

Mountain Biking Otago Inc. – Annual General Meeting

2014/2015

10th December 2015

Starters Bar
75 Frederick St, Dunedin

Opened: 1920 Closed: 2041

In attendance: Chris Arbuckle, Calum Booth, Justin Booth, Kristy Booth, Greg Bouwer, Andrew Bruce, Tim Cleminson, Graeme Collins, Ronel Cook, James Crawford, Tony Fahey, Kane Fleury, Gareth Hargreaves, Elaine Hargreaves, Glyn Howell, Donovan Istead, Kashi Leuchs, Sophie Luther, Aaron McGruther, Adrian Robinson, Dylan Sanchez-Pinsent, Max Scheel, Hamish Seaton, Rick Thompson, Colin Tocher, Richard Van der Lem, Matthew Wood

Apologies: Craig Bates, Scott Lane

Minutes from Previous AGM (2014)

Matters arising from the previous minutes.

- Chris went through the changes proposed from the previous AGM, as well as the actions undertaken with regard to them.
- Agreed to be true and correct – Chris motioned, Glyn seconded.

Correspondence

1922 *President's Report (emailed to members)*

- Chris Arbuckle, the exiting president, ran through the salient points of his report.
- Elaine Hargreaves questioned Chris on some of the wording used within it, but appeared satisfied upon explanation.
- Tony Fahey complimented Chris on the report.

1939 *Awards*

1942 *Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements*

- Tim Cleminson gave a summation of his report, and briefly ran through some of the financial statements.
- He answered some questions regarding finer points on some of the breakdowns.
- Chris Arbuckle motioned that they be accepted. James Crawford seconded.

Motion to Change/Update MBO Rules for 2014/2015

1950 *Motion 1: To raise Membership Fees*

- Individual Membership fee to increase from \$20 to \$30.
- Family Membership fee to increase from \$40 to \$50.
- The reason for the proposed increase is due to an increase in costs for MBO to meet National Affiliations, Insurance and Administrative costs associated with membership of MTBNZ and CNZ.
- Elaine Hargreaves was concerned at the risk of losing members as a result of the increase, without any obvious increase in value associated with the membership fee increase.

- Kashi Leuchs had an opposing view, where he believed that keeping the membership fees at their current rate (often perceived to be cheap) risked devaluing the brand of MBO.
- Kirsty Booth suggested providing tiered event registration costs (members get reduced entry fees for events, while non-members pay the full entry fee).
- Tony Fahey suggested the return of some form of “Sunday event”. Short, fun “race”?
- Mike Croucher agreed. Most club events are targeted at individuals with families not provided with much. Therefore, where does the value of a Family Membership lie? Why would someone buy a family membership? We need to make it worth their while. Chocolate fish races/Sunday event?
- Chris Arbuckle brought up the issue of liability and resourcing with regard to fun events. The expectation regarding support for “fun” events has increased over the years - one poorly run event or an accident or liable damage could destroy the MBO brand. Risk needs to be covered. How would we position ourselves with regard to that? At what point does a “fun” event become more work than it is worth? We are still a volunteer organisation.
- Sophie Luther brought up the ever present issue of knowledge/awareness. A lot of people are completely unaware of the club’s existence and role. The planned track signage will assist with that at a track level. Maybe we need to advertise to raise awareness?
- Andy Bruce asked about the University MTB Club and our relationship with them. MBO has committed to support them like we do with other organisations/groups. While OUMTB club has died out, Scott Lane is attempting to resurrect it or run Uni events in 2016.
- Kirsty Booth asked about the youth programme and ‘what next’? Those riders will hopefully be coming through the system soon, but there is a lack of novice events for them to participate in for further development. Chris Arbuckle agreed that that was something for the new committee to further think about, to maintain the continuity from the initiative for youth development the club is committed to and further develop Club riders.
- **Chris Arbuckle motioned that MBO membership fees be increased. Tony Fahey seconded.
MOTION CARRIED.**

No additional items forwarded by remit or notice.

