

WTMC minutes May 16th 2012, TTC club rooms.

- 1) Present: Sharron Came, Steve Austin, Amanda Wells, Helen Law, Gareth Morton, Sarah Young, Brian Goodwin, Jenny Beaumont (minutes). We welcomed Brian to his first meeting (since he was last on the committee!). Apologies – Richard Lardner, Kate Cushing

- 2) Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting:

Amanda has made comments on hard copy that need to be used to edit last month's minutes.

There will be a members' contact list at the lodge but this should not be for public viewing.

- 3) Treasurer

Bank reconciliations – moved as accurate by Steve, approved by Sharron

FMC are now insisting that 90% of our club members need to be FMC members. This is new for 2012.

Paypal now have ~8.5k of our money from lodge payments. Latest request was for a physical address so Steve has given his home address. Hopefully now we'll be able to get our money from them.

- 4) Membership

Helen has emailed out a membership list with contact details to the committee.

New members: Richard (senior), Sarah (associate) and Hamish (junior) Lyth

Seniors: Jo Fink, John Price and David Heffernan.

Nominated by Helen, Seconded by Steve.

Helen has emailed out a list of new members who are happy to help with various club jobs.

Provisional membership:

Family trip participants are often not becoming members (but some are leading trips).

Provisional membership seems too complicated to administer. The committee recognise Mike's hard work with getting the family tramping up and running though – it's great to see such an active family tramping group within the club.

- 5) Chief guide

The minimum number of participants required for the leadership course is 5 and this has been met. Amanda, Alistair and Richard will run the course. They are charging \$10 per person and

are holding it at the TTC club rooms on a Saturday. Flip chart and stationary will be bought by Amanda. Still space for more people to join in – it's been advertised on the forum.

Tararua huts group meets every September and February. Sharron and Steve get the information from DOC. We need to make sure we have a club representative at the meetings.

Lodge bookings. Mike Gilbert and Eric had queries about family trips for the lodge. At what point do the available bunks get opened up to the public if it's not fully booked (ie 10 days before the weekend?). It was suggested that the new system should help with this.

Liability insurance – we need to be careful when running some of our courses. As a result snowcraft and AIC will be open to members only. Non-members can go on other courses as long as the non-members participate in less than 12 days of course per year and courses are provided to encourage membership and/or interest in our activities.

Intention is to run another bushcraft course early next year.

The tip schedule doesn't have a solstice party at the lodge on it. It was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. We won't run one this year but will aim to run one again next year.

6) Website and publications

Statistics of which pages are looked at on our website are interesting. Brian will get the statistics from Eric re the lodge booking site. **(Action: Brian)**

The web team would like to create a website page with committee members' faces and brief blurb about them. Active/tramping pictures are encouraged! Committee members' to write a couple of sentences about our roles. To provide to Sarah before the next meeting. **Action: ALL**

Next newsletter deadline will be Friday 25th May.

The journal was discussed (details in Sarah's email to committee).

7) Lodge

There is a map of where the lodge is on the wall in the TTC club rooms but it would be good to have a wider-area map. **Action: Sarah** to ask Mike McGavin if he would like to do it.

8) President

Sharron will look at updating the constitution re giving notice of meetings etc. **Action: Committee** to look at constitution to see what else is out of date

Pete Gent has volunteered to take on the Secretary role until the AGM. However we'll continue to look for a permanent secretary who doesn't already have a role in the club. We also still need Promotions officer.

Reminder about media requests – redirect enquiries to President/Chief Guide. We still need a promotions officer to contribute to articles on tramping etc.

9) Social

Jenny (and Steve) have been asked to help out with a girl guide weekend of snowcraft-skills at Ruapehu and would like to hire the club van and crampons/ice axes/helmets for the weekend. Committee agreed that this was OK.

Wednesday night talks – Ok for May but need more talks for June and July. Overseas adventures are really interesting but we need to get more talks on club trips too.

10) AOB

ECO – the WTMC will no longer be a member.

The first aid course will not happen this year. There is a basic MSC course in November if anyone wants to do it.

Sarah is currently updating the website for most of the committee. She will email people with instructions to update their own content.

The FMC 2012 AGM is in Christchurch. We can nominate the executive as our proxy or find some club members who want to go. **Action: Steve will ask Ant if he wants to go.**

Meeting closed: 1925. Next meeting June 13th (Wed before club). Steve will Chair the meeting/be acting President in Sharron's absence.