

# **DARWINOFF-ROADCYCLISTS**

## **DORC Minutes 14-10-08**

**Attending:** Erica Reeve, Pete Svava, Jon Presswell, Chris Hanson, Andrew McGuinness

**Apologies:** Tim Ellison, Emma Winterflood

**Meeting opened at:** 07:15pm @ Ski club

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Item 1 – Annual Return of Association**

Jon explained the process of the return and financial statement to the committee and to receive some signatures on the Return.

**Action** – Jon to lodge paperwork

#### **Item 2 – Charles Darwin tracks and NTRETA (the NTG agency that looks after CD) – Jon Presswell**

Jon gave the committee an update on track access, etc to the committee.

Jon, while writing the “places that rock” article for MTB Australia, approached NTRETA for a meeting. This was to gain formal approval for the article and access. They noted that several tracks went through delicate areas – a cycad experiment and an aboriginal midden.

Bill noted during his ride through CD that the trails have been signed ‘No Entry’, star-picketed and fenced off. He will place the closures on the website for all DORCs to be advised on the matter. Parks & Wildlife have offered more land in the NW corner subject to approval of track locations.

Bill and Jon will contact Dalmain Hartley of P&W for a meeting to discuss access issues, maintenance, etc. Hopefully a formal, written agreement covering all issues can be made to the benefit of all parties.

Issues include;

- Formal, written access to CD
- Signage for trails for DORCs and the general public
- Maintenance issues / equipment
- Sustainable trail building practices

**Action:** Bill & Jon to meet with Dal Hartley. Bill to put trail closure notice on website.

### **Item 3 - Advertising/Sponsorship costs for DORC/Website**

Jon informed the committee of previous discussions re sponsorship. He will email out his proposed schedule for advertising and all the committee can comment via email on the content.

**Action:** Vote next meeting on the advertising rates schedule.

### **Item 4 - Bicycle Maintenance workshop.**

Former member Steve Bryant and a person from Bikes NT had previously ran a basic bike maintenance workshop. Bill has received several enquiries asking for another to be delivered. All members agree this is a good idea and wish to further investigate the course.

**Action:** Bill to email Steve Bryant re the course and if he had lesson plans, etc. Andrew will talk to his school and see if that can be used as a venue. Discuss next meeting

### **Item 5 - DORC Jersey Kits.**

Bill states he has received several enquiries re DORC knicks and jerseys. He suggested that the price should be raised \$5 to actually get a 'profit'. Also the DORC logo on the sleeves could be removed to make space for another sponsor and the knicks will get a slight reworking of the artwork.

**Action:** Bill to advertise on the website and note interest and orders. Note the more gear ordered the cheaper the costs.

### **Item 6 - Basic MTB Skills Course.**

The last attempt to hold a skills course was cancelled due to 'bad timing'. Bill has suggested a new course be designed allowing people to learn basic skills and then practice them on a trail. Basic skills include balance, braking, climbing and obstacles. General discussion decided that a course would be delivered 9 Nov at the Lee Pt Park. The course will be open to DORC members and non-members with a MTBA Day Licence.

**Action:** Bill to advertise on website and ride calendar.

### **Item 7 - DORC Xmas party.**

Holding a DORC Xmas party was discussed and several ideas put forward. Bill suggested watching the movie "24hr Solo" as part of the entertainment. Jon has offered his palace in Upper Rapid Creek as a venue. Saturday was also suggested as a better night than Sunday as it is a school night...

**Action:** Time and date to be discussed via email

### **Item 8 - DORC calendar.**

Bill's burnt out! Need more ideas & leaders for rides.

Chris suggested 'bike polo' with hockey sticks and more fun events. DORC need to get members (and new people) back into the club rides. General consensus is that the Sunday rides are made strictly social so as not to deter slower riders. Training rides are held Tues and Thurs afternoons. Erica suggested 'DORCettes – Bike & Breakfast' as a once a month, women's only ride that she will lead. Andrew suggested a race for the Lee Pt track that Tim Ellison has been using for Junior Development.

**Action:** All ideas to be emailed to Bill.

### **Other business**

Peter states he will try to find out the owner of the land between Tiger Brennan drive, Berrimah road, Hidden Valley road and Kormilda College. The area could be used for training purposes as it has several hills with easier slope than CD Park.

**Action:** Peter to chase when back from overseas.

**Meeting closed at:** 8:30pm