The 2014/2015 Executive Committee Stood Down

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Election of Executive Committee for 2015/2016

President (Nominations)

- Kashi Leuchs nominated Donovan Istead.
- No other nominations.
- **Donovan Istead is the President for 2015/2016**

Treasurer (Nominations)

- Chris Arbuckle nominated Tim Cleminson.
- No other nominations.
- **Tim Cleminson is the Treasurer for 2015/2016.**

Secretary (Nominations)

- *James Crawford nominated Greg Bouwer.*
- *No other nominations.*
- *Greg Bouwer is the Secretary for 2015/2016.*

Appointed Committee Roles

Vice President (Nominations)

Craig Bates

General Executive

Graeme Collins

Ronel Cook

Kane Fleury

Glyn Howell

Adrian Robinson

Hamish Seaton

Rick Thompson

Colin Tocher

Richard Van der Lem

Matt Woods

- Elaine Hargreaves questioned the process by which the Executive is decided. Traditionally, people put themselves forward with a blurb regarding what they want to accomplish and the membership votes people in.
- Chris Arbuckle pointed out that the roles of positions are based on the Charter, as well as the Officers Responsibilities description. There are no hidden agendas. The roles have always delivered to the club charter.
- He did acknowledge that the club has evolved into more of a community organisation, and would need to start reflecting that more. MBO was now more than just a track building club – it was now an organisation with agreements, contractors that runs high class events, has political representation, etc.
- It was also mentioned by Elaine Hargreaves that, as a result of that evolution, maybe things had gotten to the point where there was too much to do for just the president, and that maybe subcommittees were a solution in the future. Chris Arbuckle reiterated that MBO has never been about one single point of leadership – the job description as outlined in the Officers Responsibility document is clear and the Presidency is about willingly meeting the clubs aims and working for the team. It is not actually about using the club for your own gain or purpose or aims. In his opinion sub-committees have value only at a project level and must always report back to the MBO Charter.
- Kane Fleury mentioned that there was a larger influx of younger club members on the committee – the old boys club was being refreshed. Along with that influx was emerging a push for new areas of representation (for example DH, Enduro, etc).
- Colin Tocher mentioned that there was a lot more going on than was apparent to most people, and that, after a few years on the committee, he was only just starting to get his head around how things worked/processes/politics/etc.
- Kirsty Booth asked about the ratio of old committee members to younger committee members, and how to further develop that to help move the club forward and further its evolution.

- Chris Arbuckle guessed that it was around 70:30. He acknowledged that change was slow, but that it was occurring as people stood up, were given time and help to understand what MBO is. And that more female representation was encouraged and, in that, committee behaviours also had to adjust.
- Mike Croucher suggested surveying the membership regarding how they wanted the club to represent them, and what they wanted from the club. A discussion developed around how best to accomplish that. It boils down to someone taking it onboard and doing it.
- **Sophie Luther and Elaine Hargreaves agreed to survey the membership.**
- Kashi Leuchs pointed out that it would need to be carefully constructed to ensure that a useful outcome emerged. It would need to be carefully designed, with feedback from the club and possibly others to get from it what was required.
- Kashi Leuchs thanked Chris Arbuckle for his service over the years, acknowledging the time and effort that he had put into MBO.
- During the discussion, the idea of a Special General Meeting (SGM) was mooted a few times to address ideas emerging from discussions generated through this AGM. Specifically regarding:
 - Potential changes to the constitution to reflect the changing role of the club;
 - The role of any sub-committees and initiation of them;
 - Potential honorariums (for example for the treasurer) to reflect the amount of time and effort that certain roles take;
- Probably prudent to hold the SGM following the survey of the membership? February?
- Tim Cleminson introduced the idea of a Junior Vice President and Senior Vice President or Past President to facilitate continuity and succession within the club, and allow people the time to learn the ropes.

2039 *Closing Address (New President)*

Donovan Istead, the new President, outlined his vision for the following year.

- MBO is a team environment, and anything accomplished will be a collaborative effort.
- Everyone has their own ideas and is more than welcome to come together to implement them in a manner that meshes with MBOs charter and future plan.
- MBO represents the community (not just MTB).
- He hopes to support everyone (and not to push his own agenda).

2041 **Meeting Closed**