

Minutes from the Club Meeting held on Wednesday September 26 in the Champions Lounge.

Attendees: Reece McDonald (president), Mark Hotton (GM), Nic McAra (exec member), Wayne Murchland, Jamie Wilson, Robin Criglington, Nathan Shearing, Brendon McLeod.

Apologies from: Cathy Jordan, Laurie Tall, Tony Ineson, Julian Ineson, Steve Canny, Dave Beadle, Adam McLeay, Luke Macpherson

Update from previous minutes

The formal road racing sub-committee has been set up and done a fantastic job. They're look after the programme and sponsorship side of things.

A working group has been exploring the future of the Tour de Lakes. A tentative date has been set and the goal is two-day race similar to Timaru. Potential course identified but TBC.

Mark provided an update on the various things the office had been working on:

New track bikes: 25 bikes have been obtained from Avantidrome and introduced in the fleet. Immediate success – no mechanicals at Corp Pursuit. No plans drawn up yet for disposal of the existing fleet, which is 12 years old.

Track timing system: New system has been installed and test. Took a year of work to get it there so big thanks to Danielle for getting that in place. Looks good and goes well. Biggest test will be SI Schools Track Champs after Yunca.

Ride Leader programme: First Ride Leader group in Southland is up and running with another coming soon and it's hoped other Ride Leaders will emerge and offer controlled rides for riders of varying skills and abilities, and bike types – road and MTB. Another workshop is planned for November with details to be announced soon.

Ride Southland group: Mark is on the Ride Southland governance group, which is looking to implement the Cycling in Southland strategy. It's a working group with representatives from each of the four councils, NZTA, DOC and community members. It meets every two months to progress points from the plan. Not much to report at this stage, although work is ongoing on the Bluff to Invercargill trail.

New website: Had put it on the back burner with other issues to resolve. It's a big body of work so don't want to rush into anything.

Club racing: Moving club racing to Friday night and run by Junior Div parents has worked really well with good numbers. King House Removals series has been on so not much happening at the moment but back running soon.

Enduro & Intro to track sessions: We introduced a new Intro to Racing session for adults to provide a pathway for those doing adult Learn to Ride. Run by Lance Spencer, it's worked really well and we're exploring how that might continue.

Also looking at options on the Tuesday night enduro session and how that can continue to meet the demands on riders.

Oceania 2019: We've been asked to put forward a proposal to host the Oceania Track Champs when they return to NZ in 2019. That's being worked on now.

Subway Series: Went really well with many riders travelling to our event plus many from here heading to Cambridge. Big success and plans for that to continue next year. Great opportunity for U17 and U19 riders to develop bunch racing skills.

Yunca Tour update: Danielle has done a great job with support from the committee. Have 129 entries – a large number of North Islanders coming for the first time as they are in Christchurch for the Schools Road Nationals. Last year we had 97 riders. Great to have all existing sponsors return with their combined sponsorship totalling \$23,150.00 Two stages at Teretonga, 2 Stages at Gorge Road, Inner City Criterion and final stage at Grove Bush. A great mix of local and out of town volunteers with over 60 roles to fill. Our focus on junior road racing is showing dividends with U13 having to be split into a girls and boys division for the first time because of the numbers.

Tour of Southland update:

Most of the major funding is now all confirmed with all at the same level as last year. Entries still have another couple of weeks to run but at this stage it appears that we will have 18 teams – 108 riders – which is the same as last year. Last year's winner, James Piccoli from Canada, is back to defend his title. We have a German team and three Australian combinations in this year's field and an interest from an African team but that is not confirmed as yet. Community sponsorship drive is currently on and in spite of losing a couple here and there, I am pretty happy with the response to date. All the traffic management plans are in and currently being processed. Most have been approved and just awaiting a couple to be approved. Schools have all been notified and we have a lot of interest which is good. Great response to the Most Combative jersey competition being run in conjunction with SBS Bank. Volunteers are coming together okay and most back from last year. Plenty of police-type people on motorbikes to assist with traffic management which is great

Road timing system: Nathan Shearing provided an update on the extensive work he and Brendon McLeod have been doing exploring options for a road timing system. Have been using Webscorer (web-based app technology) for juniors and trialling that. Noticed get more riders because don't just see top 3 as have all results. A fair bit of research has been done including bringing down Otago system that they couldn't get working. Got it working but it's cumbersome and old.

Decided to go with Webscorer and get some road antenna and pick up transponders. Expected cost of \$6700 landed.

Manawatu going through same process – went through Aussie system for \$17k now going for Webscorer. Application for under \$5k to ILT to fund hardware is planned, rest from other internal sources.

It will be Cycling Southland-owned but BMX, Tri and MTB are keen to see how it rolls out with the option to use it so would create a hierarchy system to determine hire importance.

Tags will be hired by CS users and returned for our big events – Yunca etc. Other organisations would have own tags.

General business: Questions were asked about the ability to influence the date of the Oceania Track Champs because of their impact on Junior Tour of Southland. Other times it has affected school exams. Challenge is determining who sets the dates and influencing that.

Training for road managers: Alan Strong asked about the training of road managers and the support they needed. It was recognised this was an area that needed to be addressed because there had been an assumption that those doing the role knew what to do. It will be addressed as part of the development of the road racing protocol.

Next meeting: Scheduled for November 14.