



## **Bike Taupo Advocacy Group Inc.**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Monday 11 April 2016**

**at BNZ premises, Tongariro Street, Taupo**

#### **Present:**

Grant Hill, Julie Norris, Lynette Braithwaite, Pete Masters, Jo Donaldson, Crunchie Donaldson, Pete McFarlane, Clyff Harrington, Rowan Sapsford, Chas Hutton, Karyn Hutton, Emma Hutton, Len Malcolm, Susan Watson, Graham Level, Paul Wilson, Steve Currie, Marion Ross, Anna Kirk, Bruce Jaine, Dennis Hancock

#### **Apologies:**

Herwi Scheltus, Errol Cudby, Hendon Gillies, Nigel Tipene, Mark Gibson, Alan Vane, Sue Jolly and Paul Davey

#### **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

The Minutes of the previous AGM (held on 11/04/2015) were adopted.

#### **Chairperson's Report:**

Rowan Sapsford presented a comprehensive report on the year's activities and highlights (attached).

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jo Connell from Strettons (our Accountants) presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30/9/2015. This Report was adopted by the Meeting.

*Moved: Karyn Hutton, seconded P. Masters.*

Passed Unanimously

#### **Election of Executive Committee Members:**

One-half of the Executive Committee is required to retire each year. Pam Anderson and Mark Gibson retired this year.



Mark Gibson offered himself for re-election.

His nomination was unanimously approved and accordingly the Executive Committee for 2016/17 year will be:

Rowan Sapsford (Chair), Ian Jensen, Julie Norris, Mark Gibson, Paul Davey, Karyn Hutton and Darryn Anderson.

## Constitutional Amendments

The following amendment to section 7.3 of the constitution was proposed:

*“At the Annual general Meeting, the Chairperson shall present a report of the Group’s activities over the previous year and the Treasurer shall present a statement of the Group’s accounts for the year ending 30 ~~September, duly reviewed in accordance with Rule 9.3.~~”*

The current wording of Section 9.3 of the Constitution was proposed to be removed and replaced with the following:

*“a) the executive committee will discuss at least once a calendar year the need to undertake an Assurance Engagement*

*b) an Assurance Engagement will be undertaken once every three years*

*c) an Assurance Engagement will be undertaken if there is an obligation for such a review”*

*Moved: P Manning, seconded J Norris*

After due discussion, both sets of amendments were passed unanimously

## Membership Fees

The following changes to the annual membership fees were proposed:

Type	1 Jan 2016 – 31 Dec 2016	1 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2017
Family (parents and children)	\$60.00	<b>\$70.00</b>
Individual Adult (18 years and over)	\$40.00	<b>\$50.00</b>
Individual Youth	\$5.00	\$5.00



Preschoolers	Free	Free
Visitor (7 days)	\$10.00	\$10.00

Type	1 Sept 2016 – 31 Dec 2016	1 Sept 2017 – 31 Dec 2017
Family (parents and children)	\$40.00	<b>\$45.00</b>
Individual Adult (18 years and over)	\$25.00	<b>\$30.00</b>
Individual Youth	\$5.00	\$5.00
Preschoolers	Free	Free

*Moved: I Jensen, seconded P Masters*

The revised fees were passed by vote with 21 for and 1 against

### **Track Crew Report**

Peter Masters and Chad Hooten presented on the work which the track crew had been undertaking over the past 12 months

### **Kids Bike Taupo**

Cath Oldfield presented on the success of the Kids Bike Taupō programme over the past 12 months

### **General Business:**



Dennis Hancock raised a query on the status of the shared trail adjacent to the ETA. The trail is currently maintained by TDC. Anna Park was to discuss further with the council roading team.

