

MINUTES OF THE WTMC COMMITTEE MEETING
Held from 7 pm on 8th of March 2011 at Gareth's place

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Darren Hammond (Chair), Michael Lightbourne (Newsletter), Gareth Morton (Transport Officer), Megan Banks (Promotion Officer), Sue Walsh (Lodge convenor), Donna Maher (Social Convenor), Amanda Wells (Chief Guide), Steve Austin (Treasurer), Mika Verheul (Secretary).
Leaving early: Jenny Beaumont (membership).
Apologies: Melissa Hewson (Asst Chief Guide).

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 08/02/2011

Where stated 'financial members' it should be 'senior members' and where it mentioned 'senior members' it should be replaced by 'veteran members'.
It was Tony who wrote the letter, not Steve.

Motion: that the minutes of the February committee meeting be received as a true and accurate record. Moved by Darren, Seconded by Donna.

3. OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None other than discussed under committee member reports.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 President (Darren Hammond)

Annual reports: Donna will supply graph of door money, Amanda is having difficulties with collecting data for the trip stats. Reports will be online available from 16th March onwards. AGM 06/04/11: so far only one person standing forward for Newsletter editor; still vacancies for the other positions, including president.

4.2 Secretary (Mika Verheul)

No issues to be discussed.

4.3 Promotions (Megan Banks)

New members night was just after Christchurch earthquake. 45 people showed up, most people heard about it through the radio announcement or by the posters. Sharon's presentation well appreciated.

4.4 Newsletter

Newsletter deadline 25th March.

Book vouchers not everywhere accepted anymore; Unity books is still happy to redeem them. No new vouchers will be bought at this stage. New committee has to decide whether book vouchers are the appropriate tool to encourage people to write a story. **(Action: Mika - agenda).**

Michael will catch up with new editor and handover after April newsletter.
Thanks to Michael for being a committee member for so many years!

4.5 Chief Guide (Amanda Wells)

Upcoming Courses:

Bushcraft: 10 participants. Ray, Marie Henderson and Sue will be instructing. Attention will be paid to club specific items.



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Leadership course: instructors are needed for SAR, navigation and weather. Venue is booked, course will only go ahead when 8 participants or more.

First aid course: Steve coordinates and prepares, Donna coordinates on the day.

Trip stats:

No data have been collected over the last 2-3 months. Amanda received the stats over 2010 from Mike but no clear graphs available. Trip numbers are down compared to last year.

Winter schedule is on its way. Labour weekend and Rugby world cup might make ferry bookings hard in that period of the year so timely reservations recommended.

4.6 Social Convenor (Donna Maher)

Photo-competition was very successful. Donna will send winning photos to enter FMC competition. **(Action Donna)**.

Door numbers are currently down to 45 on average night, unfortunately not everyone is paying. There is no door charge on AGM and New members night. Donna suggests door charge for social nights as we use the facilities on these nights. Moved by Donna, Seconded by all.

4.7 Transport Officer (Gareth Morton)

Gareth enquired about the location of the vans during the night re weather and security: they eventually move them during working hours but if the warehouse is closed they should be inside.

WT&MC can now do ferry group bookings online but be aware that payment is due directly. Discussion for the day planning: How can we make more money out of the vans if trips and trip numbers are dropping? **(Action: Mika -agenda)**

4.8 Lodge Convenor (Sue Walsh)

Taranaki windows delayed but will be done soon.

New steriliser broke down but has been taken care of.

The lodge is underutilised and needs more promotion. Unfortunately no-one stood forward to do promotional activities for the lodge so far.

Suggestions: Trip schedule should not allow other trips to other places if a lodge weekend is planned, so that more people will use the lodge. Maybe more weekends open booking instead of club bookings only. Maybe organise other activities (e.g. cooking workshop) in lodge? Showing photo of lodge as screensaver in Wednesday night presentations?

Sue plans a major review of menu's and distribution. Andrew is happy to coordinate food for another year. Also Bryan will do lodge bookings for another year, but definitely new people needed to familiarise themselves with the procedures and take over next year.

4.9 Treasurer (Steve Austin)

The February reconciliation is adopted as being correct. Moved by Steve, seconded by Darren.

Journal: bill from Astra print received, will be paid shortly. The extra copies available will have to be sold by active marketing.

When Darren leaves signatories for new president and one other committee member (vice president) are needed. **(Action: Steve)**.



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4.10 Membership (Jenny Beaumont)

Earlier membership payment is not in conflict with the constitution of the club.

New members:

No new members this month. Regarding a decrease in the number of members over the last 1.5 year, Jenny recommends to discuss the current policy to become a member. Is having done three weekend trips still a desirable requirement for becoming a member, or too high threshold nowadays? Family groups are more likely to do daytrips only, so will have less opportunity to become member.

In general there is –countrywide- a tendency towards less members and less people involved in club activities, not only within WT&MC.

The committee has to agree on the value of the policy, in the current perspective of dropping membership numbers.

Associate membership:

Last meeting we had a request for acquiring veteran membership after a long period of associate membership, in which case we enforced the actual policy. However, we might come up with a proposal to change the policy for the future. **(Action: Mika -agenda).**

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Website: Mike Gilbert and Steve Kohler are still working on it and make good progress.
- Aerial drop 1080 planned for May in the Tararuas.
- Darren bought a house in Auckland and will move soon.
Thanks Darren for his role as committee member and especially president of the WT&MC!

Meeting Closed 9.15 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 12th April 7 pm

Mika's place (17a Makererua Street, Ngaio)

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