# NZSCA AGM Meeting

MINUTES 30/09/2012 4.35PM VICTORIA PARK HALL

MEETING CALLED BY	NZSCA	
TYPE OF MEETING	AGM	
FACILITATOR	Kevin Searle	
NOTE TAKER	Marie Laycock	
ATTENDEES	Marie Laycock- Margaret Nightingale- Greg Hiley- Stephen Arnet- Cyndre Augustin- Barbara Read- Tina Kara- Rick Faulding- Chris Lynd- Richard Kerby- Phil Carswell- Geraldine Marson- Stephen Layburn- Trevor Tillotson- Alan Gilder- Mark Hunter- Jane Morrison- Jones- Richard Leggat- Peter Reddish- Stu Smith- Errol Newlands- Kevin Searle- Racheal Cottam-  Kristina Spaans-  Grant Powell- Gary Gibson-	NZSCA secretary Rangitoto College St Cuthberts College Baradene College Pinehurst School St Peters College Cambridge Cambridge High School St Kentigern's College Mt Albert Grammar School Mt Albert Grammar School Lynfield College Auckland Grammar School Carmel College Scots College Sacred Heart College Auckland Sacred Heart College Auckland Westlake Boys High School BikeNZ Hamilton Boys High School Diocesan School for Girls Auckland St Peters Cambridge Villa Maria College/Canterbury Rep New Plymouth Girls High School/ West Coast NI Rep Waikato Diocesan School for Girls/ Waikato Rep St Peters Auckland/ Auckland/Northland Rep Rep for Wellington/Wairarapa Rep
APOLOGIES	Wayne Evans- Susan Mudford – Grant Van Ansem- Chris Ginders-	Rep for Otago/Southland St Kentigerns College Sacred Heart College Auckland Patron

# Agenda topics

## **INTRODUCTION**

DISCUSSION	Welcome from Chairperson, Kevin Searle.  Noted that we will be working to a time schedule to ensure the meeting is not too long.  Current NZSCA representatives were introduced.  Voting rights were established as there were more than seven members and
	the exec. present.

Agenda brought forward from general business, life members to be discussed
after the matters arising from the minutes.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

DISCUSSION	Issues of correctness asked for regarding the previous minutes, none were identified.  Errol Newlands asked if they could have received the previous minutes earlier. The meeting was advised that they will be posted on website. Moved to be correct by Errol Newlands, seconded by Alan Gilder. All agreed.  Matters arising, none.		
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as true and correct.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE		
No action items			

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

	No provision for awarding of life membership was in the previous constitution. NZSCA have now incorporated life membership into the constitution. The exec. has recommended the following people, they were nominated as per constitution by Auckland Grammar School and Villa Maria College.
DISCUSSION	Life members nominated were Bill Main, Angela De Jaeger, Brian Gilbert, Bruce and Amy Dawe and Chris Ginders. Unanimous agreement on nominations. Bruce and Amy Dawe were present and Bruce offered a response to his nomination.

#### **REPORTS**

# **Chairman's Report- (Attached)** Working on a triple pronged approach to long term development, the major programme has been working with BikeNZ on a new membership model. School cycling is probably the easiest membership model to fit into it. Schools will continue to get a membership, and all school riders get a free BikeNZ membership with benefits and can ride up to regional level and Island level. A \$10 membership fee for riders for Nationals, but if they have a Club Bike Ride membership, they will have a nil fee for schools racing. Public liability has been one of the most difficult issues in the past and is now solved with that membership model. Fine tuning is still to be done, but we are ready to move to accept that, other organistions have had issues, but we have been easy to **DISCUSSION** deal with. Looking at relationship agreement, with Grant Powell looking at management and governance, and major event management with long term process being evaluated, and have a full debrief in November. Kevin Searle thanked the executive as it has been a huge workload. Moved Kevin Searle/seconded Greg Hiley. Carried. **Financial Report (Attached)** Tabled and spoken to by Marie Laycock. A question was asked as to how the accounts for events are managed, and it was explained that BikeNZ manage

the funding for Nationals.

Moved Marie Laycock/ seconded Errol Newlands. Carried.

