

**MINUTES OF THE WTMC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD FROM 7PM ON 10 OCTOBER 2010 AT AMANDA'S PLACE**

1. PRESENT

Darren Hammond (Chair), Steve Austin (Treasurer), Amanda Wells (Chief Guide), Jenny Beaumont (Membership), Gareth Morton (Transport), Michael Lightbourne (Newsletter).

2. APOLOGIES

Donna Maher (Social), Melissa Hewson (Asst Chief Guide), Sharron Came (Observer), Sue Walsh (Lodge convenor)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: that the minutes of the August committee meeting be received as a true and accurate record (Note that there was no September meeting). Moved by Darren, Seconded by Steve.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Donna to arrange another date to sort club cupboards (**Action Donna**)

Donna to investigate storing club memoirs at Archives NZ (**Action Donna**)

Committee members are to review policies in their areas (ongoing) – including a reinstatement policy for membership (**Action - ALL**)

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 President (Darren Hammond)

Darren (and Mike) has put the Otago University outdoor club survey on the front page of the wtmc website.

We (the WTMC) have been granted an exemption for the Kahurangi bylaws. We are allowed to tramp in groups of larger than 10 people but we have to ensure that we leave half of the bunks in huts free for other users. We are allowed to camp at the road end (within 200m of the road end) for 1 night at a time only, and we are allowed to stay in huts for more than 3 consecutive nights.

Sharleen has unfortunately resigned as Secretary as she is too busy. This resignation was followed by Megan's resignation as she's moving to Sydney. The good news is that Pete Gent will take over the Gear Custodian from Ant. Mika is going to take over as Secretary and Megan Banks will look after Promotions. The promotions stuff for the handover is in the cupboard at the club house.

Other possibilities – Kate Cushing is doing the emergency contact at the moment and might be able to help out with committee tasks etc. in a few months.

Darren has made a few policy changes to club policy – ie payments to gear cupboard. These changes were proposed as being correct by Darren and seconded by Gareth.



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NZ Walking Access group. Meeting 27th Oct at Turnbull house to discuss the work and objectives of the New Zealand Walking Access Commission. Darren will attend. **Action Darren.**

Darren also went to the huts meeting. Reported it was an interesting meeting and that it was good to have a WTMC presence at the meeting. Darren/Steve will circulate the minutes of the meeting. **Action Darren/Steve.**

NZ Island Bay Girl Guides have asked if a WTMC member can talk to the guides about safety in the outdoors on November 17th. Jenny will go. **Action Jenny**

The website is working really well. New content/changes are getting onto the site quickly. Still using the WCN host at the moment but there have been a few issues – so we will move ahead with changing host.

5.2 Promotions (Megan Banks)

The door roster is organised up until the 15th December. Darren will contact Megan to let her know what's going on. The folder is in the cupboard at the club house. Amanda is happy to help with the handover too. Megan needs to start thinking about New Members night etc. (**Action Megan**)

5.3 Newsletter (Michael Lightbourne)

This month's prize draw winner: Mike McGavin

August issue: The deadline is **Friday 29th October.**

Action point: Mike to email a 1 week deadline reminder to the committee (**Action Mike**)

Mike reported that we receive the right amount of FMC bulletins. Jenny noted that we still get too many as only households who have an FMC member in them should get FMC bulletins (ie not friends of club etc.). Seems a shame to waste resources and paper

Journal: Don't know what the deadline for the journal is but it will be ready for mailing out in early December. Action: Mike to ensure that a Committee member checks the journal before printing. (**Action Mike**)

Amanda : do we want to send out the summer schedule with the journal? Yes – so the summer schedule needs to be ready by early December. Jenny will send invoices out with the journal too (with a letter explaining the early renewal request). (**Action Amanda and Jenny**)



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5.4 Chief Guide (Amanda Wells)

Sue is to look into holding a one day leadership refresher (**Action Sue**)

Amanda will buy some Tararua park maps (3 or 4 maps).

Gear – Pete Gent is our new gear custodian.

Amanda received an interesting email from Tim Frank last month – about a review of adventure tourism rules in the NZ Herald. The Dept of Labour are putting together the proposal and are considering making clubs a member of the scheme in which case the WTMC would have to pay for a high risk audit – \$2000 dollars each time. We need to keep an eye on this.

