**Minutes from the Christchurch Singletrack Club 2016 Annual General Meeting**

Date: **Sunday 7 August** - Location: Twisted Hop. Was held on a Sunday to have a quieter venue.

Attended by: Sara Taylor, Brian Smith, Rebekah Tregurtha, Graham Allan, Craig Tregurtha, Jennifer Tregurtha, Joel Tregurtha, Shane Kennedy, Dee Richards, Karl Harrison, Johnny Hasson, Warwick Allen, Pauline Cooper, Rob Halliday, Glenda Ryan, Bevan Pratt, Murray Anderson, Emma Bradley, Karen Gray, John Pearce, Ross McCulloch, Richard Craig, Brent MIllar

Apologies: Michelle Peterson, Scott Emmens, Glenn Jarrett, Paul Cooper, Laila Cooper, William Griffiths, Murray Lobb, Julie Ponsonby

1. **Approval of the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes from 2015 were received as being accurate. Moved Craig, seconded Sara

1. **Financial report for 2015-16 year Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc**

Accounts for the Year to June 30, 2016

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| **Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc** |  |  |
| **Income** |  |  | **2014-15** |  |  | **2015-16** |
| Subscriptions |  |  | $2,204.90 |  |  | 1822.60 |
| Donations/sales |  |  |  |  |  | 420.00 |
| Event Fees |  |  | $3,305.20 |  |  | 2082.80 |
| Grants |  |  |  | $3,331.00 |  |  | 2451.00 |
| Interest |  |  |  | $900.71 |  |  | 888.28 |
| Other Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **$9,741.81** |  |  | **$7664.68** |
| **Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Events |  |  |  | $960.00 |  |  | 862.10 |
| Equipment |  |  | $2,750.35 |  |  | 0 |
| Construction |  |  | $609.56 |  |  | 3800.64 |
| Donations |  |  |  |  |  | 1000.00 |
| Operations |  |  | $175.54 |  |  | 163.21 |
| Affiliation Fees |  |  | $200.00 |  |  | 525 |
|  |  |  |  | **$4,695.45** |  | **$6,350.95** |  |
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| **Excess of Income over Expenditure** | **$5,046.36** |  | **$1313.73** |  |
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| Bank balance at the SBS Bank was $10844.16 as at 30th June 2016 |  |
| Term Investment of $11,367 at SBS Bank, maturing Oct 3, 2016 |  |
| Term Investment of $20,000 from Transpower at SBS Bank, maturing 20th July 2016 held for the Montgomery Spur mtb work |
| Although some equipment purchases will last for more than a year, they have all been expensed |
|  |  |  |  | 30th June 2016 |  |  |

The financial report for 2015-16 was received as being reasonably accurate, but a request was made for clarification on some items before being accepted as the Treasurer was not present.

**3. Election of Executive Committee members for the 2016-17 year.**

Chairperson: Brian Smith, Moved Rebekah, seconded Pauline

Secretary: Rebekah Tregurtha, Moved Brian, seconded Pauline

Treasurer: Brian Smith, Moved Craig, seconded Rebekah

Membership Secretary: Pauline Cooper, Moved Brian, seconded Graham

Committee members: Graham Allan, Glenn Jarrett, Sara Taylor, Craig Tregurtha, Murray Anderson

We accepted the resignation of Michelle Peterson and earlier in the year, Trent Williams

**4. 2016-17 membership fees**

Brian moved that the club membership fees for the July 2016 to June 2017 year remain at Individual $20 (including $5 levy to MTBNZ) and $30 a family. Sara seconded.

**5. Chairperson’s report**

Chairperson’s Report for the Christchurch Singletrack Club 2016 Annual General Meeting

Date 7 August 2016

Location: Twisted Hop Tavern

**Club Membership for 2015 – 2016 Year`**

By the end of the year we had over 105 financial members (57 individuals and 24 families)

Christchurch Singletrack Club Facebook page = 2013 followers
Christchurch Singletrack Rides Facebook group = 945 members
Christchurch Singletrack Chicks Facebook group = 285 members

**Review of the clubs activities during the 2015 – 2016 year**

It was great to see the committee stay pretty much intact this year and have so much going on. Committee meetings were well attended and the business dealt with smoothly. Thank you for giving so much of your time and effort to the club and the CHCH mountain biking scene.

Rebekah and Craig pulled together some very professional operating manuals during the year. These will be there to be used to assist and guide present and future club members in operating the club going forward.

**Events**

Short Track Series (3 events) attracted about 30 entries each week.

Mini XC Series (3 events) had between 38 and 52 entries. Great to see Anton Cooper at the final race and Ben and Craig Oliver at all of the races.

Port Hills Hill Climb Series (3 events) had 27 to 38 entries which was lower than previous years but had some very uninviting weather conditions. It was still a very competitive hard fought series with Brent Miller making sure he retained the title by delaying his trip to the World 24 Hour Champs in Rotorua so that he could race in the final event of the series! It was great to have Murray and Jurgen take over organising this series and relieve some of the pressure on Craig and Rebekah. Thanks guys.

Port Hills Classic Race run on Dan Van Asch’s farm, The Crocodile and C2. Again beautiful weather on the day and 71 entries in the main event plus 47 kids doing various courses on the flat. Great to see the small crew having a ball again. Many thanks to Sara for leading the organisation of this event and thanks to her helpers.