#### **Regional Reports (Attached)**

Regional reports were tabled, school cycling is in good health, with good growth through the country, and Gary Gibson was mentioned as the Wellington area's school cycling is growing very well with Gary's input. North Island events spoken to by Grant Powell, just starting to grasp governance issues in Auckland and need to build on school numbers and help other schools into cycling, but we must have good structures to support those schools coming in. Only twenty schools in Auckland cycling out of approx. 120.

Regional coordinators are now in many regions to assist with cycling growth. Good growth reported from South Islands cycling No queries on regional reports.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE**

DISCUSSION	Confirmation of executive nominations received from all regions except Nelson/Marlborough. Currently no nominations received for Nelson/Marlborough, but the RSDs are working on this. NZSSSC was contacted regarding requesting RSDs to ask schools in their regions to supply nominations, but no more were received before the AGM date other than the incumbent executive.		
CONCLUSIONS	Regional reps are confirmed as:  Grant Powell- Auckland/Northland Kristina Spaans- Waikato/BoP Racheal Cottam- West Coast North Islands Gary Gibson- Wellington/Wairarapa Kevin Searle- Canterbury Wayne Evans- Otago/Southland Patron- Chris Ginders  Awaiting confirmation of Nelson/Marlborough nomination.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Awaiting Nelson Nomination confirmation.			

## **REMITS**

	Executive constitutional remits		
	<b>Item 1.</b> Discussed that Bike NZ felt that their brand needs to be kept to BikeNZ, so we will remove from the constitution the wording" as trading under BikeNZ".  Items 3, 4, 6 are to put things back into correct place, or a tidy up typing.		
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DISCUSSION	Kevin Searle asked to move that the items 1,3,4,6 as a group, be amended.  Moved Kevin Searle/ seconded unknown. Carried.		
	<b>Item 2</b> is the motion to formalise co-option ability for Secretary and Treasurer role.		
	Moved Kevin Searle/seconded Greg Hiley. Carried.		

"Quorum" was noted as misspelt.

Richard Leggat spoke that the treasurer role will not be needed in the future, as this role will probably disappear as the bulk of NZSCA money will be held under the BikeNZ model, as a ledger. It was discussed that there will be need for further constitutional amendments after the review in the middle of next year before next years' Nationals.

**Item 5** to allow postal and electronic voting- this is to move it to the correct place in the constitution.

Moved Kevin Searle/seconded Alan Gilder Carried.

**Item 7** to allow electronic voting to allow regions to meet and vote on items electronically, and streamline the voting systems.

Moved Kevin Searle/ seconded Geraldine Marson. Carried

MAGS commented on the lack of member schools present, and asked if anyone would come to an AGM if they can vote electronically. The response was that we can do the work part on line through electronic voting and keep the AGM relatively short to deal with other issues. Gives greater democracy for schools who cannot attend.

The meeting thought it was a good idea.

**Item 8** Tidy up to effect constitutional change.

Moved Kevin Searle/ seconded Chris Lynd. Carried.

The exec. confirmed that they have the power to create by-laws such as racing rules.

#### By laws

Kevin Searle moved the new **rules 13.1 and 13.2** be accepted Moved Kevin Searle/seconded by Alan Gilder. Carried.

Stephen Layburn wanted to make sure the current racing rules are valid.

**Rule 14** creates a method for electronic voting by bylaw and distributed. Moved Kevin Searle/ seconded Alan Gilder. Carried.

#### **Exec remit**

Many wheels have decorative carbon which has no functional benefit, but it is disqualifying wheels. One rider in South Islands had a power meter with a carbon wrap, which he had to take off and find another wheel.

Suggest all wheels must have an alloy rim and wheel height of no more than 45mm.

Shamal have the deepest rim that a school cyclist will use. Discussion that some riders today were riding shamals, but it was not picked up. If the concept is rims, then that is all we need to be concerned about. There was discussion that if the rider with carbon wheels had finished in the top five it would have been picked up.

Errol Newlands spoke that we need to be mindful that technical changes made for schools can affect riders at club with different rules. Kevin Searle replied that we are in consultation with BRT to ensure that we all align to make it easier, and research from overseas shows that there are no common roll outs in other countries for U17.

Errol also asked about School, Track, road and tri aligning. Kevin asked for show of hands to allow remit to continue. Agreement was

**DISCUSSION** 

	unanimous
	St Kentigern College remit Remit 1 Rick Faulding wanted to withdraw remit one.
DISCUSSION	Remit 2 asked about the Tour of Manawatu dates as the riders are torn about which event to compete in as selectors want top riders to race in the Tour. There is an inconsistency in standards.  Richard Leggat said that BikeNZ would like the Tour to change dates, but has not had the authority to change it, he was unsure about the development squad being pressured into competing, but will have more funding for development to bring high development performance into this area. If that happens, they should be able to look at more appropriate events for selection. Schools Nationals should take precedence. Richard felt that we should not have concurrent events.  Rick Faulding spoke about history of the Tour of Manawatu and how it fitted into the school Nationals as a race for individuals after the initial sole race of the Team Time Trials. This was before the road race and points race were introduced.  Racheal Cottam said that the Tour was recently made a selection race by BRT, and three weeks' notice was not long enough for preparation to choose between school Nationals and the Tour. It highlights a need for an integrated calendar. The Manawatu Tour has grown at the expense of our event. They also wanted to make the junior tour a part of Nationals.  Parents will go where ever the events are, and if it is important, parents will still go.  Duathalon have also put their National event on this weekend.  If the Tour was another weekend the riders would still go. Only 16 riders in total raced this year in the Tour. It also stretches the commissaires when both events are run at the same time.  NZSCA will discuss this with BRT.
	<b>Remit 3</b> looked at condensing racing into a shorter season. Kevin Searle spoke about benefits of the 2 term period of competition, as programmes that operate across the term 2/3 have better involvement than those operating in terms 1 and 4.  Tournament week allows participants to travel to events, schools have been very supportive, but may be less supportive if riders have more time off. Also many cyclists are involved in other sports which are played in tournament week and pick up cycling at the end of the week.
	<b>Remit 4</b> has making both team time trial teams four or both teams five. History of team size is a numbers game, more participation in junior level (4 to start with 3 to finish) and less participation at senior level. St Peters champions in this years' team time trials only rode with 3, didn't need 4 <sup>th</sup> rider.  It was discussed that it is harder to race with 5 so it is a technical progressior from juniors to seniors. Errol wants to make it more accessible but is open to an argument one way or another. It would have meant some riders missed

out if it had been adopted this year.

numbers are dropping off.

easier to ride with 5.

Kristina asked about having enough riders for 5 in a senior team. Senior

Alan Gilder said Sacred Heart College Auckland rode a year 8 in senior B,

Stu Smith also said that if came down to 4 it could get a more competitive situation as riders have a huge range of ability, start with 4, 3 to finish. Kevin Searle asked for the view of the meeting, juniors keep as the same, asked about changing seniors to ride with 4, 3 to finish.

Errol Newlands asked if exec. could contact all schools to see how it would affect them and get a better picture.

Discussed that this is not a vote to change it, but look at it further. Hamilton Boys High agreed with the progression from junior to senior riders to ride with 5 riders. Felt that progression to 5 riders has encouraged riders to achieve more highly. Larger teams had to learn better communication, fluency.

Effect on regional comps would also matter, as Auckland TTTs would have been racing with 5 all year in senior teams, and don't want to change the rules in the middle of the year. If we look at this we need to consider the composite remit. Do we have a whole lot of composite teams instead?

Kevin Searle asked for a show of hands; 12 for, 7 against.

#### **Carmel College remit**

Permutation on similar thing to last discussion. Stephen Layburn wanted accessibility to riding in a TTT in all competitions, and capture that interest. Kevin Searle spoke to the history of Nationals TTT, set up initially and if all riders could not participate in a team, then started to introduce more individual events; road race and points race.

Composite team could be set up for rorting. School Points competition now has the reserves trophies. We know that schools have targeted the reserves race historically to win if they felt that they could not win the TTT race. Regionally, we allow for composite teams to compete and can at North Islands, but, Nationals should be a pinnacle event. Maadi Cup would not have a composite team.

Grant Powell discussed that if only 3 or 4 teams are able to compete it is not a competition. We could have a pool of riders, if they are not already racing in a comp team. Does not detract from the competition, at least have teams racing.

