10th May 2006 AGM

- 1) Elect New Chairman
 - Tim Sellors was elected Chairman
- 2) Elect New Secretary
 - Nick Harms was elected Secretary
- 3) Dalby Pass
 - FC do not wish to be a Main Sponsor therefore FC will be removed from all of our literature as a Main Sponsor.
 - It was agreed that to get a Dalby Pass members would have to do 2 work days, only however if it is based on the previous year, as this is easier for SingletrAction to manage.
 - After checking the Data Protection Act Information, SingletrAction are not allowed to pass on the details without written permission from each member.
 - SingletrAction will provide the name of the member but the individual member will email FE with their address details should they wish to have a pass
 - If SingletrAction have permission the Treasurer will forward all the details onto FE.
 - The HoTD for each area will clarify to the treasurer which members have done the two dig days.
 - It was stated that without the Free Dalby Pass, 90% of the SingletrAction Members would not visit Dalby Forest. Last year those same members visited Dalby once, without the Pass they would not have visited. Therefore it was seen as beneficial to Dalby Forest & its local economy that FE & SingletrAction keep this scheme.
 - It was recognised that 5 Members out of the 82 joined SingletrAction last year for the Free Dalby Pass. Therefore SingletrAction would lose this revenue as FE are unwilling to supply a small number of free passes for SingletrAction to do as they wish.

4) Accounts Overview

 At the end of April SingletrAction had £4615.00. Allocated as follows

Members Location	No of Members	Sponsorship	Raised by Membership	Total
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Dalby	19		£	605.92	£ 605.92
Guisborough	6		£	191.34	£ 191.34
Stainburn	39	£ 500.00	£	1,243.72	£1,743.72
Wharncliffe	8	£ 1,500.00	£	255.12	£1,755.12
York	10		£	318.90	£ 318.90
	<u>82</u>	£ 2,000.00	£	2,615.00	£4,615.00

- It was agreed that the £318.90 raised by the York Members would be given to the Wharncliffe Group
- It was pointed out that SingletrAction have to become a registered charity as we now exceed £1000 per annum.
- The Treasurer explained that the reason the current account was around the £4.5K mark was due to the fact that SingletrAction Stainburn did not spend the money allocated to them from last years AGM. This was down to the materials been given by FE, followed by the successful Sponsorship from the North Yorkshire Moors Aggregate Levy to build the extra 1.5Km Route.

5) Dalby

- It was stated by the HoTD (Head of Trail Design) that the Pace Skills area would be open to the GP in July 06
- There were grave concerns raised over the lack of grip paint on the technical boardwalk, in particular the wider boardwalk sections.
- The HoTD pointed out that he would have more structure for the maintenance/work days.
- The HoTD informed us that although the first quarter of the XC trails would be way marked, in case riders stumbled across the trail, the XC trail would not be open until 2007
- Concerns were raised over the quality of the trails, HoTD informed us that now the contractor was up to speed the new section are of a much better quality than the poorly designed/built sections under the supervision of Martin O'Vaster from FE. This eased concerns, but a question mark remains regarding the quality and sustainability of the first quarter of the trail network.
- The HoTD informed SingletrAction that digger time has been allocated for the DH, this will

allow a new push up and the completion of the DH.

• It was expressed that FE have gone over the top with Health & Safety, and therefore they are recommending an alternative Downhill Course. Members pointed out that the existing course is ideal as it is a proper Downhill. Not an XC type descent as proposed by FE.

6) Guisborough

- The HoTD informed us that a £25K feasibility study has been undertaken for trails. It has been decided that £20K will be spent on a new trail network in approximately 3 years. The delay is down to FE's inability to manage the project until the completion of the work in Dalby.
- The young guys building North Shore in Guisborough didn't join, even after HoTD negotiated a reduced membership fee for students. They seem to have abandoned all their activity.
- The Guisborough Members don't have the motivation to build anything new as it will become redundant when the new trails are built
- They are concentrating on re-opening old trails after the felling and fallen trees over winter.
- HoTD involved in all the meetings and the design of the new trails.

7) Stainburn - Warren Boulder Trail

- After building 1.5Km of trail, SingletrAction pressured FE for the original agreement that sponsorship should be looked for.
- SingletrAction helped FE get the £37K from the North Yorkshire Aggregate Levy
- After the clear felling the original trail was completely lost, therefore the HoTD's had to completely re-design the trail.
- Contractors started the work at the beginning of the year and it is expected that they will be completed in a couple of months.
- FE pushed for a down grade of the trail, thus chicken runs are being installed on the SingletrAction built section of trail
- It has been noticed that the Chicken Runs are of a poor quality standard. Martin O'Vaster was informed but showed little interest.

- The Contractor sections are of a poor build quality in comparison to the SingletrAction sections but it was seen as a lot of free trail that would have taken SingletrAction years to build.
- SingletrAction have had a great response from sponsors, Chevin Cycles are very keen to get more involved, ATB sales are holding an event there to show off their new Freeride bike the Marin Quake, Hope are sponsoring the section from the Humpback to the top of the Cole Shoot.
- FE are not happy about the separate sponsors, but this was the only way to raise money before they actual took a proper interest in Stainburn.
- 1st Sunday's of the month (dig days) have had a good turn out and a lot of hard work has been put in.
- SingletrAction have worked on the areas built by the contractors to improve the quality.

8) Stainburn - XC Descent

- Since the loss of the original trail route after the felling, a new 1Km Descent has been marked up.
- This is awaiting an Ops 1 approval from FE
- There isn't any money left from the £37K to build this.
- Members are angry that the money was supposed to pay for a 4.2KM, and has only paid for 3.1Km
- More confusion has been brought about when the Forest District Manager for the area said that it should pay for a 4.2Km route and the Recreation Ranger and Forest Manager say otherwise. This was seen as another example of poor communication within and from FE.

