

WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

Committee of Management Meeting Minutes

30-01-2012

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1. Meeting Time and Venue

Meeting was opened at 6:40pm in the Waterlily Room, Whittlesea Council Offices.

2. Present

Peter Duncombe (President), Dave Fleming (Treasurer), Glenn Echardt, Lee Robinson (Minutes), Ashley Sutton, Robert Sutton, Maureen Giles.

3. Apologies

Nicola Davis, Ron Harvey, Tori Pearce.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The motion to accept minutes for the meeting of the 12-12-2011 was moved by Peter and seconded by Robert. The motion was accepted.

5. Business arising

5.1 Committee questionnaire

Draft survey has been distributed and has received feedback.

Action – Ashley to send to people on our email contact list.

5.2 Annual General Meeting

Peter reported that the cost of catering was approximately \$150, not much left over.

5.3 Heritage Bike Ride

Ride is listed in the 2012 Cultural Heritage booklet for the 2 Dec. A bit later than we would have liked but earlier weekend conflict with other events.

Ron to co-ordinate with council as he has already built up a relationship with the appropriate people.

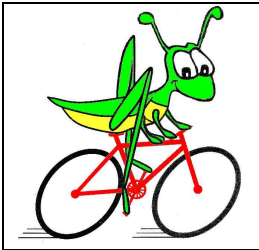
5.4 First Aid Training for Aust Cycle Riding Coaching Program

Ron requested last meeting that the BUG pay the difference between the one day first aid training applied for in the grant and the cost of Level 2 first aid training. It was considered that this would be a worthwhile investment for the BUG as Ron is currently our primary ride leader.

The motion that the committee will pay the difference in the training costs for Ron to do Level 2 first aid training instead of the 1 day course was moved by Dave and seconded by Maureen. The motion was accepted by the committee.

5.5 Path Lights for Grant

Peter reported that there had not been much progress on the idea to put in-path lights in the South Morang Rail Path, it was basically sitting with council and the SMREP.



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6. Rides Subcommittee (Lee, Ron, Robert)

6.1 Ride Reports

None.

6.2 Future Rides

01-02-2012 Wed Evening Ride (7:00pm) – Thomastown Library to Plenty River return. Ride leader Dave.

06-02-2012 Tue Evening Ride (7:00pm) – Thomastown Library to Campbellfield (Western loop ride) return. Ride Leader Alex.

Sunday Rides Rides Committee to produce a rides calendar for the first 6 months starting on Feb 26th. It was suggested that we incorporate a Lorimer/Doreen ride as we have had interest from that area.

6.3 Ride Guidelines

BUG Guideline Document No further work done on reviewing Ashley's original proposal document.

Action – Lee to work with the subcommittee to produce a draft for the next meeting.

Riding on the Footpath Peter referred to the previous discussion held on this topic (Committee Minutes 23-11-2011 section 6.3) *The committee generally accepted that at times it is in the best interests of the safety of the group to do so but it needs to be done only for short distances and with extreme care, especially regarding pedestrians, dismounting if there is any uncertainty.* Peter said that on reflection he was uncomfortable with the committee condoning riding on the footpath under any circumstances feeling that we would be in a precarious legal position should something happen.

Further discussion to be held off until Ron is able to participate.

6.4 Ride Issues

Committee is still looking for breathable hi-visibility vest to help identify the ride leader and tail-end charley on BUG rides. Enquiries so far have not been successful.

7. Marketing Subcommittee (Maureen, Nicola)

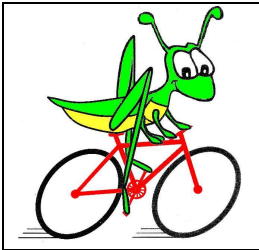
7.1 Ride Marketing

No report.

8. Finance & Membership Subcommittee (Dave, Ron)

8.1 Treasurer's Report

Only a few dollars from memberships deposited by Ron since the AGM report.



Robert asked Dave if it was possible to get an estimate of our typical annual expenditure. Dave did some quick reckoning and so far this year we had spent over \$2,000 but would be able to give a clearer picture as the year progressed.

8.2 New Members

The following list of new members were accepted by the committee:

Geogianna Brooks	Nerolie & Lance Cubbitt
Ken McCarthy	Ian McInerney
Lisa Owens	Peter Patterson
Eric Herbec.	

9. IT & Website Subcommittee

No report.

10. Advocacy Subcommittee (Peter, Glenn, Nicola)

10.1 Bicycle Strategy

Peter reported that he and Glenn were meeting with the new Manager of Major Projects to discuss the Bicycle Strategy. This person comes with experience in developing bicycle strategies from other councils.

10.2 Bicycle Safety Awareness on Plenty Road

Peter has been contacted by the mother of a professional cyclist living in Whittlesea with concerns about riding on Plenty Road, especially in light of the recent hit and run accident.

Peter has been in contact with Bike Safe (www.bikesafe.com.au) regarding their bike safety campaign around Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsular. He feels signs similar to the ones they have developed placed along Plenty Road would be a good basis for the TAC Road Safety Grant.

There may also be some funding available from the NTL for developing areas.

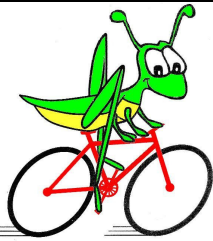
Action Peter to investigate costing and the size/type of signage that would be acceptable to council and the TAC.

10.3 Infrastructure Expenditure

Council have requested ideas on what cycling infrastructure was required from Glenn. He has told them that our two main priorities are a link between the Ring Road Path and Cheddar Road and developing Whittlesea's cycling strategy.

10.4 Copenhagen Bike Lanes

Peter has been contacted by a local paper for comment on the Copenhagen style bike lanes that are proposed for the Epping Central redevelopment project.



10.5 McKimmies Road Underpass

Robert informed the committee that he has heard a rumour that there is to be an upgrade of McKimmies Road between Betula and Botanica Drive. He suggested that an existing flood prevention culvert under the road could be developed into a useful underpass, avoiding the need to cross McKimmies Road. Peter and Glenn will see if they can confirm if the upgrade is going ahead.

11. Committee Guidelines

No new guidelines tabled.

12. New Business

12.1 AustCycle Training

Tori was wondering if anyone is interested in taking her spot in the AustCycle Training Program in the first weekend in march as she is unsure if she can do the training. There were no volunteers at the meeting.

12.2 Parkiteer Bike Cage at Epping Station

There will be an event to celebrate the 50th Parkiteer bike cage at Epping Station on Tuesday 7th Feb between 7 and 9am. You may even be able to help power the bicycle powered juicers on the day!

12.3 Defensive Riding Course

A defensive riding course for road and commuter cyclist will be held this Sunday at Peanut Farm Reserve in St Kilda.

Action Lee to email detail via the BUG gmail address.

13. Future Meetings

13.1 CoM Meetings

The next CoM will be Monday 27-02-2012 at 6:30pm.

Future meeting will be held on the last Monday of each month except December.

13.2 General Meetings

Monday 27-02-2012 at 7:30pm in the Water Fountain Room. To be confirmed.

14. Meeting closed 8:00pm