

DARWIN OFF-ROAD CYCLISTS

Meeting Minutes 3-12-07

Attendance: Rob Brooks, Tim Ellison, Bill Murphy, Steve Bryan, Aaron Caden, Emma Winterflood, Kyle Bawden, Jon Presswell, Peter Svara

Meeting opened at 7:20pm

Agenda items:

1. Naming of trails sections / features.

Kyle had supplied a 'google' map via email with suggested names for various sections of Charles Darwin. It was suggested that this would be a good idea for several reasons.

- Safety – if ambulance help is required it would be easier to describe the location of the accident
- Maintenance – location of areas for track repairs / maintenance will be easier to described
- Topography – new users of CD would be able to locate and use tracks with less chance of getting lost. Track difficulty ratings may also be added to signage.

General discussions were held and it has been decided to talk to Parks & Wildlife (Dal Hartley / Paul Caywood) re signage, styles, etc..

Tim and Rob brooks to follow this up.

2. Repairs / modifications to existing Charles Darwin trails including the Mole Hill and swampy areas on several trails.

Kyle (again...) has noted that the Mole Hill and several other spots requires work. They can be seen as examples of bad track management by DORC due to erosion and poor track lines (tracks along the water 'fall' lines). Several other areas will become swampy soon and further use will create damage if not repaired and /or bypassed.

Tim had stalled with previous attempts to follow this issue with Parks & Wildlife (P&W) and pricing of materials to effect repairs.

To assist in the process;

- DORCS to draw up an action plan for P&W with suggested repairs and sites
- Emma suggested we may be able to apply for grants to effect repairs
- Tim & Kyle said they can measure / mark / google map / show P&W sites to help create the action plan. This can possibly be presented next meeting.

3. Ask Parks & Wildlife for permission to add 3 new tracks.

Kyle (again...) wants to add some new section of track in CD. The first is a diversion around the 'Esses' to stop wet season damage to the area. 'Willy Wonka' and 'Princess' are new tracks to take advantage of unused areas and / or provide a easier alternative for lesser riders.

Kyle to speak to P&W (Dal Hartley) re new tracks.

4. Ask Parks & Wildlife to deliver road base or similar to predetermined points in the park and to cut up dead trees for trail building.

Kyle (again...) requesting materials for trail building / repairs. Refer to agenda item 2 for repairs / maintenance plans. Further to the action plan P&W have previously offered to cut up trees and the wood place in the required areas.

5. Ride calendar planning.

Steve Bryan has been organising the monthly rides for a long time now. He has now decided it is time others started to learn the trade as he is possibly moving to Queensland. Various suggestions were made;

- Emma suggested a 12 month calendar and only mark in major races / rides at this stage. Local rides then can be planned around the bigger events.
- Include a race series / championship for reserved club plates (#1, #2, #3)
- Place note on web site asking for volunteers for leading rides
- Survey members on the style of rides they want. Steve noted that 1, even 2, races a month were very popular.

Steve will mail out a calendar for committee members to lead rides (lead by example).

6. Review race entry fee and drink prices.

Rob Brooks states that current drink prices only just cover the cost of ice and buying the drinks. General discussion decided that softies will now be \$2- and beers \$3-.

Discussion was also held over the cost of races. Usually this was a 'gold coin donation'. This is now been formalised in that normal races are \$2- and larger events (series, etc or events with prizes / trophies) will be \$5-. The prices reflect the costs of running a race including prizes, trophies, track marking tapes, arrows and general stationary.

7. Track reports / news.

Bloody Kyle again...He wants to place track reports and any news on the web site at regular intervals.

- These reports can either be from the president or Kyle is happy to write and supply them to Bill to upload.
- Also wants more news items placed on the web. This is so anyone looking at the site regularly doesn't get bored. Also keeps site up to date for any people surfing the site.
- Bill to place note on the site to ask people to submit ride stories, reports, gossip, info to add to site.
- Emma is organising a 'Xmas lights' ride. Details have since been emailed out.

8. Member status.

Emma reports there are now 82 DORCs and several more being processed. There is approx \$2500 in the accounts.

9. Tools

I won't sledge Kyle again – at least he's out there doing some work... Kyle has requested that the club buy several McLeod tools for track repairs / building. During working bees there can be several people with no tools and McLeod tools are ideal for track work.

Kyle will get a price on tools for next meeting and Emma will check account status for any expected bills and figure out a budget limit.

10. Gift voucher for John Thyne.

Via email Emma suggested that the club give John a gift voucher or similar for his work in auditing the club books. Also was suggested possibly a voucher to CycleZone as John a cyclist / triathlete. Value was suggested \$50-100.

This suggestion was emailed to committee members and all members that replied were in favour.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm