

WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

Committee of Management Meeting Minutes

29-07-2013

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1. Meeting Details

1.1 Meeting Time and Venue

6:35 pm in the Waterlily Room, Whittlesea Council Offices.

1.2 Present

Peter Duncombe (Chairperson), Lee Robinson, Glenn Echardt, Ron Harvey, Robert Sutton, Ashley Sutton, Dave Fleming, Cr Nicola Davies, Michael Bates.

1.3 Apologies

Nil.

2. Previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The motion to accept minutes for the meetings of the 24-06-2013 was moved by Glenn and seconded by Peter. The motion was accepted.

2.2 Business arising from Previous Minutes

All items are covered in their appropriate sections.

3. Rides Subcommittee

3.1 Ride Reports

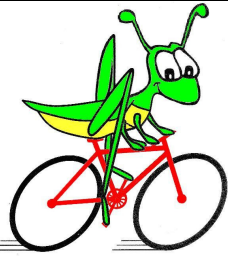
- Ron reported that rides were following the advertised schedule each Sunday morning.
- Ron commented that he was disappointed with the committee's lack of support in leading rides. He would like some one else to lead a ride at least once each month. Committee agree to create a roster to achieve this.

3.2 Future Rides

- Geo-caching – Although previously agreed to replace a Sunday ride with the Geo-caching ride Glenn's contact would prefer to trial it with the committee only. Saturday 10th Aug at Westerfolds Park. Either ride to Westerfolds Park or meet there.
- Hurstbridge Wattle Festival Sun 25th August – Lee to lead a ride to the festival starting from University Hill.

3.3 Ride Issues

- Minor Path Issues – Ron reported that there were a couple of path issues that have been raised with Council that wouldn't take much to sort out but nothing seems to get done about them. Nicola suggested sending her location details and photos/description and she would see what could be done.



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4. **Marketing Subcommittee**

- Whittlesea Town Crier – Possibility of free advertisement but needs to go in before mid-month, Peter to follow up.

5. **Finance & Membership Subcommittee**

5.1 **Treasurer's Report**

- Finances audited – the financial report for 2012-2-13 have been audited.
- Thank You Letter – Dave moved a motion that a thank you letter be sent to auditor from the BUG. Seconded by Peter, motion accepted.
- Current Balance – \$13,086.70 with \$6,870 in liabilities.
- New Treasurer – Dave introduced Michael Bates who has offered to fill the casual vacancy for Treasurer as Dave will not be able to make all the meetings. Dave moved that the committee accept Michael's offer to fill the Treasurer's role until it can be formalised at the AGM. Seconded by Lee and accepted by the committee.

5.2 **Finance/Fundraising Report**

- Insurance – Renewal to be paid.

5.3 **Membership Report**

- Membership – 44 paid up members.
- Membership Fee – Ashley to send out request for payment.

6. **IT & Website Subcommittee**

6.1 **Newsletter Items**

- Ideas for Newsletter
 - Themes – Membership theme this time, committee to consider others.
 - Rider profiles.
 - Around the Bay – Melb-Frankston-Melb.
 - Council updates (Peter).

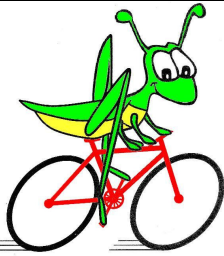
6.2 **Other**

- Nil

7. **Advocacy Subcommittee**

7.1 **Issues Raised for the BUG's Consideration**

- Childs & Dalton Road Roundabout / Traffic Lights – raised by Emily Physick 9/7/13. Glenn to write in support.
- Settlement Road Underpass – A Kate Lansbury has emailed the BUG to request us to hold discussions with the appropriate authorities to connect the paths in Norris Bank Park and the new path on the south side of Settlement Road



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(Darebin Creek Path) as she has concerns with the speed of the traffic for her 3 year old son. This is a low priority for the BUG at this stage.

7.2 Other

- Plenty Rd Bike Safety Signs – Peter has spoken with George and he has suggested it is better to remove them and store them at the Council Depot for now. Other uses?
 - Relocate to other divided roads, e.g. Dalton & Edgars, Peter to follow up.
 - Use by other BUGs, Nicola to investigate.
- Update of Cycling Map – Melways map requires a \$5,000 setup fee and \$15,000 total fee. Peter waiting on feedback from Council Departments.
- Epping North Active Transport Network – Peter reported that Kathy Pompetti, Whittlesea's Community Development Officer – Epping North, has offered to be our liaison with this group and will inform us of any involvement needed.

8. Committee Guidelines

- BNV Guidelines – Lee to review and incorporate if applicable.

9. AustCycle

- AustCycle Bikes – where did they end up? Nicola will advise.

10. Other Business

- Lack of Action by Council – Ron said that he felt the Council was not addressing some of the ride issues that were being submitted that he felt would be easy to attend to. Nicola will follow up if Ron provides the details.
- Lalor Men's Shed – Bronwyn Halfpenny seemed excited by the idea and there is support from Ceres. Peter has written a letter of support on behalf of the BUG.
- Whittlesea Cycling Club (WCC) – A discussion on the differences and similarities between the newly reformed WCC and the Whittlesea BUG was held as Nicola is on the committees of both. WCC is into competitive cycling and not interested in general cycling advocacy or recreational or commuting cycling. It seems we are filling two separate needs in the community. Nicola commented that the differences in the riding opportunities is so large that Bike 'N' Bean rides are filling the gap between the leisurely BUG rides and the fast paced WCC rides.

11. Future Meetings

11.1 Committee Meetings

- The next Committee will be Mon 26th August 2013 at 6:30pm.
- Future meeting will be held on the last Monday of each month except December.

11.2 General Meetings

- TBA.

12. Meeting Closed 7:00pm.