9) Stainburn - Norwood Trails

- The funding application for Norwood was unsuccessful
- FE wanted to completely remove all the trails in the Norwood Plantation
- Our new Chairman informed FE that the Norwood trails are an essential part of the whole Stainburn picture and without them visitors would be considerably reduced as people would not be willing to travel to ride a small 3.1km route.

- FE agreed that we could keep them, but they are not very interested in endorsing it
- SingletrAction have been allowed to way mark the Norwood Trail with paint on trees but all signage is to be removed.

10) Stainburn - North Shore

- One year ago the Northshore was completed by SingletrAction
- FE examined the Shore and requested some alterations
- The alterations were completed and Martin O'Vaster, Nick Short and Cath Brason approved the North Shore.
- The North Shore was then sold to Chevin as the main sponsor.
- Now a year later FE have changed their mind and are no longer happy with the North Shore
- The changes requested have been seen as unreasonable.
- The threats to remove it by FE are seen unprofessional
- Many members are considering leaving SingletrAction's FE work due to the mismanagement of the North Shore by FE
- It was believed that if FE had not approved the North Shore in the first instance, over a year ago, this issue would never have arisen.
- The problem is still to be resolved

11) Stainburn - General

- It was felt that SingletrAction has become less important to FE
- This is highlighted by their unprofessional manner and lack of communication.
- Since the area has been clear felled and an FC sign installed more walkers have appeared (not Ramblers).
- It is felt that an accident is bound to happen until no walking signs are put up. HoTD for Dalby pointed out that all the XC trails in Dalby would be Bikes only. SingletrAction members agreed that this was a sensible solution for the Warren Boulder Trail
- It was also pointed out the FE installed sign didn't even inform people that the Warren Trail was an MTB route, thus walkers have been wandering down the trail. The sign has recently

been damaged and needs replacing, it has been suggested by the SingletrAction Point of Contact for FE that the new sign should read. 'Warren Boulder Mountain Bike Trail' this will then stop any confusion by visitors to the forest.

- For safety reason's SingletrAction has recommended a Nature Walk be put in place and thus divert Walkers onto a safe route. This to date has basically been ignored by FE.
- It is believed that FE have abandoned the Management Proposal for Stainburn Forest, therefore the Norwood Trails (as man made) and the Family Trails will not come to fruition
- With this in mind it is believed that FE's support of SingletrAction is coming to a conclusion

12) Northshore

- After the fiasco at Stainburn it has been requested that a Full Specification for North Shore is provided
- HoTD for Dalby believed that Dalby would be the show piece
- See concerns in section 5 reference FE's North Shore

13) Wharncliffe

- HoTD very positive about their start and assistance by Wharncliffe FE.
- Digging of cross country trail has begun
- Proposals have been submitted regarding the Downhill Course
- Sponsorship money to be spent on appropriate works
- · Good numbers at the dig days.
- HoTD currently looking for a Retail Sponsor
- HoTD planning on looking for funding in a couple of months
- HoTD looking for corporate sponsor for each course
- SingletrAction members pleased with Wharncliffe coming on board with SingletrAction

14) FE Trail Inspection Team Proposals

 Members expressed that it was a good idea to have

- All members pointed out that it would be difficult for SingletrAction to undertake as we all have real jobs
- Further Members are considerably less interested knowing how FE run things.

15) Yorkshire Water

- Iain Johnston becomes the HoTD and Point of Contact for Yorkshire Water
- \bullet A meeting is arranged with Bob Baxter from YW for Monday $15^{\rm th}$
- SingletrAction/CycleYorkshire/Yorkshire Water will be linked.
- The Hope is: The Bridleways will be linked to create a loop, which can be joined to the Warren Boulder Trail and the Norwood Edge Trail
- Members were pleased to have a none FE project.

16) Materials

- One of our members requested that a more consistent aggregate be supplied as the current is a bit hit and miss.
- The aggregate supplied by SingletrAction has the perfect consistency of clay and rock
- FE and the Contractors Aggregate is a bit hit and miss and doesn't always have the best mix, often to dry, making the trails very loose.

17) Website

- It was suggested that more information be provided on the SingletrAction website.
- Two other members have offered the Webmaster their services should he so wish to use them
- It was suggested that more members have access to adding information. I.e. the HoTD's for each area.
- This makes the Front Page more active and appealing to visitors

18) Membership Cards & Membership Forms

- It was agreed that the participation retailers would be displayed on the membership cards
- It was agreed that should SingletrAction wish to continue with the FE Dalby Pass for next financial year (07/08) then a Data Protection Act tick box will be added to Next Years Form, and the current online form for 06/07, but it

is too late for the existing members who have rejoined.

19) Maps

• It was suggested that a SingletrAction Map, showing Swinsty Washburn, Warren Boulder Trail and Norwood Edge Trail be produced. This will be checked over with FE and Yorkshire Water

20) Meetings

• It was decided that a six monthly meeting will be held, arranged by the Secretary

21) Points Missed at the AGM

- SingletrAction are delighted to inform its members that we are now going to be working with the North Yorkshire Moors National Park building a brand new Bridleway from scratch
- Meeting date for this is the 4th June 2006.
- FE have requested a joint contract between Forestry Commission and SingletrAction. Under the current circumstances it is probably best that this is discussed at the next meeting date

Next Meeting date: Wednesday October 4th 2006.