

# **DARWIN OFF-ROAD CYCLISTS**

## **Meeting Minutes 8 April 2008**

**Meeting opened at 7:45pm**

**Committee members present:**

Bill Murphy, Jon Presswell, Emma Winterflood, Peter Svava

**Apologies:**

Steve Bryan, Aaron Caden, Tim Ellison, Kyle Bawden

**Previous minutes:**

The previous meeting minutes had been read and accepted by committee members via email.

**Agenda items:**

- **Jerseys / knicks** – Bill has sent the images to the printers but they seem to have a problem opening the files. Bill has resent the artwork files with some modifications to the file formatting. Aaron Caden advised there is about a 3-4 week turn around on orders with this company. People were advised there is a deadline for orders and payment - 14<sup>th</sup> April. This will hopefully allow people to get their gear before leaving for the Anaconda MTB Enduro. DORCs have received approx \$1600 so far.
- **Charles Darwin Update** – This was meant to be an update from Rob Brooks but the Pres didn't turn up... Bill advises that Rob and Dalmain Hartley (Parks & Wildlife) have had meetings re access to certain areas of CD. Some areas will be fenced off and nil access due to environmental (wet area damage, cycad study) or cultural reasons (aboriginal middens/sacred sites). Dalmain wants ALL DORC trails marked with a GPS and overlaid to their maps so they can check if our trails cross any sensitive areas. Parks & Wildlife are still happy for DORCs to use CD. Rob will provide full updates next meeting.
- **Bicycles NT letter** – Bill has received a letter (via DORC site) from Julian Barry (Bicycles NT) to Paul Henderson (Minister for Environment and Police, Fire & Emergency Services). The letter is asking the minister to make a public statement and provide leadership about cycling and cyclists rights. Bicycles NT are looking for DORCS to add our support and provide more numbers to the cause. Bill sent a copy of this letter to DORC committee and at time of writing minutes Emma, Jon, Bill and Peter endorse the letter.
- **Bikes To Fit** – Olsen Hamilton-Smith has sent an email to the DORC site re 'A1 Cycle Fit system' and an offer of 10% discount to DORC members. Bill will send out a copy of email for committee members to comment on.
- **Calendar** – As Steve is leaving there is no-one to develop and run the monthly ride calendar. Bill is using old calendars to make new ones but requires people to lead rides. Emma has made a calendar with all dates of

other events (Ultra-Challenge, City-to-surf, etc) so nothing clashes too much. It would be preferable to have someone to run the calendar as Steve has done for the last few years. Bill also notes that there is a lot of rural ride knowledge being lost – none of the older members are leading rides, especially the longer epic bush rides.

- **Working bees** – These have had poor turnouts recently – the last 2 have had 2 people turn up! Any ideas on how to get more participation? Think of something and bring it up next meeting.
- **Memberships/Helmets** – On Sundays ride Peter noticed a person with no helmet (Martin!?) but didn't say anything as wanted to find out club position on helmets and also on memberships for club rides. The helmet issue was discussed and a solid rule will be that ALL riders must have a safe, secure helmet for any DORC ride. The 'grey area' of memberships-V-'come & try' rides was also raised. People should be encouraged to join DORCs after a few rides. Also explaining the positives/negatives may help. If people do not wish to join then they should be asked not to ride with the group due to legal reasons, etc.

**Next meeting will be called via email as required**

**Meeting closed at 8:30pm**