Greg Hiley spoke about how Auckland has already discussed this remit, and commented that senior girls who did not make the school teams could have ridden as a composite team. Pool track national's riders get pulled out of a hat to make composite teams.

A senior team came down without their 6<sup>th</sup> rider, who didn't come down for individual events, but would have if they had a comp team.

Chris Lynd from MAGS agreed that participation is important. We need to recognize that there is a real groundswell for this. Some schools only have 1 person cycling, who is cycling at a national level, but cannot compete in Team time trials. If we need to grow the sport, we need to recognize this. They must not compete in same category as other existing categories. Kristina Spaans asked whether composite teams need to have ridden with other, but it was agreed that they need not have ridden together. Racheal Cottam also pointed out that it would be a very long day if we have composite teams as well, last teams left at 3.30pm at these nationals.

The two minute gaps between team start times were discussed. Kevin Searle felt that we needed that time in case of mechanicals. Stu Smith said that Auckland ran teams at 30 second intervals, and 120 teams ran with this with no problem. Most felt that they would be in favour of composite teams and an appropriate structure to run them in.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Composite teams would not be involved in racing for the cups, it would not be a premium grade.

Geraldine Marson commented that it may also maintain interest in juniors so will be more likely to go to seniors.

Grant Powell commented that informal composite teams on the day have worked very well historically- riders have regarded it as an adventure. Majority were happy to not have the composite teams in the point's competition/ premiere grade.

Balloted pools of teams supported by meeting, if individuals enter can ask to go into a composite team.

We will take away for further discussion.

#### St Peters remit

**Item 1** Year 7 and 8s. Errol Newlands discussed that we have intermediate, secondary schools etc. Believe that year 7/8 should be competing in their peer group. They may be part of a secondary school, but have rights to say they are the best intermediate school.

Single year age groups recommended in secondary school age groups all the way through, including U18. U19 mentioned but should be U20 as this is the NZSSSC ruling (to include year 14 rugby players).

Kevin Searle explained that the exec. have moved very strongly to the U13 and U14 model, we also now have a cup for the U13 grade from Amy and Bruce Dawe. Last year we split the grades to age groups and had much cleaner racing. Now it has gone all around the country, and been met almost universally with approval.

Year 8 riders may be large or small in their group. Errol Newlands said that riders should be in their peer group at that level.

Errol Newlands suggested that people may appear happy, as they have no choice, and in triathalons they race in intermediate school levels. Greg Hiley representing Auckland schools, said that the U 18 age group is unnecessary, as they are racing together anyway. Tend to have lower numbers at this age also, especially in senior girls. U13/14 goes quite well for Auckland. Also affects secondary schools as very small fields U14. Kristina Spaans felt that there are less year 7s, because they are scared to ride with year 8s in U13, and shouldn't have to ride with secondary school riders.

Gave us one less race by implementing U13 and U14 and takes pressure off commissaires.

#### U13/U14 status quo consideration. 14 for and 5 against.

U 20 are technically able to ride in large groups so don't split grade. In U20 boys 92 riders raced today lost 20 riders on the first hill and 20 on the next hill from the main bunch. Entry numbers are stabilised in boys, but at present girls increased to around 20 riders, which is unusual for this year. If bought in U18 some riders would never ride U20.

#### U 18 introduction consideration. 11 for and 14 against.

**Item 2** Gear restrictions- controversial but will addressed in the future with change in membership model. Errol Newlands was happy to leave it to further discussion. Rationale is that NZSCA are now working with BRT on this. Racheal Cottam reported that the racing was so much easier this year as the gearing was the same.

**Item 3** Age groups tabled but Errol Newlands was aware it may not go any

**DISCUSSION** 

further tonight, happy to see how things go with the membership model.

**Item 4** Would like race distances changed as school distances are too short and not age appropriate. We need to develop clear guidelines about what are appropriate distances for the age groups. The exec is going to look at this. Rather than distances changed we need good guidelines that can be applied to other events.

Richard Leggat said BikeNZ want more consistency across the three events. Three different groups run events, and need to have some guidelines for consistency.

Kevin Searle said that the exec. will look at this.

Stu Smith asked what everyone thought of this.

Greg Hiley and Geraldine Marson agreed that we need a harder course at North Islands. South Islands is raced on a flat race track.

