

Christchurch Singletrack Club

2022 Annual General Meeting

Date: **Sunday 7 August 2022 4:00 pm** - Location: Redseed, Tuam St, Christchurch

Attended by: Craig Tregurtha, Rebekah Tregurtha, Jennifer Tregurtha, Brian Smith, Nikki Bligh, Sara Taylor, Sawyer Hamilton, Andrew Marshall, Graeme Marshall, Murray Anderson, Brigitte Bilbe, Andrew Laurie, Maria Laurie, Dave Ffowcs-Williams, Jemmima Snook, Chris Taylor, Matt Boulcott, Darcy Arnold, Grant Nyhan, Eva Nyhan, Mike Nixon, Quintus Vermeulen, Mary Gray, Andrew Cayzer, Tania McKay (24 attendees)

Apologies: Steve Moffatt, Graham Allan, Michael Simek, Jeanette Gerrie, Logan Horn

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes from 2021 were received as being accurate. Moved Tania McKay, seconded Andrew Marshall

2. Chairperson's Report - Nikki Bligh

When we last met for an AGM, Covid was high on the agenda. Little were we to know at that time it would cause even more disruption for us all, in the coming year. And still is.

Sport is most definitely not immune, and we had to adapt and find new ways of making events happen. Vaccine passes, separating races to reduce the numbers in the park at one time, wearing masks, QR codes, and hand sanitiser, all became the norm at race nights.

Prior to Xmas we were able to successfully hold our 4 summer series events, with a great number of competitors racing. Feedback from this series was very positive. With races designed to suit all abilities. We had up to 154 people racing this series. Unfortunately, the planned series post Xmas was not able to go ahead. We did however manage to slip in the Reverse enduro in early February, followed by our biggest event of the season the National Champs.

National Champs was another great success, albeit it didn't have quite the spark of 2021, without the massive number of spectators. 147 people raced, down slightly on the 170 riders we had in 2021. The tracks were well prepared and those that raced, were impressed. The Singletrack Club members again dominated the podium.

Shortly after the National Champs Covid was really taking hold and the difficult decision was made to abandon the Secondary School Series, which was a real blow for the kids. It has been an annual series for 5 years and every year the numbers grow and grow. We are looking forward to this returning in 2023 and are sure we will exceed the 250 number of children we had, the previous year. Judging by how many kids we see using the Crocodile park and riding mountain bikes on the Port hills.

WORD is a non-profit organisation who run after school programmes and holiday camps to encourage young people to enjoy riding. They are based in Wellington and Wanaka, but this year undertook a trial in ChCh and much of their riding was done at the Crocodile Park. They had 58 young people and had a blast. Due to the success, they are now working hard to make ChCh a more permanent base.

The 267 club members comes from 133 individuals and families. We were able to extend the same membership fee in 2022. Generous donations were taken at our 4 summer series races, for which we really appreciate.

Living Springs tree harvesting was completed in spring 2020 and that meant it was time for the Club to return and rebuild the track. Several sessions were done during 2021 and early 2022, and on 22 January the trails were opened again, after being closed for almost 18 months. The feedback has been very positive. One of Anton's favourites round trips from home, I recall him saying. Since December last year a small team from Living Springs have taken on much of the ongoing maintenance of those tracks which has taken a lot of pressure off us

Taramea (Rapaki) update: A lot of work this past year has gone into scoping out and working through the Council red tape to develop a link between the Taramea loop and the bottom of Rapaki Track. You will hear more about this in Graham's Port Hills report.

While we have not done any major track projects at the Crocodile park, a lot of work has been done there over the past year by a small team of dedicated volunteers. In fact, just over 100 sessions since the last AGM, so an average of 2 per week! Much of this work has been ongoing maintenance like improving drainage, reshaping berms, fixing up erosion, fencing work, installing signage, dealing with windblown trees, removing several willows from the ponds, and general tweaks to several section of tracks. And there has also been a massive amount of trimming and blowing – big thanks to Richard Morley-Hall for his contribution here. Then there has been a lot of small track projects, including:

- Improving the flow on Deviation.
- Rebuilding sections of Murphs following storm damage – big thanks to Dave Sidery for his input here.
- Creating a new entrance to Download, as well as a link from Upload.
- Rebuilding of the big corner of Deviation – thanks to Darcy Arnold for his time and the use of the GSL digger.
- Extending the end of Down & Out so it no longer merges with C2 before joining Upper Crust.
- Swapped the exits of Coopers Creek and Off the Cuff so all three gully tracks could be available in races.
- Creating the return link to C2 after the Upper Crust hump, creating a nice wee bonus feature when coming down Rickrolled or Down & Out.
- Extending the top of Down & Out so it starts out in the farm by the Crocodile bridge – this work will continue again once it is drier. Again, big thanks to Darcy and the GSL digger.
- Rebuilding the entire top half of Double Exposure, incorporating drops, jumps and berms.

We aim to again hold the summer series in November and December.

And we are pretty excited to have been confirmed as the host for one of the three MTBNZ Nationals XC Series rounds for 2023. You may have seen the MTBNZ post about a XC series for 2023. We are excited to be a part of this so put Saturday 21 January in your diaries.

All of this would not be possible without the Committee, and I'd like to personally thank the team, whom have now been together for a number of years, for all their work and commitment to the Club. Murray, Rebekah and Craig work tirelessly on making events possible and lead the charge for us all. Without them at the helm, the Club would not be the amazing success that it is. We also have a talented pool of track builders who give up many hours to prep, repair and build the tracks we all love to use.

Thanks again everyone for coming along. Thank you for all that you give to the Club. Either directly through donations or indirectly by providing goods and services or through assisting with volunteering at races or by providing muscle for trail building. We appreciate you all and look forward to next season with you.

3. Financial report for 2021-22 year Christchurch Singletrack Club Inc **– Brian Smith**

Accounts for the year to June 30 2022

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>2020-21</i>	<i>2021-22</i>
Subscriptions	\$5317.00	\$5485.00
Donations/Sales	\$4976.01	\$1659.41
Event Fees	\$3580.00	\$1963.00
Grants	\$4382.00	\$2912.85
Interest	\$ 431.27	\$174.02
Transfer In	\$710.00	\$0.00
	\$19396.28	\$12194.28

Expenditure

Events	\$6592.35	\$2281.68
Equipment	\$2728.63	\$3637.73
Construction	\$1712.58	\$1732.30
Donations	\$0.00	\$500.00
Operations	\$4767.89	\$1842.95
Affiliation Fees	\$1977.95	\$2225.11
	\$17779.40	\$12219.77

2021-22 Excess Income over Expenditure **-\$25.49**

Statement of Financial Position

B/Fwd from 2020-21 current a/c 30 June 21	\$14020.90
Revenue 2021-22	\$12194.28
Expenditure 2021-22	\$12219.77
Balance	\$13995.41
Transferred to fixed term investment	-\$6286.60
Balance in Current Account 30 June 2022	\$7708.81

Investments

	2020-21	2021-22
Other	\$17000.00	\$17033.00
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The term investment of \$17033 matures 23 June 2023. Interest rate is 4%

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Comments

Donations, substantially fewer small donations this year but there was one large one of \$1000.

Grants were less due to us not requiring first aid for schools racing.

Event fees lower due to no schools racing

Event spending lower due to no schools racing so first aid not required.

Equipment spending was on a new Gazebo, light weight fencing standards and an angle grinder.

Operations spending lower because of the efforts and dollars put in to preparing for the Nationals in the previous year.

Moved to accept Financial Report – Craig Tregurtha, seconded Dave Ffowcs-Williams

4. Election of Executive Committee members for the 2022-23 year.

Chairperson: Nikki Bligh

Secretary: Rebekah Tregurtha

Treasurer: Brian Smith

Committee members: Graham Allan, Sara Taylor, Craig Tregurtha, David Ffowcs-Williams, Murray Anderson, Matt Boulcott, Jennifer Tregurtha and Brigette Bilbe (new)

Moved to accept the executive positions and committee members – Andrew Marshall, seconded Mike Nixon.

Andrew Marshall resigned from the committee. His contribution was acknowledged and he said that the committee has been great to be part of.

5. 2021-22 trailbuilding review

1. **Taramea** – report provided by Graham Allan, CSC Port Hills Liaison, read by Craig Tregurtha

The past 12 months have been dominated by the effort needed to survey, plot, and flag the new track that will link the Taramea Loop Track with the top of Rapaki Road/bottom of Rapaki Track. I'm sure most will have kept up with developments but essentially it has 2 main components;

1. a bottom section on steep ground that has recently been machine built by Milty Coultas from Graded Earth (contracted by CCC) and
2. a top, or ridgeline section, that is a minimal gradient climbing and descending line. This ridgeline track is the work of dedicated volunteers – it has been scoped, mown, promoted/test ridden (and in a few places re-aligned), and is now being benched in preparation for formal opening hopefully early-mid autumn. There are some really lovely vistas from close over the city on this leg of the network.

