



# Beechworth Chain Gang Incorporated Committee of Management Minutes

**7.00pm Thursday 18 May 2023**

## **Location**

Bridge Road Brewery

## **Present**

Lynn Frerichs (President), Rowena Gould, Jenny Griffiths (Secretary), Joe Arblaster, Luc Plowman, Ross Baker, Brendan Griggs, Adrian Rodda, Tom Meredith and Maria Kraus (Treasurer).

## **Apologies**

Jenny Griffiths (Secretary), Steve Martin, Paul Fitzgerald,

## **Acknowledgement of Country**


















We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' stories, traditions and living cultures on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

We recognise that sovereignty was never ceded. Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.

## **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Committee members to declare any conflicts of interest. None noted.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Minutes of the previous meetings</b>	Motion <i>That the minutes from the 27.04.23 meeting be confirmed as a correct record.</i> Moved: RG Seconded: LP <i>NB. Minutes are now being uploaded onto the BCG website, and an invitation is extended to all members for every committee meeting.</i>
<b>Circular Resolutions</b>	None

<b>Correspondence Report</b>	None
<b>Toilets</b>	LF: ISC will be applying to Sport and Rec for as soon as the grant opens.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Cash flow:  Profit and loss:  Bank Statement: <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Motion: that we purchase a Square reader for club purchases.  Moved: BG  Second: RB</p> <p>Motion  <i>That the finance report tabled at 18.05.23 Committee Meeting be confirmed as a correct record.</i>  Moved: TM  Seconded: LP  <i>All in favour</i></p>
<b>New Members</b>	<p>new members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Ewan Brokensha</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Miles Brokensha</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Millie Collins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Otis Collins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Hendrix Cooper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Cobie Flower</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Benji Gardner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Cooper Gardner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Adrian Iaria</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Lars Lewis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Otilie Lewis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Oscar Lorback</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Lewis Matthews</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Fergus McManamny</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Guy Mitchell</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  James Mogg</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>  Kajsa Mogg</li> </ul> <p>Motion:  <i>That the new members are accepted.</i>  Moved: JA</p>

	<p>Seconded: AR</p> <p><i>All in favour</i></p>
<b>Motions of which notice has been given</b>	N/A
<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b>	See Action Items - Appendix 1
<b>Child Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids needing toilet during JRP needing to be managed safely, ensure parent helpers are aware of and ensure kid:adult ratio is never less than 2:1.</li> <li>• Parent helpers need WWCC. RB and Tom to chat with Jenny and Floret to ensure it is official.</li> </ul>
<b>General Business</b>	<p><b>This week is National Volunteer week!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to everyone on the BCG Com for your dedication and commitment to the sport we love. We are achieving some pretty great things and it wouldn't be possible without you all. Thank you!</li> </ul> <p><b>Five-Year Plan (JG)</b></p> <p>JG has asked Sal to promote the 5 year plan to members. JG is in the process of developing a 2023 Annual Plan based on relevant actions from the 5 Year Plan.</p> <p><b>Committee roles (based on CLUBMAP recommendations) (LF/JA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review club structure and assign roles to vacant positions from current CoM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EQ1ihBNvC7w-mbpmMMPRDVCHTIXR2Jfb">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EQ1ihBNvC7w-mbpmMMPRDVCHTIXR2Jfb</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Epic Trail (LF/LP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A couple of areas requiring repair have been brought to my attention on where's wallaby - passed onto Callum for actioning</li> <li>• Trail counters should be installed this week: Baarmutha Belter, Homeward bound, Ferny Gully</li> <li>• recent meeting with council re MOU, BCG provided feedback on draft, awaiting revised version</li> </ul> <p><b>JRP (BG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going well. 62 participants registered for T2 with a few older kids rejoining/joining this term. Each group is nearly full, and we will need top end coaches soon.</li> </ul>

- Parent helps (10) have volunteered to help regularly which has made it easier.
- BG is talking to Indi to run a 'thank the coaches' session when she is back from Europe.
- JRP skills gateway is work in progress. Coaches keen to help; could be used for adults as well.

#### **Trails (LP)**

- Skillspark: concerns that the seesaw is too slow, adjustments have been made but still not easy, would require additional length to make it easier (currently rated blue) The road base in the rings has settled quite a bit. Can top this up as well?
- Trail counter numbers steady - mtb park 39 riders per day during April - early May.
- May working bee successful, improvements to need pizza and general trail clearing - new leaf blowers very effective
- Sally to promote listing all maintenance works in trailforks in each newsletter

#### **Grants update (LF)**

- See grants summary page [here](#)
- Granite Girls 2.0 has received \$5000 from the Change Our Game grant (with \$3000 pending)
- Skills park grant (Stronger Communities Programme) acquitted and closed.

#### **Granite Guys (TM)**

- Finished the 6 month skills and social ride program; one session left which is a maintenance afternoon at cycle station. Consistent crew goes out on wednesday nights.

#### **Granite Girls 2.0**

- Working group is formed to deliver the next phase.

#### **Bike Park Trail Sanctioning (LF)**

- "Parks Victoria has now commenced the formal approvals process to seek in principle support from the Parks Victoria Board and National Parks Advisory Council to issue the Section 19G Lease." from Parks Vic on 27/04/2023

#### **Australian Sports Foundation (SM)**

- The supporter platform is live and we've already received a small donation with \$ landing in our account last week. We need to start promoting this page and platform.  
<https://asf.org.au/donate/the-beechworth-chain-gang>

## **20 Year Anniversary of Beechworth MTB Park (PF)**

- Deferred until October Club Day

## **Club Merchandise**

- Korinne is looking to kick things off with beanies, caps and socks to start with. Work in progress.

