



Mountain Biking Otago Inc.

Presidents report 2015/16

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Thank you.



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I cannot thank everyone that has helped me through this year enough. Stepping into the 2016 presidential role was daunting and has been very rewarding. I can remember the last AGM and being nominated, the nerves, the excitement, and I certainly wouldn't look back as it has been a great experience. It's a real testimony toward those in the committee and others around me. The support from all those involved has been amazing.

To The Committee.

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge Greg our secretary and Craig our vice president, for maintaining the important relationships we have with so many key stakeholders that help and allow the club to do what it does. Your knowledge and advice has been priceless.

Thank you Adrian, you have done a fantastic job keeping the MBO website maintained and ticking over as well as helping to populate our Facebook page. James has kept everyone happy on the commissaire side of things and grown our very important relationship with Red Cross, who without, would render us unable to safely run events. Glynn and Emily, thank you for keeping memberships updated and continuing to take our H&S by the horns.

I would like to thank Hamish for doing what he does best, spending countless hours helping to maintain and shape our trails on what it would appear to be about thirty minutes of sleep a day. How else



would you manage to do so much fantastic work? I'd also like to thank Chris for taking charge and running the very successful Secondary Schools races held this year. Thank you Tim for spending an unmeasurable amount of time on our financial accounts. We are very fortunate to have you keeping an eye on everything we do. The cost breakdowns that you do have enabled us to run our events in a cost effective way, whilst maintaining as much enjoyment for those involved.

Kane, thank you for bringing not only youth into the committee, but for spot on correspondence, and being a good looking face for the club.

Many thanks to our general committee, we have made it through this year with some ups and downs, a pesky problem here and there, but our core remains strong and wise. Your ability to gather together and work through these moments is what makes us strong and what I'm proud to be a part of.

Maverick Mike.

Lest we forget... It was a sad day for the trails and riders alike when word spread of Mike putting down the tools and skipping town. He will be dearly missed and I would like to thank him for all his hard work. All I'll say is keep an eye on the trails in Tauranga.

The Booth family.



Just when I thought my life was as busy as it gets, I looked over toward Justin & Kristy Booth. What they have accomplished over the past few years is truly remarkable. The shuttle capacity has more than doubled, and there is no end in sight. Two vehicles, two custom built trailers (built by Justin) and a third on its way for racing abroad. They service an endless line of smiling faces. Their ability to run top class events has been a huge asset for the club and have helped MBO to take out the "Top Event" of the 2016 MTBNZ National Series here at Signal Hill. I'm excited to see what they still have in store for us. Thank you both for your efforts.

Thanks to all those that have helped throughout the year. On or off the trails, at or behind the scenes of our races. Collectively you have enabled us to be the club we are today.

Tracks.

It's finally complete! You know what I'm talking about... The Emerson's Big easy is finally gravelled. We officially opened the track this year, and what a sigh of relief. It's been a massive undertaking. Beginning with Greg Leov racking up hundreds of hours on our little digger. Thanks to Hamish, Adrian, Glynn and the whole team putting gravel down on those strategically hard to reach areas of track. It's great to see such a large stage of the 3 Peaks Tail come to a close. We are collating usage data of the traffic that our trail hubs are receiving and this is enabling us to better focus our resources for trails, races, and



events. We have had some great work done in the Redwoods, Forester, and Nichols Creek riding hubs as well, keeping all levels of riders satisfied. You'll also notice that many of our trail hubs are now sign posted, good luck losing your way up on the hills now.

Moving Forward.

Although this has been a magnificent learning curve in my life and I have appreciated the opportunity, I will be stepping down from the role of 2015/16 presidency.

I believe that there are other people in the club who have more time to take this role to its max. We are more than just a club, we are a family. Together you have all enabled me to fill this crucial role this past year. I'm unsure of what the future holds for me at this stage, but I would like to sit in this position again sometime and no doubt I will.

We have an exciting time ahead of us. We have a great relationship with the Dunedin City Council, and I feel that Mountain Biking Otago has a bright future in the city of Dunedin. Mountain biking is growing, and we have a council which realises this and is starting to support us. We have had double the amount of funding over last year for track maintenance, and we will continue to develop our trail hubs.



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We have a new website in development and there are some new club t-shirts to be released soon.

MBO doesn't sleep, there is constant development, correspondence, maintenance, and advocacy to be done by the committee. You volunteer your time, efforts, and devote your lives to the cause. Thank you for your efforts for mountain biking in Dunedin.

Awards.

MBO On-A-Mission Award – for a committee or club member going beyond the call of volunteer for the benefit of the club by completing key projects.

President and Vice President silent nomination / decision

MBO Grommie Award – for a young / new committee member who steps up to the task and supports the aims of the club

Nomination from committee o Voted by committee

MBO Oops Award – for a club – or committee member who has a “oh shit” moment while volunteering for club activities (tracks /events/or other)

Nomination from committee o Voted by committee



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2015/16 – Golden Spade Award – for the committed development of tracks / building and volunteer maintenance of a MBO track(s).