Alan Gilder asked about how remits get passed into action. Kevin Searle replied that it will be discussed by exec., go to a technical or relevant committee or may survey the schools. There have been cyclical changes in rules historically. There are limits to consultation and any changes need to be a democratic process. Exec has had some clear indications from tonight to take away.

Some rules are more complex and need more consideration.

Election methods of exec. discussed.

Any changes need to be done by next year in order to feed into schools for next year. Minutes need to up in a timely fashion.

Exec was asked if there is a final consultation which goes back to all the schools for a final decision.

Kevin Searle replied that if the issue was particularly big enough, it would go back to the schools, but there are no hard and fast rules. We don't want a rule change vote as popularity contest.

Grant Powell reported that the exec. is accountable to each region, and report back to get feedback, or the process will break down. Waikato agreed.

Auckland has had two special meetings to get feedback this year. Canterbury is responsible to their centre.

Unanimous agreement on formulation of race distance guidelines.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Exec. to develop a method for electronic voting, and distribute to member schools.

NZSCA will discuss changing the date of the Tour of Manawatu away from Nationals with BRT Remit on change in wheels will go to the technical committee.

Exec to look at remit for changing number of senior riders in a team time trial to 4. Further discussion on composite teams remit.

Exec will consider the change to include an U18 age group Exec to formulate guidelines for race distances.

#### **BIKE NZ MEMBERSHIP**

# Grant spoke about the SLA/relationship agreement which is under development.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Richard commented that Grant sent a draft relationship agreement to BikeNZ, and they would like to use this for other MOs which will indicate how BikeNZ wants to work with each of the members and what each delivers. It will include nature of events, how run, work to fund, professional event provision. Regions events will feed into Islands and Nationals and ensure consistency. We want pathways for riders coaches and officials. The Relationship

	agreement documents how we interact. The SLA will be like an annual plan which gets updated each year.  Grant Powell- the focus is around good working relationships as there have been misunderstandings in the past. Grant has been working with Keiran Turner to ensure consistency.  Grant Powell will send out the document to member schools when more work has been done on it.  Discussions were around principles about what it should be. The consensus was to keep working on it and if leads to consistency with other MOs, it also will bring consistency around gearing etc.  We now have a clear and amicable relationship with BikeNZ.		
CONCLUSIONS	More consultation with BikeNZ regarding relationship agreement by Exec.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to develop relationship documents with BikeNZ		Grant Powell	

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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	National's dates will be 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> September. South Islands will be the weekend of the end of term 2. 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> July.		
DISCUSSION	North Islands has been proposed to of funding from Waipa district councithe 5 <sup>th</sup> October.  It was reported that Sandra Carter hand that was what they had said. Schad no requests for feedback from Schad no requests for feedback from Schools, Dio and Auckland Grammar and would have logistical problems. Sanctioning form needs to be in by 5 though. NZSCA sanctions first then it exec. will action immediately and the holidays. Will publish all dates. Cuddon Tour has proposed dates of first weekend of tournament week. We will make that National Individual complementary event to Nationals. Scome up to Mt Wellington. Auckland will help out any schools will individuals. We will publish all the dates by the experience of the sanction of the same proposed will not supplementary event to Nationals. Scome up to Mt Wellington.	and asked for feedback from mool representatives presentatives presentatives on change in dates. It run in three different ways do a problem. Some large Aucan't use accommodation at the Oct. Kevin said that flexible goes to BikeNZ and then to the have a response by end of the standard problem. Some large Aucan't use accommodation at the Oct. Kevin said that flexible goes to BikeNZ and then to have a response by end of the schools would be recognized outh Island schools would be the want to come up to National of the school holidays.	the schools t said they  c. ickland t St Peters, collity is there o NZSSSC. of the oer, moved to arle ed as oe keen to onal
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Confirm dates for Island events and nationals and distribute before the end of the school holidays  Exec. 15 <sup>th</sup> Oc		15 <sup>th</sup> October	

MEETING CLOSED	Meeting ended 7.10pm.
NEXT MEETING	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2013

#### NZSCA Chairman's report to AGM 2012

2012 has been a significant year for NZSCA.

