



STATE OF THE NATION

Current state and future needs for the Auckland MTB Club

The term of my Presidency, from 2008 to 2010 has been a bloody hard but extremely rewarding period for the club. Hard mainly because the old guard that stepped of the committee were not replaced and those on the committee were unable to provide significant amounts of time to help with running the show, for various reasons. As a result, I have put in a great many hours into the club which, for the sake of my health, sanity, relationship and my own riding, I can't do any longer. Unless other existing or new club members find the time, enthusiasm and passion to develop our sport and step up to the committee we shall have to seriously consider the viability of the future of the club. Although we shall be reviewing the merits of merging with DoC and deciding whether to pursue this further, merging does not remove the need to attract new committee members – even if we do merge, the “sub-club” will still need to operate and deliver and for that we need people. I've said this before; everyone is busy but the irony is that if more people offered help, the less we'd each be doing.

Our achievements as a club over the last two years are impressive:

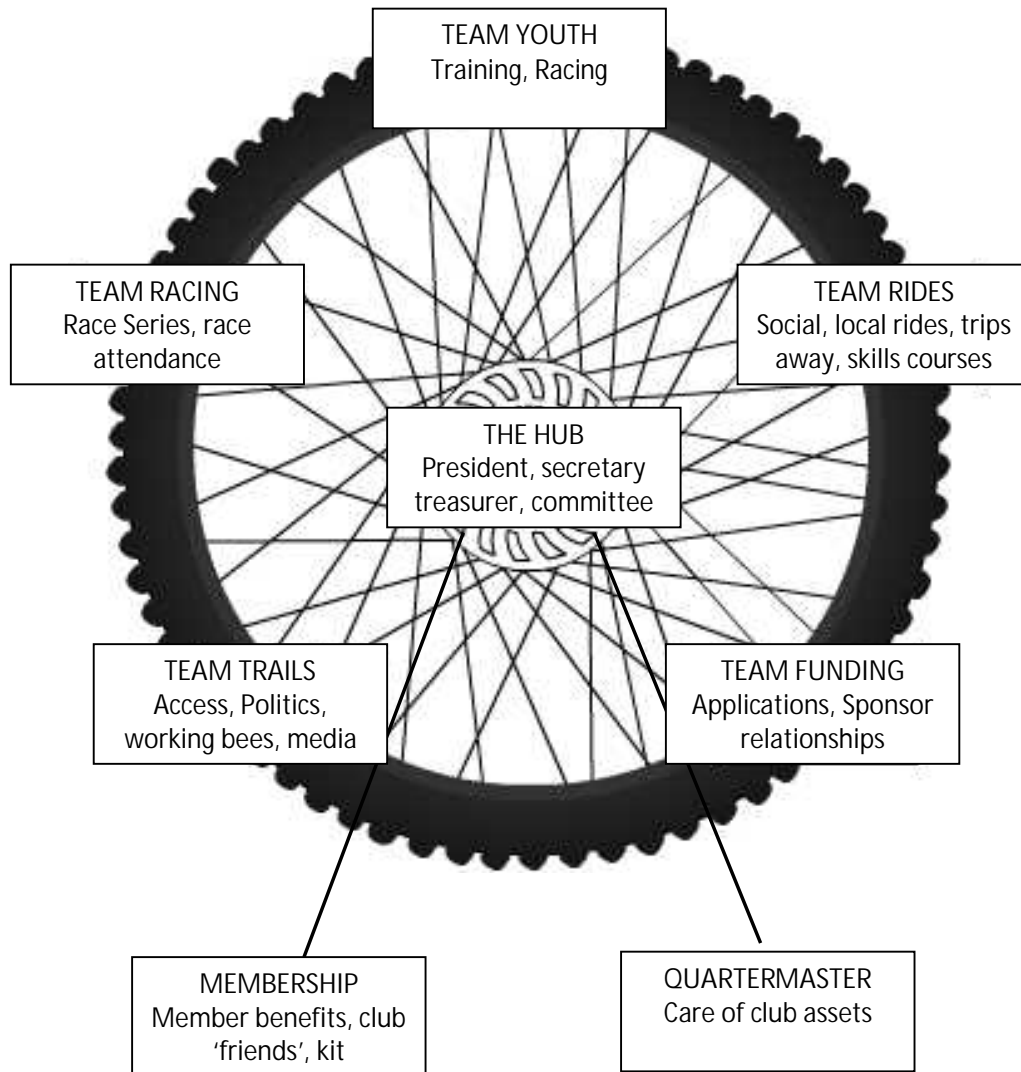
- We have continued to have success attracting sponsors and riders to our race series,
- We have successfully held new monthly rides,
- We have continued with our regular Saturday rides,
- We have continued to offer club kit,
- We have maintained an up-to-date website,
- We have sent out fairly regular newsletters,
- We have assisted the ARC on a number of MTB projects,
- We have got the club written into the ARC draft reserve management plan and opened talks with the ARC on a number of new venues
- We have continued to have a successful youth development squad that organise their own training and racing.
- We achieved the first officially sanctioned MTB trails in Auckland city – something that I was told would not be possible.
- We have introduced membership cards and packs

The reality however, is that much of this has been achieved by just a few of us which 1) cannot be sustained and 2) makes me wonder just how much more we could have done had there been a few more of us around the table. There is so much more that the club can achieve and I feel we are capable of achieving more if we get some new blood onto the committee with new ideas. As members, you should realise that this club is yours and you can input into its direction and what it delivers. All you have to do is get more involved.



