

SERPENTI NE JARRAHDALE TRAILS INC. MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday 09th April 2014

Time: 7.06pm – 8.37pm

Location: Byford Town Hall
Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire

I. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance:

Vanessa Slater	Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire Natural Reserves Coordinator
Helen Davey	Community member
Anna Sheehan	Community member and ATHRA –Central WA Regional Manager- WA Horse Trekkers Club
Keith Ellis	Darling Downs Residents Association
Miriam Connor	Community member

Apologies:

Deb Pollard	WA Horse Trekkers
Joy Lockhart	Jarrahdale Walks
Amanda Davey	Community member
Sylvia Olney	Community member
Tina Larcombe-Day	ATHRA member, ARC member, Community member

2. Review of previous meeting minutes

- 2.1 That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2014 were true and correct.

Moved – Miriam O'Connor

Seconded- Anna Sheehan

Carried

- 2.2 Discussion regarding actions
- 2.2.1 Compile list of original committee members and compare with financial members
- 2.2.1.1 There were originally 15 people who volunteered to be committee members. Currently of those people 7 people have now paid with an additional payment tonight.
- 2.2.2 Approach current president to discuss membership
- 2.2.2.1 An email has been sent with no reply to date.
- 2.2.1.2 Keith Ellis has volunteered to take on the Chairperson role from this meeting forward. All attending members agreed to this suggestion.
- 2.2.3 Send letter to Developer of Lot 9001 Wungong South Road regarding bridle trails

- 2.2.3.1 This is yet to be completed.
- 2.2.3.2 Discussion regarding the portion of the Wungong River that should have been ceded to the Crown during subdivision that has not occurred.
- 2.2.3.3 Discussion regarding the future trails within this lot and surrounding area. There is an opportunity to cc in the Department of Planning, so they are also made aware of how important trails are in this area.
- 2.2.3.4 Once a letter is drafted then send it around to committee members for final editing. Mention that the drain on this lot is maintained by the Darling Downs Residents Association.

ACTION

Task	Responsible	Date
Compile letter to send to Developer of Lot 9001 Wungong South Road regarding bridle trails in the area	Vanessa	27/05/2014

- 2.2.4 Approach Darling Downs Residents Association about writing a letter to Lot 9001 Wungong South Road regarding bridle trails
- 2.2.4.1 An email was sent to the president on 09/04/2014 requesting the above.
- 2.2.5 Contact person regarding bridge design and organise a site visit.
- 2.2.5.1 Currently waiting for the person to make contact.
- 2.2.6 Send Debbie and Belinda a copy of the grant application form
- 2.2.6.1 An email with documents was sent on 08/04/2014.
- 2.2.7 Ask for letters of support from other organisations for grant
- 2.2.7.1 This will be done when the grant application is being developed.
- 2.2.8 Discuss with Director of Engineering the way forward for access to Serpentine Sports Reserve
- 2.2.8.1 This was discussed and it was suggested that it could be brought up at the next Serpentine Sports Reserve Management Committee meeting.
- 2.2.9 Develop an initial plan for parking on the tennis courts
- 2.2.9.1 This will be ongoing discussion regarding the right design to suit all requirements.
- 2.2.10 Initiate meeting with the Pony Club and Polocrosse Clubs regarding using the tennis courts for parking

- 2.2.10.1 Emails were sent to both clubs asking for feedback and a possible meeting.
- 2.2.11 Instigate having the pine posts moved back at Fremnells Vale and Yoorda Close
- 2.2.11.1 An action request has been completed for Operations to complete the task. How long this will take to be completed is unknown.
- 2.2.11.2 The comment was made that many of the bridle trail openings along Karbro Drive are too narrow and require widening.
- 2.2.12 Investigate ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the easement on the property on Kowin Court
- 2.2.12.1 There are two easements over this property, one being a drainage easement and the other being a fire easement. The Fire easement is also included as the properties own fire break and with the drainage easement, no clear information was found regarding the management responsibilities.

3. **Progress of projects**

- 3.1 Jarrahdale Heritage Park
- 3.1.1 Currently waiting for Brett to contact the Shire regarding a site visit and putting in a quote to construct the bridge.
- 3.1.2 Joy Lockhart is going to ask DPaW whether it would be possible for them to construct the bridge if we were to get funding.
- 3.1.3 Suggestions regarding organisations that could be asked for letters of support include the Jarrahdale Heritage Society and the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
- 3.1.4 The trial itself has been cleared of trees and we will be meeting with the Section 95 team leader next week to have the debris moved, the path raked and weeds removed.
- 3.1.5 Items that will need to be considered for funding include; signage, gravel, the bridge/boardwalk, gates and a trailhead.

ACTION

Task	Responsible	Date
Organise site visit with Brett	Vanessa/All	27/05/2014

- 3.2 Serpentine Sports Reserve
- 3.2.1 Helen has sent an email to the Foothills Polocrosse Club and the Serpentine Horse and Pony Club and is yet to hear back.
- 3.2.2 The positive selling points are that it won't cost anything as the SJ Trails will get a grant.
- 3.2.3 The focus needs to be on access, as people are already accessing the area. There is a safety issue

- 3.2.4 Discussion regarding the potential impacts of the boundary changes from Mundijong Road South becoming the Shire of Murray.

