

GCTA AGM MINUTES 21st February 2006

Attendance: Greg Sewell, Craig Steffens, Helen Walker, Brooke Fraser, Matt Read, Marc Smith, Peter Winfield, Alistair Byrom, Josh Bliss, Mark Haimes, Lee Treasure, Jason Blackmore, Mark Steffens, Rob George, Reuben Helms, Andrew Castleden, Darryl Fogg, Mike Shaw, Gillian Duncan.

Apologies: Sean Harrison

President's Report: Below

Treasurer's Report:

December 2004 balance \$ 4,822 being from sales of 2nd edition from late 2004.
December 2005 balance \$19, 280 being from book sales plus \$3,000 from the State government grant for IMBA's visit which has to be paid.

So \$16,000 is solely from selling 2000 copies of Where to MTB in SEQ at \$8 each.
My plan is to keep \$10,000 aside for printing the 3rd edition, leaving about \$6,000 for projects.

Election of Office bearers – All elected unopposed

President: Gillian Duncan

Secretary: Rob George

Treasurer: Brooke Fraser

General committee members:

DH rep: Mark Haimes

Trail Care rep: Peter Winfield

XC rep: Darryl Fogg

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Trail work bucket hats and shirts with GCTA logo. Rob George makes ¾ sleeve DH jerseys. The meeting preferred riding jersey material to work in. Gillian will investigate styles, fabrics, colours and costs further.

People counter. It's up to land managers to complete this type of research.

Donation to MTBDIRT. General agreement to make a donation. \$500 suggested but no vote taken on the amount.

GCTA as a member of QORF has a page on their website qorf.org.au

Suggestion to place posters about trail care in log-ride area and at car park. Trail Care dates to be placed on MTBDIRT. Attempt to also involve green groups.

DH Campaign to be led by Mark Haimes (Kram). Next steps are to gain signatures for a new petition and write a submission to BCC. BCC has provided for XC, and promised to investigate alternative venues for DH, but nothing has been provided. Mt Coot-tha trail care project has shown that MTB tracks can be sustainably designed.

Chris 'Oppy' Maierhofer gave a presentation about trail design and a summary of trail work to date.

Meeting held at Sports House, Milton 7.30pm – 11.30pm

President's Report February 2006

The year 2005 has been full of surprises. My commitments to MTB have blossomed. For years I've been on the executive of the Southside RATS helping with races and events and writing the newsletter. To that job was added coordination of the Sunshine Series, and as my involvement with MTBA has grown I've trained as a National Commissaire, attending National Series and Championship for two years now. Then at the last AGM, the meeting elected me as the inaugural President of MTBA. MTBA has supported trail advocacy since its beginning in 1999. Apart from three visits by IMBA, MTBA has paid for my attendance at three conferences. I gave papers at two and subsequently have shown my PowerPoint presentations to several Local Government agencies.

I've been heading GCTA since its inception in June 2001, but it was four years later that we were finally permitted to start trail care (which was proposed right at the outset.) Chris 'Oppy' Maierhofer will present a summary of all the work completed in the short 12 months we've conducted regular trail care at Gap Creek. It's very impressive. And we're impressing the people who matter; the land managers. Your commitment to this process is deeply appreciated. QORF recognised this by awarding the 2006 Environmental Award to GCTA.

Trail Care has opened MTB single tracks at Daisy Hill region too – Tunnel of Love, Koala, Nirvana, Possum Box and Ripley – all in the last 18 months. This year we'll add Turning Japanese (Wil's Track) and Breathe.

Today planning began in earnest for trail care at Bunyaville as well, with the likelihood that a network of MTB single track will be approved. This change for the better is a direct result of GCTA's work and the fact that trail care has shown land managers what we can do. Of course the IMBA model has proven to be the best approach for MTB riders to take.

So apart from trail care in several locations 2005 was also marked by the second visit by Joey Klein to Brisbane. GCTA brought Joey here in 2003 and 2005 through a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. I would like to acknowledge that MTBA organised Joey's tour of all States and the ACT, and funded Joey's flight to Australia.

The IMBA section of Rogers Track has shown riders and land managers that MTB features can be designed and built in a sustainable way. At the start, our focus was on easy tracks, and now we've moved our attention to an intermediate track; Rogers Circuit.

Future directions

- More technical XC tracks have been approved by land managers, but there will be a limit on how far this will go. North Shore and dirt jumps are for playground type zones, not forests.
- Expansion of XC into other forests, for example Brisbane Koala Bushland north of Daisy Hill.
- Policy of acceptance of XC on all fire trails within BCC forests.
- Access to low-impact, sustainable DH in Brisbane.

Gillian Duncan
President
21st February 2006