the future of the club. With the incredible growth of the club it was clear that manpower from volunteers and one part-time admin staff isn't enough to keep up with all the work that needs to be done, and that a Club Manager is vital to help support the club and allow it to continue to grow sustainably. We also agreed that adding portfolios into the committee structure would make operations more efficient and help all members feel like they have purpose and accountability.

8. New Club Manager - Ash Peters

- a. From this day we then developed the new job description for the Club Manager role and went out to market. We had around 25 applications and narrowed it down to 4 excellent candidates that we brought in to interview. There were two clear strong leaders and the final decision came down to who could really hit the ground running and had the deepest understanding of the club and Queenstown community and that was Nat Sharples, our former Admin and Marketing Assistant for the last 4 years. Nat brings lots of experience, enthusiasm and awesome ideas to make QMTBC the best it can be.

9. Trails Updates - Fraser

- a. Ben Lomond Trails
 - i. Brief reminder that Skyline Bike Park was rebranded to Ben Lomond trails to give separation from the commercial operator now that the club is responsible for the area. QMTBC were given the Skyline social media account allowing us to reach 14.2k followers. The new structure is going well, and funds for maintenance have covered all costs we have needed so far, however this is our most heavily used area and we will always be looking for how we can raise more cash to help maintain this park.
 - ii. Our biggest challenge over this year has been the explosion in pirate trail activity, with no undergrowth they are easy to create. We are working with the council on communication pieces as well as working with Skyline to get better communication out to our younger members and their families. Skyline has agreed to give us access to their email contact list and we will send out a code of conduct so that parents are more aware of what their children are riding.
- b. Queenstown Hill & Ben Lomond Reserve Submission
 - i. There is huge potential for a great trail network on Queenstown hill, especially as there is already some infrastructure on Kerry's Drive.
 - ii. We have put in a submission for both these plans and are pleased to see that Mountain Biking is high on the council's agenda for both these areas.
 - iii. Council plans to get rid of all the pine trees and replace these with



natives, but we are still unsure how that will look for BLT and the current trail network there.

- iv. The draft plan does speak of more infrastructure for the BLT area including toilets and bike wash stations, so the club was very happy to see this and supported this plan.

10. New Trail Updates - Fraser

- a. Coronet Forest
 - i. Trac and TTOT came on board to clear the forest so we could start building tracks. It was a big job and became very difficult with an unexpected amount of rainfall. Kep and the Dirt Design team have been working hard and some trails might be ready to open at the start of 2026. Members should be aware that this will not be accessible by shuttle, pedal power only!
 - ii. This will be a great addition to our trail network, giving more options to those who live on the eastern side of the basin.
 - iii. Big thank you to TRAC for helping fund this project and TTOT for helping with management.
- b. Creeky Climb
 - i. Climb will go from Fernhill loop back up to Beached As and help link everything together. This will be great in winter as it is more protected by the trees.
 - ii. Tom will do an organic clean up of the lower Fernhill track to midway so you can pedal all the up lower Fernhill Loop and be able to stay in the trees.
- c. Upper Ridge Hunter
 - i. This track will start from the summit of Mt Dewar and track all the way down to Arthur's Point passing through the Tree Space development. This will be a natural track, and an epic big descent trail to add to our network. This is set to start building at the end of spring/start of summer this year.

11. Community Events - Fraser

- a. Queenstown Bike Festival will be back for 2026 and commemorating the 10th year we lost McGazza, so we plan for this to be a big event!
- b. Pedals & Pints has been going from strength to strength with a peak of 50 riders in the height of summer. This has been a great community event and has really brought the best out of our club. It has been great to see how everyone helps each other out and supports each other on these rides.
- c. Dirt Town Queens - keeps being a great place for females to find other female riders to support and encourage each other. Their enduro event was another hit attracting many new racers and Hels and her ladies to do a great job of putting



inclusivity and fun at the forefront of the event.

- d. Whakatipu World Champs, an iconic event, big thanks to Pang and Jimmy for keeping it going since the Vertigo Series ended. Always a popular event that brings the crowds. This year it raised \$3.5-\$4k for the club.
- e. Wednesday digs are doing awesome stuff. We get awesome trails from these guys, thank you Howie!
- f. Gorge Road jumps are an amazing work of art, loved world wide, Nathan & Luc doing a fantastic job. Still on a year by year lease with council.
- g. DH Series put on by Warne Boatwright has been an awesome grassroots event for upcoming groms, and funds raised will be put towards young athletes in our community competing abroad.
- h. Women's Ride Nights - really successful event with 60 women riding each night over the 4 weeks. This will be running again next year starting from November.

