

# Minutes of the sixty fifth annual meeting.

## Approved at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting

WT&MC, 18 April 2012 8.00 pm

Location: TTC Hall, 4 Moncrieff Street, Wellington

Minutes by Mika Verheul

### 1. Attendance and apologies

Attendance: approximately 45 members including committee.

Apologies: Donna Maher, Jenny Beaumont, Kate Cushing, Helen Law, Sue and Allen Higgins, Kevin Cole, Brian and Jan Goodwin.

### 2. Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> AGM 2011.

Minutes are approved. Moved by Marie Henderson, seconded by Illona Keenan.

### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 64th AGM.

None other than discussed below.

### 4. Annual Report and 5. Annual Accounts.

The treasurer gives further explanation about the kayaking expenditure. The costs reflect the expenses for the period 2008 to October 2011. Costs were dropped off as being out of date whereas, although requested for repetitively, no invoice over this period had been received. After three years the kayaking company suddenly presented a bill. Our relationship with the kayak company is otherwise satisfying for which reason the bill has been paid now. For future kayak trips payment in advance is strongly recommended to avoid similar issues.

In general the financial situation of the club is healthy. However, costs are increasing and the subscription fees did not fully cover the print costs of journal and newsletter, and the usage of the meeting hall. The subscription fees have gone up slightly and the committee has decided to raise the door charge to \$2.

The annual accounts over the year March 2011-March 2012 are true and accurate. Moved by John Hickey, seconded by Ray Walker.

### 6. Election of Officers to the General Committee for the 2012/2013 term.

Mika Verheul and Megan Banks decided to step down from the committee, which leaves vacancies for the roles of secretary and promotion officer.

Nominated members for the committee roles for the 2012/2013 term are:

President: Sharron Came

Vice-president: Kate Cushing

Treasurer: Steve Austin

Lodge officer: Eric Evans

Transport officer: Gareth Morton

chief guide: Amanda Wells

Assistent chief guide: Richard Lardner

Membership officer: Helen Law

Newsletter editor: Sarah Young

Social convenor: Donna Maher

General committee member: Jenny Beaumont

The committee members are appointed in the roles as nominated. Moved by Illona Keenan, seconded by Sue Walsh.

Further appointed non-committee positions:

Tony Gazley and Sarah Young as editors for the 2012 Journal.

Pete Gent as gear custodian.

Richard Lardner as assistant chief guide.

Andrew Trembath as food logistic manager for the lodge.

7. Discussion of topics.

The president and committee have suggested five topics to be discussed. What is moving members, any feedback or ideas?

### **7.1 Club Nights**

There is a strong fluctuation in attendance. Lots of things have improved over the last year: seeing a familiar face works well, as does an extra person to welcome newcomers. Weekly talks are appreciated.

The following suggestions were made:

- Doing survey to clarify why people come or not.
- Having tea before the talk, 7.30-8 pm.
- Introducing "Nice night", every first Wednesday of the month targeted to people on their own or first timers.

### **7.2 Lodge Utilisation**

Lodge utilisation should be increased. Major maintenance and improvements have been performed recently, so everything is ready to go. From May onwards the online booking system will be available. It's an adaption of an existing hotel booking system so its performance will be monitored specifically with regards to bunk allocations. Any feedback will be welcome.

### **7.3 Van usage**

Van utilisation should be increased to compensate ongoing costs for maintenance and storage. The committee looked at other parties using the van during the week but insurance matters make it not worth while. Key issue is not enough people using the vans. How to get the numbers of trampers using the vans up? 45 weekends transporting 8 persons per van would be cost neutral. It should be noted that family trips and daywalks most often don't use club transport.

Tararua tramping club uses their own vans.

The following suggestion was made:

- last minute 'transport only option' for members wanting to go to the area where the van is heading if there are spaces available.

### **7.4 Leading trips**

Leading a trip should be simplified. If you did not attend the trip planning meeting you don't know what trip people had in mind when adding it to the schedule.

The following suggestions were made:

- Person suggesting route during trip planning meeting might be added next to trip for info.
- Notes from planning meeting could be added?

To get more people joining trips should we run more flexible daytrips, for example soliciting at the railway station on Saturday morning? This is however not regarded as being in line with the core values of the WTMC.

Becoming a member has been made easier by requiring participation in only two weekend trips (previously three).

### **Training courses**

First aid course had insufficient numbers to run within WT&MC and had to be cancelled.

Participation for the leadership course has been limited and should be increased. The bushcraft course had 15 punters this year (in two sessions) and seemed to be well timed a few weeks after the new members night.

Suggestions made:

- Make trip leader course one day only instead of full weekend.
- Refer to MSC for Outdoor First Aid training.

### **8. General Business**

- Andrew Trembath got reassured that a list of members and their contact numbers will be available for the lodge.
- Illona Keenan likes to thank the committee for their work over the last year.
- The Club Constitution needs to be reviewed in perspective of the development of the club over time. A specific club meeting will be held later this year to get any changes approved.
- Having a cup of tea before the talks on Wed night will be trialled.

The meeting was closed at 9 pm.