

WTMC committee meeting

Meeting minutes

16 October 2013 18:00

TTC Hall, Moncrieff Street, Wellington

Present: Sharron Came (Chair), Steve Austin, Craig McGregor, Debbie Buck, Amanda Wells, Mike Phethean, Megan Sety, Sue Walsh, Richard Lardner, Mike Gilbert, Brian Goodwin, Helen Law, Richard House & Pete Gent.

Apologies: David Heffernan & Donna Maher

1. Apologies were received from David Heffernan & Donna Maher
2. Matters and Minutes from the August committee meeting.

Van Familiarisation sessions were noted but to be actioned in the future by Steve and Donna.

Minutes were moved by Sharron C  
Seconded by Sue W  
Passed unanimously

3. Financials

- a) Steve Welcomed Richard House to the Committee meeting
- b) Steve had previously circulated financials for September to the committee

Moved by Steve  
Seconded by Mike P  
Passed unanimously

- c) After last months discussion and feedback given to Sharron via email, Steve noted that \$220,000 is in the bank.  
Further discussion was held, around both potential work for both the lodge and for Paua Hut. **AP Brian** to get lodge sub-committee to discuss long term maintenance plan for Lodge for its Nov meeting and discuss whether it is worth getting a professional to prepare a plan and **AP Craig M** to discuss Paua Hut maintenance plan with Mike Pratt  
Sharron suggested an expenditure sub-committee of Steve, Sharron, Mike G, Mike P and Amanda to draw up potential spending item **AP Steve/Sharron**. All to report back to Nov committee meeting

#### 4. Membership

- a) Helen had previously circulated proposed membership rates for 2014/15. They are in line with other tramping clubs in the Wellington region. Discussion was held regarding the family, child and youth categories. Suggestion of categories being revisited to cater for the increase in family tramping punters. **AP Mike G** and **Helen** to investigate potential changes to membership categories. **AP Sharron** to check status of categories and if an EGM is required.

Mike P moved the 2014 / 15 membership rates

Craig M seconded

Passed unanimously

- b) Discussion over delivery of renewal notices to club members. A handful of members have failed to check emails / pay membership subs via online methods. Currently emailing is a slow task for Helen – **AP Mike G** to investigate and fix. Comment is that if Journal is ready to be mailed out pre-Christmas, then renewal forms can go out with the journal. **AP Megan** to confirm journal delivery time with Journal editor
- c) No new applications were received but 2 previous members had asked to re-join – Murray MacRae and Julie Catchpole.  
Megan S moved  
Mike G seconded  
Passed unanimously

5. Mike G gave a brief overview on the meet up trial to date. 2 Trips have gone out so far and 3 more are to go out in the next couple of weeks. Small sample shows more meet up punters than paper sign up punters.

Some comments around how it operates and what bumps have occurred so far. Sharron encouraged everyone to have a look for themselves before judging **AP all** to look at the meetup website.

Megan S raised where in general is this going – general consensus that 2 trips was too early to judge its use and only Mike G has run trips so, other trip leaders will be undertaking trips in the next couple of weeks.

Gear pick up and return has yet to be dealt with on a wider scale among other things.

**AP Mike G** to circulate further meetup material for committee to consider

#### 6. Thank you BBQ

Despite Donna not being present, email comments were previously circulated noting that the BBQ was to be held on December 10 and **AP All** to keep it free to

attend. **AP Sharron** to follow up with Donna whether venue still ok and what assistance required with planning.

7. Annual “non moveable” dates in committee calendar  
Sharron passed round paper version of the “non moveable” dates and it was updated (minorly!) by various people during the meeting. **AP Sharron** to get final version to Megan/Sarah so website can be update. **AP Brian** to include Lodge deadlines after discussion at lodge sub-committee meeting or may need separate check list for Lodge.

8. Lodge – Brian gave an update on lodge matters:

- a) Bookings a little under for last year but not unhappy
- b) Electronic booking system is working great
- c) Sub committee meeting is first week in Nov and will action a long term maintenance plan
- d) Andrew T didn't get to the RHC AGM so no report back
- e) Brian further noted that a twice yearly fire evacuation needs to be actioned. There are some issues with the reporting forms that need to be returned to the fire service but will converse with Hugh Barr (Ruapehu Huts Association) over the rules that govern this area as it affects all lodges on the mountain, suggest Huts Association write to Fire Service/Internal Affairs about excessive compliance costs associated with Fire regulations and seek a review to make them more practical given huts are not populated all year round and isolated. Also investigate whether Barrie Noice/Serac can do some of our evacuations for us when they do their Lodge to save time/resources. **AP Brian** to discuss with Barrie and Hugh as above.

9. Chief guide – Mike gave a brief update:

- a) Trip planning summer schedule is on track for November 6 and 6pm
- b) Bushcraft is filling up and have offers of more leaders if required, have 3 confirmed so far and they will meet the current sign ups.
- c) Christmas trips – only one so far has come forward.

10. Journal planning

Update from the journal editor has not been received for a while. **AP Megan** and **Sharron** to talk to Tony for printing and delivery update (ideal due date is early December)

11. Other business

- i. Annual report requirements will be outlined at the November meeting, main people will be Mike P, Sue W, Brian, Richard L and Helen. **AP Sharron**

- ii. Sharron commented that a social media / comms person should be considered for the next committee to allow take over from bitty areas eg promotions whose main focus is on New members night at present. **AP Megan/Mike G** to report back to Nov meeting.
- iii. The date of the next committee meeting is November 13 at 6pm at the TTC hall (Minute taker will be required as Pete will be absent)

The meeting was closed at 19:18