Completion of this project will mean a “city-summit” singletrack line in the mid-city point of the Port Hills – a long anticipated reality. At this stage the putative name for this track is Ara Pouaka/Patiti (loose translation = tussocked pathway. We do need to get an agreed te reo name for the tussock's prominent on Montgomery Reserve)

At Montgomery Reserve/Taramea we generally hold work parties fortnightly Sundays, and there is a slowly developing intention to hold mid-week sessions aimed to pull together any retirees/shift workers who have time in the week. The latter group will likely focus on maintenance tasks as first priority.

In December we had a Specialized Dig Day, where 40 volunteers headed up the hill on a gloomy day to tidy up and improve much of the Taramea Loop. Thanks to Specialized for supporting the day and providing a good feed afterwards.

In terms of wider Port Hills east of Halswell I believe there are locals maintaining Castle Rock Track, Frog Pond (Laurence Mote) and Capt Thomas/Godley Head (2 x Dan's from Sumner). If anyone has the passion to "adopt a track" let myself or Nick Singleton know. Also Ground Effect were prominent in liaising with Bach Owners & building a climbing track out of Taylors Mistake back up to Summit Road – named Taylors Escape - thereby creating another loop of singletrack (when combined with other Godley Head tracks, in particular Anaconda)

Adjacent to the east of Rapaki Track / Mt Vernon Farm Park is the large Linda Woods Reserve – administered by Summit Road Society. They are keen to liaise with mountain bikers to develop MTB options within their patch. Certainly this presents the possibility of linking Witch Hill and Castle Rock tracks – until now a missing link in the "Crater Rim" singletrack. I have been in touch with SRS, but have not yet made time to meet with them. What I do know is for development of MTB tracks in LWR we need energy & commitment from the mountainbike community to make it happen. (SRS society will be primarily focused on planting natives and making walking tracks)

So – tracks were dry & dusty up till end of June!! Now we've had the wettest July on record. The weather is both our greatest ally, and biggest threat. But we learn, adapt, and press on.

2. Living Springs - Craig Tregurtha

The new climbing track was opened in January 2022. A new section has been fenced off down the bottom to create another reserve and more cattlestops installed. A team from Living Springs are taking care of some of the maintenance. Lots of plants are being planted. The heavy rain has caused a large slip (July 2022) which will need extensive work to make rideable again.

3. Crocodile XC MTB Park – Murray Anderson

Murray gave an update on the plans for the coming year or so, which include completing Double Exposure and an extension of Mishmash (and changing names), extending Down and Out, building a climbing line above Deviation and changing which tracks are the "official" Crocodile. The intention is to also put in some walking tracks to encourage more foot traffic off the mountain bike tracks and provide alternative routes for first aid and marshal access during races.

Jemmima asked about the future of the pine trees at the Crocodile.- there is no intention to fell them but they will need to come down at some stage if they become more of a hazard and some may need to be removed when housing is built on the adjacent land.

Murray wants to prepare a list of roles needed and get people to take responsibility for them and he would also like to eventually see a small container put at the Kennedy's Hub with some tools.

6. General Business:

Events this coming season

- Crocodile XC racing – up to 6 events on Tuesday evening's beginning in November.
- Singletracks schools racing – 5 Wednesdays in March
- Round 2 of the new MTBNZ national series – 21 January 2023

Membership sign up moving to Hivepass app platform. One year trial to see if numbers increase to offset the extra cost. Will put up a QR code at the entrance hub at the Crocodile XC MTB Park.

7. Awards

Hillclimb Champions (Reverse Enduro)

Women's Hill Climb – Jeanette Gerrie

Men's Hill Climb – Logan Horn

Club Champions (National Champs)

Women's Club Champion – Mary Gray

Men's Club Champion – Anton Cooper

Summer Series Age Group winners

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Under 15	Luka Hadler	Alice Barnes
15-18	George Rookes	Maria Laurie/Annabel Bligh
19-29	Rainer Pye	Anna Bristow
30-39	Peter Hatton	Sarah Gilbert
40-49	Adam Heard/Chris Taylor	Jeanette Gerrie
50-59	Digby Symons	Dale Nyhan
60+	Alan Dallas	

Mary Gray thanked the club for the payment of the licence fee for the National Champs.

Contribution to Crocodile XC Park

Darcy Arnold – Specialist trailbuilding (digger work)

Richard Morley-Hall

Dave Sidery

Craig Tregurtha

Murray Anderson

The evening began with afternoon tea at 3:30pm. The meeting began at 4:00 pm and went through to 5:45 pm.