

As you are aware we have had a few committee members resign, as they are leaving the village. I feel that we need to have enough committee members on board so as a small group is not having to make all the decisions. Hence the call recently for volunteers. We need everyone on the committee to be prepared to contribute regularly and do some of the committee work for it to run smoothly.

Since the AGM we have been working with the BNZ to get Warwick and Wendy on board as signatories for the Club Accounts, Warwick as the new Treasurer. The process is labour intensive, and extremely frustrating. We are hoping it is almost completed.

We have an application for funding pending with the Mainland Trust, for building of CV Express from Lucas Lane to Tank. This line has been scoped, quoted for and we have permission from landowners. We just need the funds.

CV Express from Tank to Jacks Pass has been scoped by Johnno. Mark Inglis has funds to get the line GPS'd via drone and this will be done shortly. Once this is done, we can ask for permission from landowners and get quotes for building the trail.

The new walking trail from Jolliffe Saddle to the Larches car park is now official, has permission from appropriate landowners etc, and relieves the conflict between walkers and mtbers as they come off Tombstone. A great outcome. Thanks to all that have been working on this resolution.

Johnno has been out working on the trails, employed by the Track Network Group, and done some wonderful work. Thanks Johnno.

We have decided that any TNG funded, paid track work will be managed by the TNG from now on.
The club can still apply for its own funding for projects.

The TNG will be expecting the MTB Club to let them know what maintenance work needs to be done, and we can put funds towards the work if we choose to, but this hopefully eliminates any conflict of interest within the Club membership.

I have been passing our club cards to mtbers I've seen out on the trails, in the hope of generating new members. I do not have many cards left, but am happy to share the cards I have left with anyone else who wants to stop and chat to track users.

Today I met a mountain biker who wants to become a Sponsor. That's exactly the type of response we are looking for. I am going to suggest he makes a donation towards new trails.

The Steering Committee for the Isobel Loop has met several times mainly discussing the way forward, talking to Council etc. We are struggling to make headway with DOC. However, it has been suggested that one option is for

someone from the Mtb Club/Steering Committee to join the Hurunui Trails Trust so that we have support from them and the HDC for this project, rather than it standing on its own. Wendy and/or I will try to attend the next Trust Meeting.

I have been talking again to Gravity Canterbury. They are still keen to run an Enduro event in Hanmer, but need someone local to ride the trails with them and give advice on suitable routes. Anyone keen to volunteer?

We have been missing some important emails that have been sent to the club Hotmail account. We really need someone to monitor this account and circulate information to the appropriate committee member. It should really be the Chair so they can action or delegate anything. Can someone volunteer please?

Justin reports that the World Enduro has now amalgamated with another group, and in the future all major events will combine with both a Cross Country and a Downhill. Personally, that does not put me off Thinking Big. I would love to work towards hosting some Big Events in Hanmer. I do not mean the Club doing so, rather encouraging others to come here to make the events happen. Your thoughts?

The Hive Pass. We think it looks like an easy and uncomplicated way to grow and organise our membership. Have you looked at it? Personally, I need some advice on exactly how much it would cost the club per year. My limited IT skills just make the research a little mind blowing. Can anyone please enlighten us?

There have been a few working bees happening recently. Thanks to all that have been involved. A huge thank you to all that work behind the scenes to ensure our trails are in tip top condition. I know the bikers out here are really enjoying their riding.

Also a huge thanks to Wendy and Mark who do so much in the background to ensure the Club is making progress towards its goals, and to Gill who momentarily stepped back in to help us iron out some admin wrinkles.

A massive thank you to everyone who supports the club and also a gentle reminder to renew or become a member to help us continue and grow to provide an outstanding mountain bike trail experience here in Hanmer Springs