

WTMC Committee Meeting

Wed 11 June 6pm TTC Clubrooms

Minutes

In attendance: Amanda Wells (chair), Rebecca Day, Richard Lardner, Debbie Buck, Mike Phethean, Brian Goodwin, Tony Gazeley, Richard House, Sue Walsh, Megan Sety, Brendan Eckert.

1 Apologies

Jo Fink. Mike Gibert.

2 Matters arising from Feb minutes

- a) PO Box key has been given to Mike Gilbert
- b) The committee were reminded to ensure that their biographies on the website were up to date.
- c) Brendan continues to look into grants for funding specific club items as discussed at the May meeting
- d) Mike G is to check that all paper lists have been correctly transcribed into the door book
- e) Brendan and Beccy are sorting out an account with NZ post
- f) The website has been updated and that went OK. The photos on the front page have been updated. Emily Shroosbree volunteered to keep the front page trip and social list up to date – Richard House to follow up with her.

Actions

Update committee biographies on website	Tony Gazeley Jo Fink Brian Goodwin
Investigate grants for funding specific items of club kit	Brendan Eckert
Check paper door lists have been transcribed into door book	Mike Gilbert
Follow up on Emily's offer to help keep the website front page info up to date	Richard House
NZ post Account	Brendan Eckert/Beccy Day

3 Finances

a) Review audit report

The committee reviewed the audit of the club 2014. Brendan will follow up on reviewing investment fund options. Brendan noted the changed disclosure requirements. His (and Steve Austin's) view was that a cloud financial system did not have sufficient benefits to justify the outlay.

- b) **Bank Rec.** Brendan tabled the May bank reconciliation. This was passed by the committee: Proposed by Amanda Wells, Seconded by Megan Sety.

c) **TTC Hall rental.** The cost of renting the hall is increasing by approximately 25%. The yearly cost will be \$4100 (was previously \$3000). The committee discussed various options to cut costs, but concluded that:

- Storage could not feasibly be reduced
- Rental time was well utilised and should not be reduced
- Door fees should not be increased for social nights

The committee agreed that Amanda should sign the new lease.

Actions

Review investment fund options	Brendan Eckert
Sign new TTC hall lease	Amanda Wells

4 Membership (Jo/Amanda)

a) **The following new members were approved by the committee (proposed Beccy Day, Seconded Richard House).**

- Rose Columbus
- Claire Dekker
- Jane Latchem
- Family application :
Fiona Stevens McFadden
Andrew McFadden
Cayla (2002), Claran (2005) and Sam (2008) McFadden
- Mark Potheary

b) **Membership categories.**

Mike Gilbert provided a document with proposed changes to membership categories. The committee agreed that they liked the proposal and that the next step was seeking input from the membership. Mike should prepare a plan of how this will be presented to the general membership and how feedback will be obtained, to be discussed at the July committee meeting.

It was noted that at the previous meeting the committee had agreed that the Veteran membership category should cost \$90. Mike Gilbert should correct this in his proposal. Committee also agreed that the joining fee would be dropped.

c) **Encouraging and retaining members – what can we do?**

There was a discussion of how we can better encourage and retain members. Mike Gilbert had circulated a number of ideas prior to the meeting including:

Ideas the committee agreed on:

- More info on website about where membership money goes
- Communicate benefit of subsidised training courses on the website

Ideas the committee would like further debate/discussion on:

- Potentially increasing the non-member levee on trips

- The rules about becoming a member could or could not be loosened e.g. the two trip requirement.

Mike G will form a small working group to look at these ideas and come up with a more solid proposal. Tony Gazeley offered to be part of the working group and it was suggested that Mike would try to co-opt a non committee member.

- The committee discussed getting more info such as contact details and interests at the door from new people on club nights and following these up.

Actions

Develop a plan for communication and consultation with wider membership regarding proposal for new membership categories.	Mike Gilbert
Working group to discuss ways of encouraging and retaining members	Mike Gilbert to recruit others onto group

5 Lodge (Brian)

Nothing to report

6 General business

- Brendan Eckert pointed out that the club would soon be doing a bulk backcountry dehy order
- Mike Phethean noted that the club would feature in the July issue of wilderness magazine.
- FMC AGM. The committee agreed that the TTC could vote by proxy on our behalf at the FMC AGM (...follow up.... It turned out that the TTC were not sending anyone to the FMC AGM either, so our vote was not used).
- FMC cards will be sent out with June FMC bulletin. (Beccy).
- Sue asked for help organising social night speakers.

Meeting closed 7.15pm

NEXT MEETING: 9th July.