

WTMC committee meeting

Meeting minutes

13 March 2013 18:00

TTC Hall, Moncrieff Street, Wellington

Present: Sharron Came(Chair), Donna Maher, Helen Law, Craig McGregor, Gareth Morton, David Heffernan, Steve Austin, Eric Evans (for Brian Goodwin), Amanda Wells, Richard Lardner & Pete Gent

Apologies: Jenny Beaumont, Sarah Young & Brian Goodwin

1. Apologies were received from Jenny Beaumont, Steve Austin r, Brian Goodwin and Gareth Morton and Donna who had to leave early.

2. Minutes from the February committee meeting were approved, however it was noted that there were some minor typos. **AP Pete** to correct and then send to Sarah for the website.

PLB policy – Has been placed on website for viewing, however PLB's need updating **AP Pete** to update copies for PLB's

January Financials – Steve confirmed the \$3000 payment was for GST due to the IRD

3. Financial matters – Steve circulated the 2012 – 13 financials. Moved by Pete Gent, seconded by Gareth Morton. Passed unanimously.

These need to be signed off by Sharron and Steve to be signed off by the Auditor, reported on at the AGM then lodged with the Companies office . -**AP Steve & Sharron.**

Helen has received the FMC invoice for this year and noted that FMC nominations close on 12/04/13 and the AGM is in Auckland on 8/06/13. **AP Sharron** to discuss with Darren Hammond to attend on the club's behalf.

4. Membership – Helen received four applications for senior member – Thomas Kerr, Iiska Verburg, Emily Shrosbree and Peter Schroder.

Sharron proposed their applications and Donna seconded the motion

The applications were passed unanimously.

Helen noted that approximately 70% of members had renewed – similar to last year and members have until the end of March to pay, otherwise their membership lapses.

There have been a number of requests for a paper version of the club membership list. It was agreed that a PDF should be produced for those members to print at their leisure – **AP Helen** to PDF print a copy at a suitable opportunity.

5. Lodge – Eric and the lodge sub committee submitted a number of proposes to the committee before the meeting.

1. Lodge fees - regarding the fees for the coming winter season. Usage is expected to be on a par with the past couple of years. Need to increase to cover increased costs of Insurance, Electricity and rates. Big ticket items are also on the cards – roof, kitchen and carpet in the next couple of years.

Motion was proposed by Eric, seconded by Steve and carried unanimously.

2. Promoting the lodge. Suggestion of simplifying the booking rules to tap into the valuable non-member use of the lodge. Motion was to change the dates for when bookings open. For Members, this being May 1 and non-members June 1

Motion was proposed by Amanda, seconded by Craig and carried unanimously

3. Summer rates. At present the summer usage is very low. Suggestion of lowering the rates to 25% of the winter rates, to stimulate school bookings especially.

Motion was proposed by Sharron, seconded by Gareth and carried unanimously

4. Repeat non members. Proposal from the lodge sub-committee was to have a lodge only-membership but the constitution would need to be amended (and its only just been changed this calendar year). Would need to be bought to an EGM or AGM. Sent back to the lodge committee for further refinement of the proposal. **AP lodge sub committee** to work on furthering the proposal and return it to the committee for further consideration.

Committee discussed an alternative pricing option whereby we offer a discount for non-members who stay at the Lodge more than 5 nights, idea would be to let people who do this have any additional overnight stays at the member rate. This type of arrangement could be offered without any Constitutional change. **AP Brian/Eric** to offer this for the 2013 Winter Season on a trial basis and see if there is any take up.

This amended suggestion was proposed by David, seconded by Gareth and carried unanimously.

5. Lodge winter schedule promotions. Discussion was held in regards to getting higher visibility of lodge trips on the club schedule. Integrating every weekend onto the schedule would prove problematic, however adding a generic lodge sheet similar to the family sheet on the trip board was suggested. **AP Eric / Brian** to draw one up for placement on the trip board. Also editing the lodge entry on the trip schedule was highly

encouraged by the chief guide. **AP lodge sub committee** to get a revised paragraph to the Chief guide for inclusion on the winter schedule.

6. Annual report – Sharron noted that the annual report was nearing deadline for compilation. A draft would be out this weekend for review by the committee and Sharron requested a check by March 17.

Details include tramping trips (numbers of) are up, however door figures are flat. Generally most indicators are not changed from previous years.

Nominations close 3 weeks out from the AGM. Gap in the social convenor role as talks and web content editing are critical to the success of Wednesday nights. A new secretary would be handy at this stage.

Current nomination highlights are Amanda as Vice President, Richard as transport officer and Tony Gazley has offered to edit the journal for the 2013/14 year.

7. Other business

- i. Sharron noted that photos from the basement in the TTC club room still needed to be moved to the lodge. **AP Eric** to carry out the move, with Sharron to provide suitable key access.
- ii. Lodge food moving weekend is 22 May. **AP Eric / Brian** to add to trip schedule
- iii. It has been noted that Steve K who carries out a large amount of work on the website at present only has access to dial up internet connection. Sharron suggested that the club may want to help Steve;s connection speeds **AP Sharron** to work on a mutually convenient solution and bring to the next committee meeting in conjunction with Steve Austin.
- iv. Craig noted the rules around supplementary plates for when the club vans are carrying bikes. However the additional light bars as well as plates are required due to the width / loading of bikes on the bike racks. **AP Craig** to investigate combined indicator lights and supplementary plates.
- v. DoC Huts committee. Craig attended the DoC huts committee on behalf of the club and noted the following:

New Kime is due to open in mid April.

Atiwhakatu is being increased to 28 bunks

Waiture is “falling down”

Discussion was held over serviced hut prices for non serviced huts

New bridges are due on the Waihine river

Cattle ridge is returning to 6 bunks

- vi. Gareth's excellent contribution to the club as transport officer was noted, as he is stepping down after 4 years in the role.
- vii. The date of the next committee meeting is April 17 at 6pm, with the club AGM occurring the previous week on April 10.

The meeting was closed at 19:20