It has been a year of significant workload for your executive. To the executive I thank you for your willingness in volunteering precious time to enable this organisation to grow and develop. In particular your focus on good outcomes for our cyclists is key to development.

Sometimes the workload of the back room is not readily appreciated as it not seen at the hands on level but without it an organisation would be piecemeal and fractured.

Our work on the new membership model with BikeNZ has been significant. As it turned out NZSCA's willingness to look at a coordinated membership pathway made this journey very smooth. I am left in no doubt that the new membership model will enable our cyclists to transist easily across our wider bike community. In particular issues of liability are clearly defined ....an issue while seemingly of little consequence to riders has significant benefit to our organisation, event organisers and managers.

The role BikeNZ plays with NZSCA is significant. In particular I am grateful to Grant Powell our Auckland delegate for his careful and considered work in negotiating our Relationship agreement with BikeNZ. We are moving very close to the finality of that document.

In summary the relationship agreement moves us closer to NZSCA working in a Governance role with BikeNZ assuming more management responsibility.

We have made significant progress in the development of the major event management model with BikeNZ. The day of volunteer driven events is coming rapidly to an end. Externally imposed standards combined with growth and increased consumer expectations mean that events increasingly require good business models and professional management teams.

This does not mean that there is no place for volunteers. It simply means that the role of the volunteer will change. In fact as a regular volunteer I believe this approach benefits volunteers.

Without the professional event management support given by Sport Manawatu our National Championship could not function. The work done by Steph Dench and her team cannot pass without mention. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment of Sport Manawatu to our organisation.

The collaboration of Sport Manawatu, NZSCA, BikeNZ and Levin Cycle Club takes this event to new levels. By November of this year we hope to have final agreement on the major event management model.

What this means is that school cycling is in good health and will continue to be in good health. A record number of cyclists at our national champs when many codes report lesser numbers.

I cannot repeat enough that this event brings together the largest number of cyclists in the BikeNZ family at one event. This is the nest of cycling in this country!

It is gratifying to see the take up of our revised rollout in school events around the country. It has been met with almost total support. An interesting side effect of the membership debate amongst member organisations has seen BikeNZ road and track propose that we look at common rollout. Given the work we have done on the new rollout and the number of school cyclists we are hopeful Road and Track will see the benefit of our approach.

This leads me to the perennial bogey of rule alteration. Our racing rules are not constitutional matters to be voted at an AGM. While they may be discussed at an AGM that is often the beginning of the task of considering appropriate rules.

Racing rules are not and must not be a popularity contest. The role of the executive in this area is to maintain consistency of racing and to consider long term impact of changes.

Finally I want to say thank you to all those who involve themselves in school cycling, from the athletes to teachers, coaches, parents, volunteers and supporters. This highly successful part of cycling is almost unique in the cycling world. As the coach of the Canadian team at the recent junior world champs said to me " no wonder you kiwis are so good at everything". Long may school cycling have its place in making us "so good"!

Kevin Searle Chairman

# NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL CYCLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

\$ 3,612.54

\$ 9,320.09

\$ 3,397.09

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INCOME		
Registrations	\$ 4,236.00	
Interest	\$ 11.14	
Trust funding/Donations	\$ 4,887.50	\$ 9,104.64
		\$ 12,717.18
EXPENDITURE		
Meeting expenses	\$ 715.25	
Event expenses	\$ 7987.34	
Bike NZ membership fees	\$ 430.00	

\$ 187.50

Completed by Marie Laycock and Racheal Cottam.

Balance at Bank at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011

**OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1-1-2011** 

15 September 2012

Trophy purchase

#### **2012 Regional Reports**

#### Auckland - Northland Region

2012 was another successful year for school cycling in the north. In particular:

The 7 race ASSC Waterfront Team Time Trial series completed a successful move to Mangere as a result of road works on Tamaki Drive. The new course proved to be challenging but without as much traffic pressure. The series attracted some 120 teams from over 20 schools.

This year's National Individual Secondary Schools Cycling Championships (Mt Wellington) were changed from a three day to two day event. While this gave rise to some logistical issues for both riders and schools and some loss of atmosphere at the hill climb, but overall the event worked well and attracted 540 entries.

