

WTMC Committee
Meeting minutes
15 August 2012 1800
TTC Hall, Moncrieff Street, Wellington

Present: Sharron Came(Chair), Amanda Wells, Gareth Morton, Steve Austin, Richard Lardner, Helen Law, Eric Evens (for Brian) and Pete Gent

Apologies: Jenny Beaumont, Sarah Young, Donna Mahar

Resigned (and on a Tropical island): Kate Cushing

1. Apologies were received from Jenny, Sarah and Donna
2. No minutes were presented from the last meeting. **AP Sharron to follow up with Donna**
3. Sharron announced that Pete Gent had put himself forward for Secretary of the club.

Sharron moved that Pete be welcomed onto the WTMC Committee as Secretary.
Seconded Gareth.

The motion was carried with no objections and Swiss chocolates were shared by all

4. Financial matters. Steve noted that food for the lodge was included in the financial report that was circulated beforehand. Also a new mobile phone had been purchased for emergency contact use. The account sits with Donna but Katy Glenie has taken over Kate Cushing's role as the organiser of emergency contacts for the club

Gareth moved that the financial report(including month reports for June and July) be accepted.

Amanda seconded the motion

There were no objections and the motion was carried.

5. Membership
 - i) Helen noted that 5 applications had been received for membership to the club. These are:
Karin Atkins, Rini Sugianto, Brendan Eckert, Jenna Mein & Meena Kadri.
The committee approved all membership applications.

- ii) International postage costs of the club journal was discussed among the

committee. Discussion required between Helen and Sarah. **AP for Helen.**

iii) Helen will be away for the next committee meeting.

iv) Mike and Ray, along with Helen & Sarah are to discuss sending out hard copy of membership invoices out with the club journal at the end of the calendar year if they sync up time wise. **AP Helen & Sarah to discuss.**

6. Constitution review – Sharron started the discussion over updating the club constitution. The plan is to do it once and do it right. noted 3 areas are on the horizon. **AP for Sharron to find a suitable lawyer to advise the club on updates.**

i) Sharron noted that the initial impetus is that the way in which communications of meetings are made need to be updated for electronic communications as current rules are ambiguous and could be construed as requiring a postal notice of meeting.

ii) Helen noted that updates to the membership categories were required as well.

iii) Steve noted the requirements or possible lack of for an audit function of the club accounts. Getting clarification on the legal requirements was suggested by the floor.

7. The Lodge – Eric

i) So far bookings are on track to compare with 2011. 23K worth of bookings have been made and 54K are in the pipeline for the rest of the winter season.

Eric noted the lack of members booking compared to private bookings this year.

Eric also noted that Adventure Wellington (1250 likes on Facebook) have booked out the lodge for a weekend. **AP for Webteam to like Adventure Wellington's Facebook page and to add Facebook link to front page on the WTMC website.**

Discussion veered towards website stuff...

Amanda noted that Masterton tramping club had passed on their positive comments about the updated website. **AP for Sharron to pass on feedback to Webteam.**

Sharron noted that she needs to be taught about updating web content.

AP for Sarah or Mike to show Sharron and others like Secretary, how to update content.

ii) DOC is updating regularly post the eruption of Mt Tongariro

iii) The club has nearly completed 20 years of its lease and we have the right of renewal for a further two terms of twenty years.

It is understood by Brian that we should be able to continue with the same agreement that we have with DOC for the next 40 years and then the Lodge

conditions of use could be up for negotiation (year 2053). It is expected that the renewal process should be straightforward this time as long as the club can show that it has and will continue to comply with the conditions agreed to in 1993.**AP Brian & Sharron to start the ball rolling on this process.**

iv) Slight concern about the amount of people to open up and shut down the lodge. No problems so far this year. Mark & Amelia White along with Ian Harrison have been recently trained in this.

v) Reps are possibly required for the Ruapehu lodge committee. **AP Brian & Sharron to action.**

8. TTC Hall hire hour changes - Steve

i) Steve noted that for the ease of club business, the club is moving hire hours previously from 7pm – 10pm, back to 6pm – 9pm.

ii) Also to note that the lease with the TTC is currently being renewed. Cull of unnecessary items needs to be carried out –60th reunion photos and filling cabinet are ideal candidates. Can dramatically reduce charges paid to TTC. **AP Eric to sort out photos.**

9. i) Have approached a member about taking on the role of Promotions Officer. If that member is not keen a member has recently joined who has the appropriate skills and they will be approached.

ii) Had discussions with another member about role of Vice President and rep on the Aorangi – Tararua – Rimutaka hut committee. **AP for Sharron to follow up both these.**

iii) Date of next committee meeting, second Wednesday of September, September 12 at 6pm at the Clubrooms.

iv) DOC has been closing tracks in the Tararuas recently (3 of them). There has been no consultation with stakeholders.

v) Amanda is about to close out the spring schedule. Looking busy enough but still lacking leaders for day walks. New Leaders are coming on stream post leadership course.

vi) MSC appears to have cancelled their outdoor first aid course according to Amanda. **AP Amanda to check with TTC in regards to see what they are doing with this lack of training.**

vii) The club has been sent a single copy of the new FMC First Aid book, need to look into bulk ordering for the club. Had no one for an action point.

viii) It was noted that we have Wednesday night talks up to 19/09.

ix) The Transport officer noted the lack of volunteers for helping out with the vans. Helen noted that new members had offered on their membership forms. Suggestion from the floor that the transport officer approaches new members directly to help out with the van. **AP for Gareth to get list off Helen and approach new members.**

Meeting was closed at around 1905 and more chocolates were consumed by the committee.