ACTION

Task	Responsible	Date
Follow through with meeting with Clubs about	Vanessa/Helen/Debbie	27/05/2014

4. General business

- 4.1 Beenyup Brook- walk trail development
- 4.1.1 The Section 95 have now cleared the section of materials through to Homestead Place.
- 4.1.2 Discussion regarding the section of the Brook that is currently owned by Cedar Woods (ie the Kangaroo Paddock). This trail will eventually link the South Western Highway with the State Forest.
- 4.1.3 Discussion regarding the potential to extend the trail through to Hopkinson Road through the Kalimna Estate public open space.
- 4.1.4 Suggestion to find out what the vesting is for the reserve through Kalimna estate.

ACTION

Task	Responsible	Date
Find out what the vesting is for the reserve through Kalimna Estate	Vanessa	27/05/2014

- 4.2 MTB- update- see attached email (Attachment 1)
- 4.3 Trails Hub- Jarrahdale
- 4.3.1 The Shire has been successful in an application to the Department of Sports and Recreation to have Jarrahdale assessed to become a World Class Trails hub. The consultant will eventually have a community meeting to discuss the hub sometime in the future.

5. Set date for next meeting

Next meeting to be held at 7pm at the Byford Hall on Wednesday the 21st May 2014.

8. Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed at 8.37 pm.

Attachment 1

Monday 03/03/2014

Hi Vanessa,

Thanks for staying in touch and checking in with us. I must apologise for the silence on our end. It's not for lack of interest, but the opposite really. We want to get ourselves sorted out before the trail building season commences for the year.

We have been quite busy planning away, so hopefully we will have something to share with you soon. I have also been reading the meeting minutes each month with interest. I hope in future our experience can assist SJ trails inc with other trail endeavours.

One of the reasons we have been a bit quiet is that, while trail building is our focus, the season pretty much dries up with the weather. During summer the pea gravel is literally too dry to build with or even ride on at times. When it starts raining, that's when we get busy again.

WAMBA itself has traditionally been the state body for trail advocacy. It has taken little pockets of trail builders in various areas of the state under its wing until they're ready to expand and build on their own. That last 12 months have been quite big for WAMBA, and as an organisation it is becoming more firmly defined and building stronger links with DSR, DPAW and Westcycle. Soon, with the release of the State mountain bike strategy in 2014, our role will become a very high level strategic one, which will require us to support mtb trail groups in a less hands-on way.

In the past few months, we have realised that the crew (myself and Marg and others) who look after the Langford Park, Dwellingup and Goat Farm trails, are almost at a point where we can go off on our own and build our communities around looking after those trail areas. Currently, the group looking after Jarrahdale and Dwellingup is looking for a new name with the intention that we will combine resources to do bigger and better things. We have a few plans for 2014, the first being to establish a calendar of monthly volunteer maintenance days. Our funding will come from a combination of sponsorships and race event revenues. We are very excited about the development of these trails over the next few years. I suspect the journey we are going through is something that other trail users may be interested in learning about, so I'm keen to share at some point, when we have kicked off the trail building season and are reaping some rewards.

Another initiative I've been involved with recently is the mountain bike working group, which is a group of riders, trail builders, racers, etc, from the mountain bike community working together with Westcycle and DPAW to develop a set of mountain bike trail guidelines, to be used by trail developers in future trail projects, once the state strategy, master plans and trail plans begin rolling out. It's been a great experience, and I hope the same type of thing is done with horse, walk, motorbike and 4wd trails in future.

So there is plenty of exciting stuff on the horizon for mountain biking. Marg & I are very involved in this space, and we are working with all the different groups on various initiatives, which keeps us quite busy, as you'd expect :) There is quite a lot happening in the state in mountain biking at the moment, so we are trying to take out the best bits and apply them to Jarrahdale and other trails :)

Sorry we have been a bit quiet and have not managed to find someone to join the SJ trails inc on behalf of mtb just yet. I think when we get our regular trail build days happening down in Jarrahdale, we should be able to identify someone who would be suitable and willing to attend the SJ trails inc meetings. I would prefer this is someone who is in the local community, so that they are more likely to stay for a longer period of time.

Please feel free to share any of the above info with the rest of the group, and let me know if you would like any more info on the above. I look forward to all our exciting plans for 2014 and I hope that SJ trails inc will continue to support mountain biking.

Kind regards

Louise

04/04/2014

Hi Vanessa,

I hope you're well.

I send my apologies for this meeting.

Just to give you a quick update on mtb..

1. I am now the President of Wamba, after our AGM which was held on Saturday 31st March.
2. The trail building season is imminent. We will be having monthly trail build days at Langford Park.
3. Still looking for a keen mountain bike representative to get involved with SJ Trails Inc.
4. Whilst we have been unable to attend the meetings in Byford, I'm wondering if there is another way that the mountain bikers can work with SJ Trails inc or the local council to involve the local community in mountain biking. I'm aware there are some great camping/dining/wineries/outdoor activities available in that area, which I think if promoted with mountain biking in mind, could have great potential. If anybody is interested in talking more about this, I'm more than happy to have that discussion. e.g. we like to finish off our trail build days with lunch, which perhaps we could buy locally instead of bringing our own?

Cheers,
Louise