

MASSBUG
Annual General Meeting
MINUTES
1 NOVEMBER 2007, 7.30 pm
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Item 1: Report and Accounts

The 2006 Review and current accounts were tabled.

Item 2: Office Holders

Natalie Ross was re-elected as Treasurer, unopposed. There was unanimous agreement that Natalie continue and the group extended thanks to her work over the years.

Item 3: General Business

Bank account and fees

It was noted that the current account with the Commonwealth was very expensive considering the amount of income the group generated.

It was agreed that:

The Commonwealth Bank account be closed
A new Westpac 'Society' account be opened.
Two signatures would be required to operate the account.

The bank should hold three signature, any of which can operate the account:

Natalie Ross
Ian Phillips
Gilbert Grace

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Attendance: Visitors: Jane (2SER),
Nathan (Transportation Alternatives New York),

Members: Andrew,
Brenda,
Gilbert,
Fiona,
Paul,
Ian,
Jonathon

Item 1: Bicycle NSW AGM 4 November

Members were reminded that the AGM is Saturday at 1pm. Details were not posted by mail but were available on the website. Proxy votes are encouraged.

Members suggested that areas in which BNSW could improve include:

- a) Advocating the use of bicycles as an important part of transport in an urban area;
- b) Greater media coverage of cyclists concerns;
- c) Safety campaigns similar to those directed at drivers;
- d) An understanding that cyclists can create safe infrastructure by frequent use of specific roads;
- e) Encouraging cyclists to wear helmets, use lights and so on;
- f) Balance advocacy with business expertise.

Item 2: Bicycle Film Festival

Members noted the success of the Festival and recommended that if the festival returns that:

- a) A commercial cinema be used as the venue;
- b) Bike Parking is provided;
- c) Timing - exams and other cycling events competed with the film times;
- d) Content - mixed view about the range of commercial and independent films;
- e) Suggested that approaches be made to Film Schools in Sydney to submit films to the festival;
- f) Suggested that Tropfest be contacted to use a 'bicycle' as the object that must be seen in all films;
- g) Marrickville Council could be asked to consider hosting festival as they did with Riverlife.

Item 3: Newtown Festival

We need volunteers on the day to help hand out flyers for the talk about the Bike Bus in the Eco Tent - first event of the morning. Also grateful for help with this talk.

Material available on the day:

- a) Bring along copies of old Bicycle NSW magazines to give away;
- b) RTA maps;
- c) BIKE-IT for sale;
- d) Free raffle with question about car doors;
- e) Bring along small gadgets and parts and quality near new clothing for jumble sale.

Item 4: Membership Renewal

A reminder that renewals help us to pay for website, phone and meeting room hire.

Item 5: Rides 2007

- a) Seniors Week Ride: March 2007, submission made to BNSW to run a ride in early March.
- b) Heritage Week, Marrickville heritage committee has asked if we will do a ride again. Ian and Brenda will attend meeting: Ride 4 March 2007, 10 am Petersham Rail Station.
- c) Chocolate Ride – probably Saturday 31st March

Item 6: Marrickville Bike Plan

The plan is ready to go to Council. Warren would like a special meeting with massbug to go over the document.

A priority route from Lewisham–Petersham–Newtown, along the railway line has been nominated as the first route to receive attention and use the current funds available. Detailed design work has been done for this route. Engineers participated in a walk along the route to better understand the changes needed to improve routes.

There was a brief discussion about the treatment of Mary Street in Newtown and the proposed contra flow.

It is hoped that the ALP counsellors will support the plan. Members will be advised if any encouragement is needed.

Item 7: Local Issues Noted

- a) Back lane behind Enmore road has been sealed.
- b) More glass on roads after recycling days. Ian to ask Kendall to follow up on whether trucks need maintenance.
- c) Red gates at Alexandra Canal were in place during road maintenance. They have been forced open to gain access.
- d) Parking across ramps on Station St and Holt Street need to be enforced.
- e) Margaret and Simmons St, local pizza shop delivery scooters are using access and path.
- f) Greenway ramp at Gadigal Reserve is near completion.
- g) Development application by Newington College has asked for removal of trees and an additional 33 car spaces
- h) Information has been sent to Linda Burney.

Item 8: Other Business

- a) Local Government Conference.
- b) Questions about cycling were put to the Minister for Roads.
- c) Local citizen of the year, is blind and a cyclist. Needs \$5500 for a tandem bike. Suggest that contact be made with Blue Mountains Bug and bike shops that could sponsor cyclist.

Item 9: Next meeting

Wednesday 6 December