

Brisbane Bicycle Touring Association Inc

DRAFT minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Meeting Room BCC Library 79 Evelyn Street , Grange 4051

TUESDAY, 14th March 2017 at 7.30 pm

Meeting Opened: 7.30 pm President, Robert Brinkworth (RB) chaired the meeting

Present:

Outgoing Management Committee:

President	Robert Brinkworth (RB)
Vice President	Mary Doolan (MD)
Secretary	Joe Gannon (JG)
Treasurer	Paul Glennon (PG)
Membership Registrar	Daryl Beattie (DB)
Rides Coordinator	Mary Doolan (MD)
Committee Person/ Clothing	Ginny Scott (GS)
Social Convener	Eve Morrice (EM)
Librarian	Eve Morrice (EM)

Also 12 BBTA members as per the Attendance Register.. Three (3) proxies were also received.

Apologies: Trevor Dauth, Mark Kerr & Leslie Schoenwald

1. **MINUTES of the previous AGM held on 1 March 2016** (circulated to members)

Moved: RB Seconded: Ian Morrison That previously circulated minutes be accepted - Carried.

2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Nil.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President made the following major points:

2016 was another successful year with more members than ever participating in BBTA events and embracing our motto "Cycling for Fun, Fitness & Friendship".

Thanked members who have introduced new members and potential members to our rides, made them feel welcome & keen to come back for more.

Thanked each committee member for their assistance to him in running the club, viz Paul Glennon (Treasurer), Mary Doolan (Rides Coordinator & Website), Joe Gannon (Secretary), Daryl Beattie (Membership), Eve Morrice (Social & Librarian) & Ginny Scott (Committee Person & Clothing). Special mention made of retiring committee members David Pickering (Publicity) & Tony Loutit (Social Convenor). Thank you all.

Mentioned the club social nights especially the extremely well received talk by long time member George Rowe about his several Paris-Brest-Paris epic rides, and the very informative Q & A sessions from "Cycle Law" and "Electric Bikes – Brisbane".

Reflected on his view that it is the day to day, month in month out ride offerings in our calendar that keep our club powering along...it has simply been the opportunity to participate in a variety of rides in a safe supportive, friendly, non –competitive environment which has continued to be what attracts new members & keeps the existing ones renewing their membership each year.

Further we are fortunate to have amongst us, dedicated ride leaders, who keep the passion going, and inspire new members & reinvigorate old ones to get on their bikes! Thanks to the leaders who week in, week out lead the popular short rides.

Special mention was made of Peter Brennan's weekend rides [Toowoomba/ Warwick is in its 10th year]. Also the Murwillumbah / Lismore ride in February 2017 which attracted 76 riders!!. Thanks to the members & partners who contribute by volunteering to transport luggage and setup & run the end of ride barbeques etc.

Highlighted the success of our well attended Birthday Bash & Christmas breakfast ride events.

Invited members to continue to offer ideas for new rides ...contact Mary Doolan at rides@bbta.org

The Future:

Reflected on increased competition for bike membership from many groups including bike shops. Commented on the need to distinguish ourselves from these groups &, if we continue to 'do what we do' well, we too will be able to maintain and even grow our member numbers.

Continuing future challenges for the club & the new management committee:

1. The future of Social Nights (particularly the concept of guest speakers/topics of interest). Falling attendances could have many causes
2. Possible alternatives – more social gatherings/picnics/day rides (The Birthday Bash and Christmas breakfasts have continued to attract good numbers.)
3. Website.... More fine tuning and possible developments. (suggestions for improvements and the reporting of apparent issues/bugs are always appreciated from the members.)
4. Need to post relevant information on the website in a timely manner (rather than in the "Cycling Times")
5. Library – how can we make the most use of it ? (possible online catalogue ?)
6. Hire equipment – low use by members. Do we want to continue providing equipment on loan to members?
7. Evolving roles of members of the management committee, role overlap.

The President encouraged members interested in the rewarding experience of being part of our friendly committee to come forward at any time, to talk to current committee members, about serving on this, or future, committees)

Welcomed ongoing feedback & positive suggestions from members on the running of our club.

- JG moved that the President's Report be accepted. Seconded: GS - Carried.
- JG moved a vote of thanks to the President for his professional & successful leadership of BBTA in 2016. Carried by acclamation.

3. TREASURER's REPORT:

- Treasurer, Paul Glennon, spoke to his (previously circulated) 2016 Statement of Income & Expenditure.
- Major items highlighted were steady membership subscriptions of \$4,956 with the major expenditure items being insurance (\$1494) & website (\$1969).
- Cash at bank has increased by approx \$1295 to \$18571.82 which was another good sound result for the club.
- Reflected that we would need to consider how we use members' funds on hand.
- RB moved that his Treasurer's Report and Statement of Income & Expenditure be adopted.

Seconded: MD - Carried.

4. OTHER INFORMAL REPORTS:

RIDES COORDINATOR: Mary Doolan reported:

She has spent a large part of her time on website matters – lately with Russell Dymond, website administrator.

She, thanked ride leaders for their generous service during the year.

Invited consideration of more rides (eg breakfast rides) in lieu of evening social nights

Thanked ride leaders for their efforts & cooperation during the year

Flagged possible member surveys of their attitudes & interests to assist the club

She invited feedback from members on rides & the website generally.

5. OTHER MATTERS:

Insurance

- It is a legal requirement for the management committee to review insurance requirements annually and report the results at the AGM.
- The Chairman reported that BBTA carries Public Liability insurance cover of \$10M and Professional Indemnity insurance cover of \$1M in respect of 299 members. Insurance cover was recently reviewed by the management committee & the current cover was considered appropriate.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS for 2016-2017:

Chairman reported that the following nominations had been received. He thanked the nominees for assisting the club by offering to serve as office bearers.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
President	Robert Brinkworth	Joe Gannon	Grant Beevers
Treasurer	Paul Glennon	Joe Gannon	Robert Brinkworth
Vice President	Mary Doolan	Scott McPherson	Joe Gannon
Rides Coordinator	Mary Doolan	Scott McPherson	Joe Gannon
Secretary	Joe Gannon	Alan Stevens	Grant Beevers
Membership	Daryl Beattie	Joe Gannon	Robert Brinkworth
Website Coordinator	Peter Damm	Susanne Mintel	Joe Gannon

Moved by President seconded by Eve Morrice that the above seven nominees be duly elected – carried unanimously

Position of Librarian: Eve Morrice nominated by President, seconded by Ian Morrison. Carried unanimously.

Position of Committee Person: Ginny Scott nominated by Joe Gannon, seconded by Ian Morrison. Carried unanimously

Position of Social Convenor: Eve Morrice nominated by Paul Glennon, seconded by Rob Adamson. Carried unanimously

Position of Communications Officer: No nominations received for the position of Communications Officer.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Whilst there was no formal General Business, the Chairman invited a discussion about the future of the club's hire equipment, interest in which from members in recent times has declined to virtually nil.

In response to questions he advised:

- We have a large range of equipment- panniers, tents, sleeping bags, bob trailers...full list is on our website.
- There seems no justification for the purchase of additional items.
- Responsibility for storage of the significant amount of existing (and little used) equipment continues to pose a burden for a current or future committee member. We can't assume that there will always be someone with sufficient under-house or garage space happy to give over that space to store the club's equipment.

There were no concrete suggestions offered at the meeting about improving / continuing the hire activity. Also no objections were voiced against discontinuing the activity, nor against the committee considering options for equitable disposal of the hire equipment.

The Meeting closed at: 8.20 pm.

Minutes confirmed