12. Sponsor Update - Fraser

- a. Bronze Sponsors (those who have donated \$2k+) are Queenstown Bike Taxis, Onsen Hot Pools, Hugo Charitable Trust, MTBNZ Oceanias, NZSki, Bikeaholic, Keep it Low Ltd, New Flow, Vertigo and, The Cargo Collective
- b. Silver Sponsors (those who have donated \$5k+) are Kelly McGarry Foundation and Peak Earth Shaping Ltd
- c. Gold Sponsors (those who have donated \$10k+) are All Good Productions and Cooks Brothers Construction
- d. Platinum Sponsors - this award is given at the clubs discretion and this year we have our first ever sponsor at this level which is Atlas Beer Cafe! They have done amazing work for many many years and this year they have gone above and beyond, raising \$20k+ with their Thundergoat beer, brewed by Emersons, funds raised from the End of Season Party, and through their Karma Keg programme.

13. Business Partners - Fraser

- a. We have added 20 new business partners to our program this season meaning we have 100 discounts available for our members! This is such a great offering for members and we hope to see this help drive membership numbers.

14. Constitution update - Fraser

- a. Charities act updated with new regulations that we need to follow, many things will stay the same but we have a few key updates.
- b. Club structure for the committee – we are 3- 10 officers, no president, treasurer or secretary. The committee will elect a chair person and they will have the



- binding vote in any vote that is equal.
- c. As no treasurer finances will be managed by the committee and the Club Manager, which will help take the pressure off the volunteers. And we will still need two signatures for all financial transactions
- d. 30 workings days notice and 2/3rd vote for if the club needs to be dissolved
- e. Constitution can be amended at SGM (Special General Meeting)
- f. All in favour? Room all in favour, the Constitution has been passed. This will be available on our website.

15. Winter and Next Season Projects - Fraser

- a. Portfolios for Committee members.
 - i. If you come on as an officer you can select a portfolio you would like to work under. Our portfolios will be Events, Trails, Partnerships, and Rider Development. This will bring more structure to the Committee, which is now needed with us being such a big operation.
- b. Tree planting events
 - i. We will be looking at putting on more tree planting events to help replace tape with trees! A more environmentally friendly way to tape off cut throughs and pirate tracks.
- c. Improve Carbon Tracking at events
 - i. Whilst we are a relatively low carbon sport, we still have an impact and we want to bring better awareness into our events.
- d. Car Boot Sale
 - i. Such a great event last year so we want to bring it back for the start of the season.
- e. Other events already mentioned
 - i. Queenstown Bike Festival - 16th - 25th January
 - ii. Women's Ride Nights at BLT

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Officers selected for voting

- 1. Ashley Peters
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Fraser Gordon
 - ii. Emmerson Wilken
- 2. Andre Simon

- a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Fraser Gordon
 - ii. Christian Wingate
- 3. Ben Bulling
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Aaron Fernandez
 - ii. Wayne Boatwright
- 4. Bruce McLeod
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Jason Rhind
 - ii. Julian McPike
- 5. Christian Wingate
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Todd Couper
 - ii. Hamish Mackenzie
- 6. Courtenay Jamieson
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Emmerson Wilken
 - ii. Meagan Wilken
- 7. Emmerson Wilken
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Meagan Wilken
 - ii. Pete McNally
- 8. Fraser Gordon
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Ben Bulling
 - ii. Christian Wingate
- 9. Jamie Turner
 - a. Nominated & Seconded by
 - i. Adam Carlson
 - ii. Aiden Mernagh

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

16. Questions:

- a. 7 mile expansion - We are waiting on DOC to know what is happening with the trees, but will continue to maintain the current tracks. Nikki and Nat are meeting with DOC to discuss streamlining application processes for new trails.
- b. DH Series by Wayne Boatwright - This race series has been raising funds to help



support up and coming racers to go overseas and compete. Young athletes will be required to put in an application and must meet specific criteria to be eligible for funding. The funds must also be spent on specific things, like flights and accommodation. The club won't be just giving athletes money to do with what they like.