Summer schedule. Trying to get hold of Alan Wright to book the rooms for 5.30pm on the 3rd November for a summer schedule planning meeting. That will leave a month to find leaders before the schedule runs out.

Gareth – do we have stats on how many trips get cancelled? Yes, Mike McGavin does that.

Leaders meetings are going well with good turnouts.

Pete Scolley – wants to organise a club trip to Lewis Pass over Christmas. Wants to use a van. It was agreed that this is fine as the trip has been advertised on the club forum.

5.5 Social Convenor (Donna Maher)

Club Nights: The next 4 weeks are booked for club presentations.

Photo Competition: 24th November was suggested at the August meeting. Donna is currently trying to finalise the judging panel. Richard Young has agreed. Donna is trying to get hold of Grant Newton and another judge. (**Action Donna**).

Categories need to be finalised soon and a deadline for submissions set. Last years FMC categories were : outdoor landscape (no people), hut or camp life, above bushline, below bushline, flora and fauna, historic. (**Action Donna**)

Suggested charging a \$2 door charge for the photo competition to cover prizes (and give members notice of this).

5.6 Transport (Gareth Morton)



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New van parking: Freightlines van storage is working well. Drivers can walk through the wire gate to avoid walking through the docks and can leave cars there for the weekend when taking the van.

Gareth is looking for a temporary stand-in for 6 weeks while away on honeymoon/wedding. Eric Van der Spek might be able to help out.

One van needs a WOF in November so Gareth might do that before he goes – or get Steve to do it.

Bargain rentals - used to have a list of drivers but that has disappeared so if you need to pick up a van from there you need to have your license with you.

Gareth is getting married on the 4th November so won't be here for the November meeting but might be back by the December meeting.

5.7 Lodge (Sue Walsh)

ACTION POINT 7: As a consequence of the new smokefree lodge policy, the trip leader manual is to be revised, also new signage and a receptacle for butts (actioned?)

As a consequence of the new smokefree lodge policy, the trip leader manual is to be revised, also new signage and a receptacle for cigarette butts. **Action Sue**

A meeting is needed to discuss promoting the lodge. Sue will set a date. **Action Sue**

A lodge meeting was held recently and an AGM with the Ruapehu Mountain Clubs Association is coming up.

5.8 Membership (Jenny Beaumont)

The contact list is on hold as Jenny doesn't have time to format it properly before the end of November and this is getting too late in the year. No-one has asked for it and members use the electronic version. The searchable membership database on the club website needs sorting out though. **Action Jenny/Mike Gilbert**

Garry Skipper's membership was approved by email with the committee during the last month to enable him to start leading trips asap. We welcome Garry as a new member.

Membership database needs sorting out – mostly the web interface. Jenny will talk to Mike. **Action Jenny/Mike**

Darren needs the email addresses of old members for an external survey about why people leave tramping clubs. **Action Jenny**



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5.9 Treasurer (Steve Austin)

The August and September bank reconciliation is adopted as being correct. Moved by Steve and seconded by Darren.

Steve noted that we might have bit of a bleak financial year coming up.

Steve will get 9 months of financials out for the next meeting and we will need to put subs up next year.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

At a previous meeting it was suggested featuring a life member etc. in each newsletter (eg. Auntie Rata style) (**Action Michael** to arrange)

The count on the website for newsletters, minutes etc. Are down at the moment. Wonder whether it's because people are accessing the newsletter from an email link?

FMC young adult scholarship scheme. Restricted to those under 30yrs. \$1000 for expedition scholarship. 5 x \$300 for a skills scholarship. Deadline is the 1st April. Has to have been a member for at least a month. We should advertise on the newsletter and in the forum/front page (**Action Darren**)

Should we look into a social day over the summer – sports day/bbq etc. Interclub?

Gareth – do PLBs get taken out? Yes, not every trip but they are taken out regularly.

The Tongariro National Park management plan is under review. They're thinking about changing the rules.

Next Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 9th November @ Jenny and Steve's place in Karaka Bay. Gareth has put in his apologies.

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Meeting Closed 9 pm

