

WTMC Committee Meeting

Wed 13 August 6pm TTC Clubrooms

Minutes

- 1 **In attendance:** Amada Wells (chair), Rebecca Day, Mike Gilbert, Richard Lardner, Mike Phethean, Brendan Eckert, Tony Gazley, Jo Fink, Megan Sety
- 2 **Apologies:** Sue Walsh, Richard House, Brian Goodwin
- 3 **The July minutes were tabled and passed.** Proposed AW, Seconded MS.
- 4 **Matters arising from last minutes (Amanda).**

Well done to Tony for updating his bio on the web page. Jo and Brian are still to complete this

Action	Person
Complete bio on committee page of website	Jo Fink and Brian Goodwin

5 Finances

- a) **Bank Rec (Brendan)** –The July bank reconciliation was tabled. In was passed by the committee (proposed Mike Phethean, seconded Amanda Wells)
- b) **Update cheque signatories** – These have been updated (Tony Gazley and Brendan Eckert have been added)
- c) **Blue duck DOC donation**
Last year we gave \$500 to life flight. This year we are giving \$500 to the DOC blue duck fund. The committee have selected this fund as we are also getting involved in trapping for DOC on some of our trips. Proposed Rebecca Day, Seconded Mike Phethean.

Action	Person
\$500 to DOC blue duck fund	Brendan Eckert

- 6 **Training subsidy (Mike P)** – Mike brought it to the committee’s attention that none of this year’s training subsidy fund has thus far been spent. It is hoped that some will be spent on the mountain safety first aid course which is on the spring schedule. There have been 2 tentative enquiries about funding other courses but neither enquiry has resulted in an actual application to the fund. Mike proposed that some of the money is used to subsidise the attendance of members on the Alpine leaders’ course. Mike stepped aside from the discussion because he was an instructor on the course. Committee agreed that \$60 per person be allocated to each attendee on the Alpine leader’s course. This was proposed by Megan Sety and seconded by Tony Gazley.

Action	Person
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Arrange \$60 to subsidise each attendee at the alpine leaders' course	Brendan Eckert
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7 Membership

a) New Members (Jo).

There were 2 applications for membership this month: Angie Wilkinson and Brian Rowe. Proposed by Tony Gazley and Seconded by Mike Phethean.

b) Membership categories. The committee discussed the feedback that has been received on the forum/website/via-email regarding the proposal for revised and simplified membership categories.

- One item of feedback was that the \$9 price increase was not appreciated by veteran couples. The committee agreed to reduce the amount by which the veteran couple rate would increase by \$5, so that the new rate would be \$80, in response to this feedback..
- The committee also agreed to change the name of the 'senior members' category to 'adult members' as some people find the name confusing.
- Amanda agreed to put these changes in the newsletter.
- Mike Gilbert has arranged a discussion about the proposed changes for the club night on Sept 24th.

c) Other membership etc. ideas

Mike G and Tony proposed the following ideas to improve membership rates and retention of members. This was backed up by a comprehensive discussion paper. The committee thanked them for their hard work, and agreed some points while prescribing further discussion and consultation on others

- Higher non-member rates for trips. Rates would increase by \$5 for non-members to incentivise membership more. This was agreed by the committee, and will start at the next financial year (1 feb 2015). Proposed Amanda Wells, seconded Megan Sety
- Introduce a voluntary \$5 donation for trips that are currently free to non-members (e.g. day walks and family trips). This was agreed by the committee and will start at the next financial year (1 feb 2015). Proposed Megan Sety, seconded Tony Gazley.
- Remove the two-overnight-trip requirement for people wishing to join the club. This rule has existed in order to protect club assets and access to these assets. Whilst many of the committee support this proposal because of the feedback that has been gathered from new and prospective members, there was a feeling that the implications of removing the rule need to be explored further before any proposal is put to the membership. Mike G and Tony will look into this and will present a more detailed proposal for how membership applications would be managed if the two-overnight-trip requirement were to be removed.
- Remove the \$15 joining fee. This was agreed by the committee, and will start at the next financial year (1 feb 2015). Proposed Megan Sety, seconded Mike Phethean.
- Encourage a wider range of trips, including different activities and more socially focused trips. Also encourage formation of a veterans group and alumni group. These proposals will be discussed more at the next meeting.
- Tony is going to try and mentor some members towards becoming leaders.

d) New members' night, 29 October (Mike G). Mike G discussed his plans for this – more details soon.

e) Where does your membership fee go?

Brendan is producing a pie chart to show where membership money goes which will go in the newsletter (Amanda and Megan to write short section on this for newsletter)

Action	Person
Changes to membership categories proposal (reduced veterans couples rate and name change of 'senior members' to 'adult members') to go in newsletter.	Amanda Wells
Update membership categories proposal (reduced veterans couples rate and name change of 'senior members' to 'members').	Mike Gilbert
At start of next financial year (1 Feb 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase non-member trip fees by \$5 - Remove \$15 joining fee - Introduce \$5 voluntary donation for non-member free trips 	Debbie Buck Jo Fink Mike Phethean?
Work up proposal for removing two-overnight-trip requirement to join. Look at implications for club (protection of club assets etc.)	Mike G and Tony G
Mentor members towards leading trips	Tony
Planning for new members night	Mike G (Am happy to help lots - Beccy)
Membership money pie chart to go in newsletter	Brendan Eckert Megan Sety Amanda Wells

8 Transport

- Richard has signed the contract with thrifty rentals.
- Richard will work out the cost of trips out of Christchurch airport.
- The new arrangement with thrifty rentals will be communicated in the newsletter once it is finalised.
- The committee discussed whether we should have a policy on having two drivers for trips over a threshold driving length. The committee decided not to have a policy for now, but to raise awareness of the need for managing driving time and breaks in the newsletter.

Action	Person
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work out trip cost for trips out of chch - Communicate about contract with thrifty rentals in newsletter once it is finalised - Discussion to go in newsletter about whether two drivers are required for long driving trips, need to take breaks, etc 	Richard Lardner

9 The Journal

- The budget for this year's journal was discussed and Megan and Tony agreed to dig out the figures from last year.
- Ian is working on this year's journal and will get three quotes for printing.
- Jo will advise on number of members (journals are also sent to joining members, to the lodge and 2 for the archives).

Action	Person
Dig out figures for production of last year's journal	Megan and Tony
Advise on how many copies of journal are required	Jo

10 DOC communication re Powell, Jumbo and Atiwhakatu huts

The club has received a letter from DOC informing us that from the 1st September 2014 Atiwhakatu, Powell and Jumbo will now require booking year round. It is not clear whether the DOC hut pass covers visits to these huts anymore. In addition, the club received a letter from the FMC asking if we had been consulted on this change and what our position is on the change.

- The WTMC has not been consulted about this change
- The committee agreed that, whilst we support summer bookings, we do not support a winter bookings system for these huts.
- Amanda will respond to DOC and to the FMC and will communicate the points above.

Action	Person
Answer DOC and FMC emails about changes to Atiwhakatu, Powell and Jumbo hut booking system	Amanda Wells

11 Logo redesign

A proposed new logo designed by club member Tim Bruce was tabled. The committee discussed the design. The committee are very grateful to Tim for the work that has been put into this. All committee members are to give their feedback to Amanda prior to the next meeting. Once committee is happy with the proposal, further feedback will be sought from the membership

Action	Person
Consider new logo design proposal and give feedback to Amanda prior to next meeting	Whole Committee!

12 General business - none

13 AOB - none

14 Next meeting 10th September 2014, 6pm TTC hall.