**The Meeting closed at 6:45 pm**

## Bike Taupo Achievements 2015/2016

2015/16 Achievements	2016/17 Goals
Craters Mountain Bike Park – Wairakei Forest & Huka Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Published revised paper map</li> <li>● Buddha rebuild</li> <li>● Kinda Grinder (alternative to Grinder) built</li> <li>● Coles Killer realigned – connection off Buzzard</li> <li>● Obstacle course being built on Scragg's</li> <li>● Kids track built at the Hub</li> <li>● Hub Kitchen Café has liquor licence</li> <li>● Blue markers installed: R) bank from town to Aratiatia L) bank Aratiatia to Huka Falls</li> <li>● Blue Bikes installed on river bank and Spa park</li> <li>● Counter installed on Tank Stand. Average of 200 a day. Since 1 September 65,000 counts. This means about 95,000 users per annum.</li> <li>● Pines poisoned and removed along Waikato River with Greening Taupo.</li> <li>● Due diligence and design for underpass under Wairakei Drive with MTB club, part funding secured with TDC, MTB club and events.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Greening Taupo on Wairakei Corridor reveg project</li> </ul>	
<b>Advocacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2470 Annual BT Members 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015</li> <li>• Bike Taupo facebook page has 1428 likes</li> <li>• Bike Taupo website had 26 124 visitors year Sept 2014 – Aug 2015</li> <li>• TDC long term submission (including asking for cycling and walking strategy to be bought forward) submitted</li> <li>• TDC annual report presented</li> <li>• Proactively working with TDC, DGLT and DoC on the value of biking and working more effectively together</li> <li>• Submission to TDC supporting establishment of kiosk on Kinloch domain</li> <li>• Getting involved in the development of the Whakaipo Bay Management Plan and submitted in support of facilitating downhill trail at Whakaipo.</li> <li>• Member of T2T Advisory Board</li> <li>• Supporting TDC in cycling initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate better with our members, partners &amp; the community.</li> <li>• Focus on driving urban safety initiatives</li> <li>• Better connections over control gates bridge</li> <li>• Local body candidate questionnaire</li> </ul>
<b>Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In consultation with TDC planning has started on a cycle/pedestrian bridge from the Countdown side of road to river side Initial pricing and process work done. 50k required for initial investigations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build easy link from town to Hub Cafe</li> </ul>

<p><b>Financial</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2470 members (individuals &amp; family members) 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015</li> <li>• Wednesday PD crew worked 45 days per year x 8 persons = 360 man days. Even if they only have half output it's still 180 man days x \$216 = \$38 880 savings per year.</li> <li>• Agency boys worked 2 days per week x 45 weeks x 2 men per day = 180 man days. Even if they only have half output it's still 90 man days x \$216 = \$19 440 savings per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convert 10% of visitors to annual members</li> </ul>
<p><b>Great Lake Trail (GLT)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLT Facebook page has 1404 likes</li> <li>• GLT website had 12 095 visitors year Sept 2014 – Aug 2015</li> <li>• 40 000 single link riders counted in one year</li> <li>• Group of independent businesses pursuing setting up bike hire/shuttle/boat transfer near shelter on Kinloch Domain</li> <li>• Pest control actively undertaken</li> <li>• Willows and pines removed in Orakau link wetland</li> <li>• Acacia Bay to Whakaipo Bay link initial look</li> <li>• DGLT taking over the GLT webpage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a trail from Whangamata Rd (Orakau link) to Otaki stream (K2K link) creating a loop and to get cyclists off the road</li> <li>• <i>Dream</i> of linking the Great Lake Trail to the Timber Trail.</li> <li>• Dream of linking GLT to Taupo</li> </ul>
<p><b>Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 events run in last 12 months on the BT track network and includes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Contact Huka MTB events (Contact Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge) numbers growing</li> <li>b) Oxfam Trailwalker 2015</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host Huka MTB events (Contact Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge)</li> <li>• Taupo Ultramarathon on the GLT</li> </ul>

	<p>c) Hoka One One Taupo Marathon  d) Hoka One One Kinloch Off Road Challenge  e) Kids Monster MTB Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BT helped out at the DGLT stand at Crankworx 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Misc</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Te Iringa track upgraded (twice) with Taupo MTB Club &amp; Hawkes Bay MTB Club</li> <li>● Funding received for upgrading Waihaha Hut track to make it legal to ride.</li> <li>● Pete Masters gets a gong for biking and stuff</li> <li>● BT gets a Community Conservation Award</li> <li>● Two events in the next DOC summer programme GLT ride and Poronui ride</li> <li>● Track damage cleared within 48 hours of reporting</li> <li>● Bikewise NZ's favourite place to ride:</li> </ul> <p>Onroad Riding – 1<sup>st</sup>  NZCT section GLT voted 3rd  Off road or Adventure section  UWRT voted 2nd and  Craters 2nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Representative attended and spoke at NZCT AGM, NZ Recreation Association Riding Conference, Cycling Advocates Network AGM and Regional Trails group</li> <li>● Initial look at a opportunity for downhill tracks at Whakaipo Bay</li> <li>● Member of the Turangi Trail Advisory Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Dream</i> to link all urban cycle ways into cohesive network</li> <li>●</li> </ul>



**Kids Bike Taupo:**

- 5379 'Rides' on KBT bikes
  - 208 first time riders on 2 wheels
  - 232 sessions which is on average just over 1 session every weekday of the year
  - Average number of riders each session was 23
  - Focused on those who cannot ride competently on two wheels
  - Targeted early childhood centres and the junior syndicates at primary schools
  - Raised awareness at Whakaipo Bay Lodge concert
  - Featured in Moe Show
- Secure significant funding to enable the programme to grow
  - Educate the community about the programme