## **Trailhead Master Plan**

- Work in progress

## **Beechworth Granite Classic**

- It was great to support Bridge Road Brewers with this event. Thank you to everyone that put their hand up to help. Donations for volunteering are TBD; a \$500 donation from BRB and TNE for the shuttle day to land shortly.

## **Calendar of events (SM drafted)**

- Please update this as you see/hear events popping up. Can someone please chat to Sally about putting an events panel on the website (or similar)?
- RG to ask sally to follow up.
- [BCG 2023 Calendar of events](#)

## **Dirt bikes on sanctioned trails**

- Council is working on comm's that we can share, discussion not to begin at the club level. It will likely be similar to Cnr Goldsworthy's email: Please encourage anyone who observes motorbike riders on designated mountain bike trails, like the MTB Park and Epic, to take any footage of the offenders they can and to concurrently contact police on 000. A description of the motorbike, the riders, the location, their direction of travel etc is all good information. If the problem persists it will help to build a profile of the offenders

## **Helen Haines visit: 20 July 2023**

- LF invited Helen to see how the Stronger Communities Programme funding was used to build the skills park
- Mark the date in your planner to join us

## **Membership info**

- LF request to have a short blurb regarding benefits of membership etc in each newsletter.
- RG: Any updates on templates in TidyHQ to welcome new members, thank those that have renewed and a reminder to those that have lapsed? Chatting to Sally. Work in progress.

<b>Business without notice</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>In-camera</b>	TBC
<b>Next meeting</b>	7pm on 15 June at Bridge Road Brewers.
<b>Closure</b>	There being no further business, the Chairperson thanks the members for attending and closes the meeting at 8:45pm

## Appendix One - Action Items

Item	Details	Who	Update
Provide update to DEWLP on plans for MTB park		LF	BCX Projects is working on a plan now. ISC will need to approve the plan as they will be taking over third-party management of the park. BCG to endorse the plan first. 1/9 AusCycling report has been endorsed by the committee and has been forwarded to ISC - awaiting their response.
Use of prison COM land	Beechworth Prison - contact is Terry Jose	LF, IB & RL	Lyn and Richard met with Bill Love and worked through options. RL taking the lead on this project. 02/12/21 Refer to minutes 10/2/22 On hold until the audit is complete 28/04/22 LF will contact Terry Jose to give an update and maintain contact.
Dingle Block Trails	Work with DEWLP to sanction trails in the Stanley Dingle Block region	LP	02/21/21 Ian has the map for the region. Ian to understand the DEWP approval process by talking with Richard from Yack Tracks before the commencement of the official conversation with DEWLP. 10/02/22 Refer to Committee meeting minutes. Masterplan funding is pending an announcement on 09/22 22/06/22

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			<p>Masterplan funding was unsuccessful.  LP is planning to have a discussion with Simon from DEWLP.  1/9/22  DEWLP is willing to engage further on this issue once we have sorted issues around the MTB park, jumps track and Epic trail.</p> <p>April 23: LP discussion with DEECA; request for PDF drawing of relevant trails (in addition to trails they are already aware of: Flowpoke, Water Race etc). First step is GPS file overlapping with special protection zones, cultural overlay, heritage etc. If it gets past that, then an independent consultant does a review. DEECA needs to get through a backlog first. It will be on their radar shortly; it's not a quick process but the ball is moving.</p>
Trail Counter	BCG requires a new trail counter to position on various trails	LP	<p>10/02/22  Refer to Committee Meeting Minutes - purchase approved  22/06/22  Refer to Committee Meeting Minutes - purchased and in position  1/9/22  Luc advised counter numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MTB park lowest 25/day in winter, 75-80/day in January</li> <li>- Therapy trail currently 6-10/day</li> <li>- Flowpoke currently 1-2/day</li> </ul> <p>January 23 numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MTB park 75/day</li> <li>- Therapy 3/day - only just been cleared of trees and drainage repaired in mid-Jan</li> <li>- Flowpoke 3/day - also only just repaired from water damage</li> </ul>



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			& blackberries April 23 numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MTB park 35-45/day (reduced due to Epic)</li> <li>- Therapy 3/day</li> <li>- Flowpoke 3-5/day</li> </ul> May: 39 riders daily at MTB park, 3-5 on Therapy and Flowpoke
Club Merch	RL looking into; will try and use drop shipping instead of carrying stock ourselves	RL	27/04/23 Looking at several different options for merch - long sleeve shirts, caps, thermals, Windstopper vests, sleeves. It was reported that Champ Systems worked well in the previous run of orders. May 2023: see above.
Snake kits	Organise snake kit tins for MTB Park and Flame Trees	JA	23/04/23
Trailhead Plan	Masterplan of the trailhead that includes skills, carpark, toilets etc.	LP	Trails working group
Club day	Heap of events offered for all club members, possibly Oct 2023	AR	Waiting on the park to be sanctioned
Insurance	Need to increase the club's insurance coverage to include trailer and all tools (\$10K).	LF	complete.
Timing system	Look into buying a system	AR	