The North Harbour Junior Tour run by the North Harbour Cycling Club continued to establish itself as a central part of the Auckland school cycling calendar attracting over 220 entries to this 4 stage event. In particular it is good to see a cycling club putting on an event that directly meets the needs of the school cycling community.

The Auckland Track Club has continued to run its introduction to track cycling over the summer, though providing over 100 track bikes for hire over the season and free coaching on Saturday mornings. This provides a great starting point for Auckland schools riders to start track cycling.

The challenges for the next year will include growing the number of schools participating in the Team Time Trial series, and continuing to develop the Mt Wellington event to attract schools from all over the country.

#### NZSCA Waikato/Bay of Plenty Regional Report

School cycling is alive and well in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region.

The Waikato Cycling Sports Academy offers a myriad of opportunities for participation in school cycling events for riders from Year 5 to 13. Typically competitors come from Hamilton, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Hauraki Plains, Tauranga and Taupo schools:

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Schools Road Race attracted 120 riders

Inaugural Team Time Trial series – 3 events with 23 teams competing

3 stage Junior Mini Tour in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year with 70 riders

Individual and team triathlons and duathlons feature many familiar road cyclists.

These events are well run at a reasonable cost using WCSA staff and volunteers. Numbers will undoubtedly continue to increase over time.

Participant numbers in the North Island Schools Championships in Cambridge were slightly down on last year. This did not detract from the well run event, contributing to a successful weekend. The girls' points trophy was again won by Waikato Diocesan School for Girls.

Competition was fierce between the 150 plus riders at the North Island Intermediate and Middle Schools Road Cycling Championships held in Taupo on August 30. The event is organised by Taupo Intermediate School on the Taupo Motorsport track for Year 7 & 8 riders. 26 Schools from Auckland to Wellington participated.

Looking forward, the number of school riders will undoubtedly increase year by year with the excellent events run in the region together with grassroots cycling development by the Kiwisport BikeNZ Cycling Co-ordinator based at Sport Waikato and the newly appointed BikeNZ Regional Development Co-ordinator. Add to this the opportunities presented by the Avantidrome and Home of Cycling in Cambridge. The possibilities for school cycling in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty are exciting!

#### West Coast North Island Region

In the Taranaki Region we are seeing a growth in schools cycling, due to the new excitement and hype created by the new cycle park at Bell Block. This year we hosted the largest number of schools rider to a Taranaki Secondary Schools event at Lepperton and riders came from as far as Opunake and Hawera to attend the event which consisted of a Handicapped Road Race and an Individual Time Trial. We expect to see a large increase in school numbers in New Plymouth with the introduction of Structure programmes commencing with the track and rider development in the next few months.

As my region is well spread it is impossible to comment on the areas I don't see only than to say that the growth of the Intermediate event at Taupo is a great example of a well run event that caters for a schools market and is now a recognised part of many schools calendars.

The Manawatu region also has a strong schools base and structure and growth in numbers from the manawatu region has been particularly strong.

#### Wellington Report from Gary Gibson 6-8-2012

We are currently underway with a series of Schools/Club junior criterium events as a lead up to the Wellington Schools Champs on 16th Sept. Riders and Schools are looking at going to the Cuddon Tour as well. A few are also planning to go to the Yunca Tour.

I had a meeting with College Sport Wellington today. We are now starting out on a two-year project to build schools cycling within the Wgtn Region. The initial stage will be to meet with all the regional cycling delivery groups and trying a co-ordinated approach with all of them getting behind developing our Youth. My plan is to convince them that it's in their own best interests.

The second stage will be me talking to Schools Sport Co-ordinators at the annual College Sport get-together and give a half-hour seminar on Schools Cycling around the country and in Wellington. College Sport have fully endorsed this project and they're really keen to see the development of cycling in Wellington.

Once these meeting are out of the way, I will be co-ordinating a more comprehensive Schools programme for next year and plan to have this in the College Sports 2013 Diary and be sanctioned by College Sports. Deadline is beginning of November.

Next will be concentrating on the Wairarapa.

#### Nelson Marlborough School Cycling Report 2012

The Nelson Marlborough Schools (Tasman)champs were held on May 16th with 46 riders taking part from 15 schools. This was an individual time trial, a road race and a team time trial.