I want to detail what we need in order survive, the roles that need to be filled and what those roles involve. However, there is some confusion (even within the club) about how the club is structured and is run. Therefore, I thought it would be useful to outline the structure of the club.

We base the administration of the club around a simple hub and spoke scenario, with a couple of loose spokes that don't fit into one of the main boxes. Of course, new main boxes can be added if someone has an idea or area that is not covered below:





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Committee

The core of the club is our committee. Made up of the roles above, it provides a strategic direction to the entire club (not the sub-committees directly) with the President in a floating capacity, involved in sub-committees where required and allowed the freedom to undertake any special projects that may be of interest to him/her and beneficial for the club and sport.

A single rep from each sub-committee is also present on the committee and their sole focus is their sub-committee, to which they provide the direction and environment to support new ideas and options. Sub committees can meet formally although much can be achieved via emails.

Also on the committee are a number of co-opted members that can pick up additional tasks and provide extra input around the table.

Sub-committees

Sub-committees are made of a formal or informal group of other volunteers that are keen to help out with that area. For example, this year we had an informal monthly ride group that has helped to add some new rides to the schedule and a new informal sub-committee for the race series. The lead person is effectively a project manager, bringing together the ideas and interests of the sub-committee volunteers to deliver in that area. With the exception of Team Youth (i.e. the JAFKIDS) which meets on a regular basis, sub-committee workload is erratic and only limited input is needed at certain times of the year.

Membership

In addition to the main sub-committees, we have a focus on membership. This group considers membership benefits, attracting 'friends' of the club and administers the membership cards and manages the process.

Quartermaster

We have a large number of assets, most of which are in the trailer but the club also has a range of other items, such as MTB Powertaps, walkie talkies, flags, scrub cutter, petrol powered weed eater



etc that are in-use. The quartermaster will need to maintain an up-to-date list of assets and their condition and ensure servicing, warrants etc are all present. This list is vital for when our accounts are audited.

So what do we need from the AGM?

In order for the club to function effectively, the following roles need to be filled at the AGM:

Core

Role	President	Secretary	Treasurer
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter - Meeting agendas - Special projects - Race timing - Sponsor liaison - Chair committee meetings - Chair AGM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take minutes - Know the constitution and ensure we are working within its rules - Answer/forward incoming club emails as necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor accounts payable - Generate statement of accounts per month - Generate list of expenses to authorise per month - Arrange for auditing of accounts
Person	Marke J-T	REQUIRED	MR RUSSELL (new)

Sub-Committees

Role	Team Youth	Team Rides	Team Funding
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise training and racing for junior academy - Organise specific fundraising - Organise specific funding - Supply info for website and newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise calendar of monthly rides - Determine budget for year (i.e. for BBQ's, subsidised travel & accommodation etc) - supply text for newsletter - Update website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate options and apply for funds for club items as required. <p>We can do this internally or I'm happy to outsource it</p>
Key person	Paul Burgess	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Helpers	- Formal committee in place	- Informal sub-committee partially formed, new input welcome	



Role	Team Racing	Team Trails	Membership
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise race series - Assist with organising entire series, spot prizes, sponsors etc - Supply text for newsletter - Update website - Consider other events - Support other (i.e. non-AKMTB Club) events - AKMTB Club presence at other races and events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to liaise with local bodies re new trails - Maintain involvement with trail building and exg. trails - Supply text for newsletter - Update website - Funding for trail building tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor accounts payable - Generate statement of accounts per month - Generate list of expenses to authorise per month - Arrange for auditing of accounts
Key Person	TIM FARMER (new)	HAYDEN RUSSELL (new)	Brendan (existing)
Helpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President (race timing & sponsor relationships) - Informal sub-committee partially formed - JAFKIDS assist on the day & course marking - Saturday Rides group assist with course marking - Marshalls assist on the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kris – Hunua trail building Hayden – Arch Hill trail work Simon Y – Gneral trail development, political (i.e. TLA & ARC level) +1 or 2 more required for different regions 	+ 1 or 2 more needed to help with this

Role	Quartermaster	Co-opted members
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manage assets - Organise repair/replacement as required - Maintain list of current assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend main committee meetings - Pick up tasks where possible.
Person	MIKE STEVENS (new)	AIDAN POTTER (new) + 1 or 2 more needed

There is a lot of knowledge and willingness within the club to help out across the various tasks that we undertake and in many cases, we are looking to fill a role that has not been officially filled for some time. The reality is that no-one will get thrown in at the deep end as there is plenty of experience within the club already.



We should also take time to thank those that have given a great deal of time and are now stepping back from formal duties. Kris Bartley, Treasurer for 3 years is stepping back from the main committee but is still keen to be involved with the club, helping with the Hunua working bees and other bits and pieces where he can. Grant Ogilvie has been Club Secretary for two years and involved with the committee for longer. He too is stepping back from formal duties and we appreciate all the effort he has put in.

So now it is time for other people to get involved. To continue the good work we are doing and to breathe new life, new ideas and possible new direction into the club. Don't just sit back and say 'the club should do this' or 'the club does not do enough of that'; get involved and make your mark. The voluntary sector is highly rewarding and demonstrates that we can give time, focus and attention to something bigger than just ourselves.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the 17th August. There will be some food and drinks provided and the evening will consist of two meetings; a short first meeting to adopt a more up-to-date constitution (SGM notice on its way) and then the AGM, where this document will form the basis of my President's speech and nominations for the committee (nomination forms are on the website).

Venue: The Drake (by Victoria Park, Central Auckland).

Start: 7pm prompt

Bar open and food from 6.30pm and more food and drinks briefly between the two meetings

See you there.

Marke