



## AGENDA: FAT TRACKS SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, WALMER GOLF CLUB, 79 RIVER RD | 25 JULY 2025

### 1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson **Pieter Labuschagne** opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

He provided an overview of the meeting's purpose, emphasising the urgent need to elect a new Chairperson and additional committee members to ensure the continuity of FatTracks into 2026.

He highlighted the concern that the management of a club with **over 400 members** currently rests in the hands of only seven volunteers.

**Broader participation and greater member ownership are critical to the club's sustainability.**

### 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

A total of **20 individuals attended** the meeting, including current committee members.

**With 322 eligible adult voting members, the required quorum of 30% (97 members) was not achieved.**

#### Outcome & Action Point:

- A suggestion was made to **amend the Constitution** to reduce the quorum requirement to **10%**.
- A Google Form will be duly circulated to collect member votes in support of this constitutional amendment.

#### Apologies Received:

- Andrea von Holdt
- Keith Leighton
- Martin Glaum
- Peter Ryder
- Rene Howlett
- Suzie and Ashley du Plessis
- Waudby Family
- Rob and Margie Rudman

### 3. REVIEW OF CURRENT COMMITTEE SITUATION

**Due to the lack of quorum, this item was not formally discussed.**

### 4. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS

#### Current Committee Overview:

Name	Portfolio(s)	Available for 2026
Pieter Labuschagne	Chairperson, Trails	No
Scott Woods	Vice Chairperson, Trails	No
Dee Hayter	Treasurer	Yes
Sam van Schoor / Dee Hayter	Merchandise	No
Vicki Laing	Events	No
Andrea von Holdt	Events	Yes

Name	Portfolio(s)	Available for 2026
Claire Warneke	Admin & Media, Member Queries	Yes

Although a detailed overview of each role was planned, it was deferred due to the lack of quorum.

However, an additional proposed portfolio was raised by Pieter Labuschagne:

- Environmental and Sewerage Liaison

## 5. NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Formal nominations and voting could not proceed due to the absence of a quorum.

However, **Hettie van Vuuren** volunteered for the Events portfolio.

Her nomination was warmly welcomed and will be formally ratified at the November AGM.

## 6. VOTING AND ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Due to the lack of quorum, this agenda item could not be actioned.

## 7. SHADOWING AND HANDOVER PLAN

This item was also deferred due to the lack of quorum.

## 8. MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND OPEN DISCUSSION

An open forum was held to discuss strategies for increasing member involvement and ensuring the long-term sustainability of FatTracks.

Key contributions included:

**Ryan Visagie (Corporate Sponsor):**

- Expressed continued support for FatTracks
- Highlighted the importance of club presence in the Baakens Valley
- Noted conflict of interest prevents his participation on the committee

**Johan Gerryts:**

- Emphasised the need to consult members directly about what they want from the club
- Offered to assist in member engagement initiatives

**Luca Fanicchi:**

- Voiced concerns about low member participation
- Highlighted the club's historic role in managing Baakens Valley trails
- Proposed seeking NPO status and applying for external funding, including:
  - National Lottery
  - Joint proposal with EC Cycling for trail maintenance funding

**Dee Hayter:**

- Noted demand for social events (rides, camps), but lack of volunteer support
- Observed that member-organised rides are not happening despite encouragement on available platforms like WhatsApp

**Pieter Labuschagne:**

- Suggested exploring a paid Chairperson role funded by increased membership revenue and additional sponsors.
- The role of chair requires time and flexibility, which could be better suited to someone who is retired, or an individual who is employed to put their full time and energy into the role.

**Scott Woods:**

- Proposed exploring more collaboration between FatTracks and other local cycling clubs (e.g. PEGC, Madiba Bay). Luca Fanicchi agreed that this would be worth exploring.

**Tony Thorburn:**

- Highlighted the club's large number of family members and suggested that we explore ways to get more parents engaged and participating in their children's cycling activities, and in so doing, garner more volunteer support for FatTracks

**9. CLOSING REMARKS**

Chairperson Pieter Labuschagne thanked all attendees for their time and contributions. He reiterated the urgency of building a more engaged and sustainable leadership structure ahead of the AGM in November 2025.

**Meeting Adjourned: 19:30**