10 Years at Living Springs was celebrated in May and enjoyed by a good sized group of club members and their families.

**Activities**

I’m sure Craig and Graham will touch on this topic but I’d also like to thank the teams that took on maintenance of various tracks around the area:

Living Springs, a really positive change to the circuit in eliminating the grindy 4WD intro (and more to come). Yahooo. Crocodile, C2, the new fast flowy Lower Deviation track and the Dave Sidery inspired downhill "Murph’s" track off the top of C2 is a great variation to the singletrack theme. Nice and narrow and challenging. Well done Dave and all his helpers.

A big up to Graham's teams for their efforts around the Port Hills. Great to see the new Montgomery Spur track taking shape rapidly. A major effort there on Saturday 30 July with quite a few very skilled carpenters hard at it getting multiple "sheep" stops in place. It will be a cool and very scenic track when complete. A great way to entice more riders off the flats and onto the hills.

I met Al Davies on the Bowenvale 4WD track one afternoon a month or so ago and we had a chat about track building and maintenance opportunities in town. A week or two later I hear he is working on "Murph’s" and the Low Rd and Montgomery Spur. Awesome.

It certainly feels a bit special when you are riding a track you have worked on and buddies or passers-by comment on how good the track is riding. The little bit of insight you have into changes to the track also lends a bit more speed or flow to your ride.

Cashmere Forest Christchurch Adventure Park. It really is all go deep up the valley and on the Spur. I did a half day track building up there a few weeks ago and found a really strong keen group of volunteers working hard bringing their old tracks back to life. Aaron Hogg is doing a great job organising the crews and just doing it up there. Long may the good weather last.

**6. Craig’s 2015-16 trailbuilding review**

1. **Living Springs**
* During 2015-2016 there were 21 sessions, 38 individuals.
* Totara Gully upper line opened June 2016 and started Totara Gully lower line (to continue during Aug & Sept).
* Northern Reserve track likely to be created 2017.
* We celebrated 10 years since we started building with a lunch that Living Springs catered and Marleen Imports provided spot prizes.
1. **Halswell Tracks**
* Lower Deviation opened November 2015. We had 26 sessions involving 33 different people. We had Fulton Hogan’s digger (5 days over 3 weekends) – thanks Brian! There has been fantastic rider feedback.
* Murph’s Trail opened June 2016. This was built mainly by Dave Sidery and Al Davies.
* Deviation had 13 sessions (maintenance and upper entrance)
* C2 had 9 sessions (maintenance)
* Al Davies began maintenance on Take the Low Road
* Mike Nixon’s crew, Al Sladen, Mike Stringer, Al Davies, Murray Anderson and others did drainage work and general maintenance on their own initiative on the Crocodile and other Halswell tracks

**7. Graham’s 2015-16 Port Hills Liaison Review**

Graham gave an update on the Montgomery Spur development which is expected to open on October 9th. This project has been funded by a grant from Transpower.

He gave the background on how we came to be working on Montgomery Spur instead of Huntsbury Track. This is the first new trail building on public land in 10 years. It will be a good track for people who are new to the hills. Scott Walker did 2 weeks of digger work and there has been some work parties doing digging by hand. Some areas will just be mown and ridden in and some sections will be gravelled next year. A team also built up several cattle grids. Lots of effort has been put in to keep the area tidy and to minimise weed opportunity – lots of turf was carefully placed by hand. The CCC will put in signage. There will be a route marked for walkers but the extent of that is still to be determined.

Graham added that when the Port Hills Management Plan is reviewed we should be involved with that.

It is disappointing when people ride up there in the wet.

**8. Sara’s Port Hills Classic Race Report**

The 2016 Port Hills Classic was held on January 24th in fantastic weather.  The main race was well supported with 71 riders turning up to race around one, two or three laps of the course.  The course itself was the same as 2015 with the Halswell Quarry tracks well used and special access to Dan van Asch's land which is normally out of bounds to riders.  Riders reported that the course was both enjoyable and challenging with some spectacular views from the top.  We also held three kids races for children ranging in ages from pre-school through to 14 years.  It was great to see the entries increased from 29 in 2015 to 47 this year with a number of families turning out in support.

We were fortunate to have great group of sponsors supporting the event 2016 with all committing to the 2017 event already.  Thank you to all those who assisted the organising and running of the event, without you there would be nothing.

**9. Trophies:**

The following trophies were awarded:

Men’s Club Champion – Shane Kennedy
Women’s Club Champion – Glenda Ryan

Hillclimb Men’s Champion – Brent Miller
Hillclimb Women’s Champion – Brigette Bilbe

**10. General Business:**

Things are looking really positive for the 2017 Port Hills Classic event with it being the 30th anniversary of the original Port Hills Classic.  As Dan was part of the first race he wants next year’s event to be a celebration of all things mountain bike, an event that all can enjoy whether they are spectators, weekend warriors or hard core racers.  Organisation has only just started but we plan to hold a weekend of racing on 25th and 26th of February again in Halswell Quarry.  We hope to hold multiple races over different formats over both days including either a downhill or enduro event run by Gravity Canterbury.  We also hope to hold a movie night (free to all) and dinner (at a cost) in the race village on Saturday night which will add to the festival feel.  Any ideas are welcome.

If anyone is willing to help me with the event organisation or assisting on the day please contact me at deanandsara@vodafone.co.nz as I would be extremely grateful.

Sara

*The AGM was followed by supper and a presentation by Graham on his mountainbike trip to the USA and cycle touring through Sumatra.*