The format mirrors the South Island champs and is timed to occur before that event.

The Cuddon Two Day Tour was held on  $8^{th}$  and  $9^{th}$  September, with 190 riders and 44 schools attending from as far north as Waikato Dio and as far south as Timaru.

It was an individual time trial, a criterium, a hillclimb and a road race.

It was unfortunate that after checking with Bikenz last August, to avoid clashes, the Tour of Taieri was subsequently put on the same date. As this is a race in the National Points series some riders attended that event. The Mt Wellington event was this year on the same date but I don't think this had any impact on either event because of the physical distance.

During the year there was a winter series of 10 races run for school riders by Karen Fulton in Nelson and another 9 planned in summer. These were a mixture of scratch handicap and points races.

Cycling Nelson will start a track program on October the 14 and work on the construction of the new velodrome will be started shortly.

In Blenheim there is an active group of 15 to 18 younger U15 riders racing most weeks and another 8 to 10 school riders in the U17 or older categories.

We are looking forward to a great track season with a large number of riders already attending skills programs run by Mark Grammar and Lance Spencer.

We have not received any applications for a regional rep but the Tasman Regional Sports Director has contacted schools and approached a few individuals but no takers yet.

**Chris Ginders** 

Patron NZSCA

Blenheim 27/9/2012

#### **CANTERBURY WEDNESDAY SCHOOLS RACING**

Another very successful season completed – racing the middle two terms of the School year. 210 Students from 25 different schools. More Girls than Boys now compete in this competition.

Racing was held mostly on an out and home course in Halswell.

Graded Scratch Races, Time Trials, Hill Climbs and Teams Races including The Canterbury Schools Teams Time Trial Championships for the Litolff & Dawe Cups were held.

Some weeks up to 15 races were held in the 90 minute limited time slot available.

Star performers for year were Tayler Reed (Shirley BHS) with 6 wins and Olivia Podmore (Middleton Grange School) 5 wins from 10 Individual races conducted.

The coveted Schools Points Trophy was won by Villa Maria College by a narrow 20 point margin (360 to 340) over Christchurch BHS

Huge thanks goes to Bruce and Amy Dawe and their team for their efforts in making 2012 another successful year. Bruce has been running school cycling in Canterbury since 1967. This is service to our cycling community without peer! **SOUTH ISLAND SCHOOLS CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

The 31st running of the South Island Schools Cycling Championships were held in early July at the Ruapuna Raceway Christchurch in fine weather.

Over 225 riders competed from 50 different Schools from throughout the South Island.

Racing was over 2 days – Saturday Individual Time Trial 6 age groups Boys & Girls & Teams Time Trial 3 age groups Boys & Girls

Sunday Mass start Road Races 6 Age Groups Under 13 to Under 20 for Boys & Girls.

Seven Riders won both their Time Trial & Road Race.

Bailey Ford (Waimea Intermediate) U13

Josh Scott (Burnside H.S.) U14

Joshua Smith (Christchurch B.H.S.) U15

Luke Wieblitz (St.Bedes College) U20

Olivia Podmore (Middleton Grange) U16

Holly Edmondston (St Kevin's College) U17

Laura Steffens (St Andrews College) U20.

Special Thanks to Mainland Foundation for their Grant to cover Venue Hire & St Johns, our two Major Expenses.

#### Dunedin South (Otago & Southland) Regional Report

This year's School cycling started with the Southland school Road cycling championships on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, this was supported by mainly Southland regional schools.

With the South Island school championships being held on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Four Otago Secondary Schools commenced training for the event, with many new riders experiencing schools competition for thefirst time.

Otago's Columba College has carried on the momentum from attending the South Island championships and have made the trip north to attend the Nationals this weekend.

Other regional events happening during next school term are

CentralOtago schools Mtb champs 22 nd September
Southland Schools track Pursuiting 30 th September

Otago Schools Road Champs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Otago Schools Track Championships 9<sup>th</sup> December

The future of the region's Schools cycling is indeed very promising with greater interest since the Olympics. Group rides are well supported. During the summer months weekly schools track cycling

will commence, cumulating with the Otago/Southland schools track championships March 30 th next year,

Wayne Evans NZSCA Dunedin South Representative