

Cycling Southland Club meeting

Wednesday 26th June 7pm

Champions Lounge, ILT Stadium Southland

Attendees: Michael White, Craig Sadlier, Sam Kopae, Fergus Canny, Brendon McLeod, Reece Macdonald, Matt Zenovich, Wayne Murchland, Waine Harding, Erin Criglington, Sid Cumming, David McCormick, Peter Grandiek, Brendan Monaghan, Robin Criglington, Dave Beadle, Jamie Wilson, Alistair Burnett, Lissa Erwood, Tracey Miller, Brad Harris, Nathan Shearing, Cathy Jordan, Glen Thomson, Nicola Wills and Nicola McAra

Apologies: Laurie Tall, Jumbo Whyte, Andrea Borrie, Neil Jamieson and Bruce Ross

INTRODUCTION

Cycling Southland GM opened the meeting and provided an overview of the meeting agenda and introductions for new staff members Nicola and Glen.

Nicola spoke about her background prior to coming into the role at Cycling Southland.

Glen role as Development & Events Co-ordinator is focusing on supporting volunteers adding value and pathways for coaches and current club members as well as attracting and supporting new members. Glen also assists in delivering Cycling Southland events.

Nicola's role is managing the demands of being a club, a centre and a RSO and heavily focused on the financial management and meeting reporting and statutory requirements. Nicola has been doing a lot of major funding applications and advocates for cycling across Southland, manages staff, health and safety and complaints.

Recruitment is out for Bruce's role with a title change to Major Events Co-ordinator.

For this role, flexibility is key and successful applicant will shadow Bruce for the 2019 Tour. This will have a major impact on the organisation as there will be two people employed for a period.

The focus for the next year is adapting to the changes with new staff and major events. Nicola recognised the need to celebrate successes and is working with Sport Southland to develop a plan for working on the club culture.

KEY EVENTS UPDATE:

SBS Tour of Southland

Nicola read an update provided by Tour Director, Bruce Ross -

- Planning is well underway for the 2019 SBS Bank Tour of Southland.
- Already there is a fair amount of interest in the event but as usual, a lot of the interested teams take time to make their final commitment to attend. An African team and a Dutch team are among the teams showing an interest in attending but still awaiting their confirmation.
- Confirmed is an American team which is new and also a couple of other Australian teams look likely to be part of this year's event.

- Only some minor changes to the Tour this year and this comes in the stage to Bluff where I have made changes to the Wyndham to Mokotua part of the course. The existing course has provided some very close results in the past and this is the reason for few changes being made. The course has a good mix of flat and hill top stage finishes and meets the criteria of taking in as many parts of the region as we can.
- Early indications are that the sponsorship market is becoming more and more restricted but we still have a very good relationship with SBS Bank, our major sponsor.
- The approach to our volunteers is about to begin and the technical officials are being arranged for the Tour currently.
- Overall, I am reasonably comfortable with the current situation of the planning and will be working hard to get the team sponsors to commit in the near future.

Oceania Track Cycling Championships

Nicola has been working on the funding for this and working alongside a committee to attract more spectators to the events. This includes corporate events, sponsor/member events, and invitations out to schools and rest homes for the daytime sessions. Nicola is working with the stadium on ticketing.

Cycling Southland is working alongside community and many other organisations including Venture Southland and Sport Southland to create a festival of cycling to encompass all of the events running over this period throughout the Southland region for our local community and Southland as a destination.

Yunca Junior Tour of Southland – 35th year

Glen provided an update on how the Yunca planning is going. Yunca are committed to sponsor the event again and it was acknowledged that it is the only event like it and what every region would love to have. Julian Ineson is looking at getting 8-9 riders over from Australia. Glen will continue to work with Tracey, Alan and the organising committee to deliver the event.

AGM

The AGM is on Wednesday 31 July, 2019. Seeking nominations for the Executive and for anyone interested to find out more please approach any of the current board members. Reece will be stepping down from the Presidents role.

Two new roles are proposed for the club, a senior and junior club captain. Anyone wanting to chat about the Club Captain role to see Nicola. The role will be filled through the AGM.

The junior club captain would be an opportunity for junior rider(s) to share their voice. The junior club can discuss this at their next meeting and how they may seek expressions of interest or have the junior members vote.

TIMING SYSTEM

There are about 5 people interested to learn how to use the system. Working on the development of training and knowledge transfer. Will use the Kings racing series to upskill.

BIG SCREEN

The transmitters were fried from the power outage at the stadium. Nicola is working on getting replacement transmitters and looking at alternatives to be in place for major events until the parts are received and installed.

TECHINICAL

There was concerns raised from floor about how the equipment was being maintained and serviced. It was acknowledged that there has been a gap in this areas since one of the clubs volunteers had moved away. This is a job that requires specialist skills and Glen will look into options. Provision for replacement and repairs of equipment needs to be budgeted for.

Glen to follow up with AMTEC to see if they can support the club with electrical maintenance

Nicola is meeting with the stadium about a regular cleaning schedule

ROAD RACING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Waine provided an update from the road committee.

The road committee has representatives from each division and is functioning really well. The road racing programme has been set and have sponsors for every race and there was a lot of discussion around the cancelation of racing and ensuring that there were good numbers at each race to support and make it worthwhile for the sponsors. The cost of running each race is around \$400 and there was discussion around when/whether races are cancelled.

The committee is also looking at use of the timing system for road racing and building knowledge for using it.

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JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

Tracey provided an update on the successful events and results from the junior riders.

The junior division have completed their cheese roll fundraiser. The King house removals track series is starting on Friday 26th July. Upcoming events for the Junior division include the Yunca tour, the National Track series, South Island schools road championships and school track championships. The national schools MTB championships are in Dunedin may clash with the Yunca tour – need to discuss how we can manage this in the future.

COACH CO-ORDINATOR

Sid provided an update on the coaching space and is working closely with Glen to support and develop coaches.

They are lacking women coaches and see this as an area to focus on. The track schedule is going well and there are huge numbers in each age group. The hub is full and they are encouraging riders to join the sprint and endurance squads. Looking at options for providing further coaching and opportunities for riders to continue from the Track Challenge. The Friday night racing has been really successful and a novice grade is being introduced.

Working with Cycling NZ to have sessions four times a year for coaches, parents and athletes.

A huge thank you to everyone that attended the meeting and for all the fantastic work that everyone is doing. It's a hugely successful club and there are a busy but exciting few months coming up.

Finish 8:35 p.m

Action Items – Nicola to provide supper next time 😊

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- Nicola is meeting with the Stadium about a regular cleaning schedule
- The Road Racing committee is to look at frequent use of the road timing system and options for concession cards/season invoice for road racing.
- Seek expressions of interest for Club Captain through the AGM process.