

WTMC Committee Meeting

Wed 10 September 6pm TTC Clubrooms

Minutes

In attendance: Amanda Wells (chair), Rebecca Day, Jo Fink, Richard Lardner, Megan Sety, Mike Phethean, Debbie Buck, Sue Walsh, Tony Gazley, Brendan Eckhert

- 1 **Apologies** – Richard House, Brian Gibson, Mike Gilbert

- 2 **Matters arising from last minutes (Amanda)**
Jo needs to complete committee bio on website
Approval of minutes proposed by AW, seconded by MS

- 3 **Finances**
 - a) **Bank Reconciliation (Brendan)**
The August bank reconciliation was tabled by Brendan and passed by the committee.
Proposed by MP, seconded by JF

- 4 **Membership**
 - a) **New Members (Jo).** – None this month.
 - b) **Membership categories. (Mike)**
The committee reviewed the feedback comments from membership regarding the proposed new membership categories. There is general support for changes to membership categories.
A club night discussion of the membership categories changes is scheduled for the 24th September.
Assuming feedback continues to be positive; at the next committee meeting we will set a date for an EGM to vote on the membership category changes.
 - c) **Other membership etc. ideas**
Mike G had submitted a paper with ideas on the two-trip joining criteria, feedback from other clubs and consultation on a clubs' umbrella organisation on some legal/technical issues. The committee discussed the development of ideas around changing the joining criteria, specifically removal of the need for new club members to go on two trips and also to get two nominations from club members. The committee also reviewed feedback so far on these issues from membership. The main material downside seems to be the possibility of leaving the club assets open to a 'takeover' or 'hijacking' if two trip/nomination rule for membership is removed (less vetting of members is conducted).
The committee agreed to look at constitution to double check it would pre-empt any 'hijacking' attempts as per the advice received – **RD to action**
The committee will also double check what the TTC do; for instance, do they enforce a 'provisional membership period' during which new members are not allowed to vote – **TG to action and potentially invite a TTC rep to the next committee meeting**
The committee was in general agreement about removing two trip rule, but agreed that more work was needed before we sought membership's views on this.

It was decided that the committee should come up with a series of options as to the changes that could be made to the joining process . This should include a description of the advantages/disadvantages. These options would be agreed at the next meeting, and we would then agree on next steps in terms of consultation.

- (1) Option 1: Anyone can join with no checks – **Megan Sety to work on wording/description**
- (2) Option 2: There will be an associate or provisional membership period – **Mike Gilbert to work on wording/description**
- (3) Option 3: Aspiring members are required to do one/two activities prior to membership, but no nominations are required – **Debbie Buck to work on wording/description**
- (4) Option 4: No change to current process – **Mike Phethean to work on wording/description**

The committee discussed whether the join criteria discussion should be raised on 24th September during the discussion about membership categories – it was decided that we should mention the committee are thinking about it and ask for thoughts. The committee didn't feel they were ready to table a fully worked up proposal yet. The committee will use the feedback it gets to help it formulate a good proposal. The committee will give examples of what other clubs do on Sept 24th to aid the discussion and will pose a series of questions around two trip/nomination rule., **Beccy** to record

Actions for 24th Sept discussion: **AW to provide introduction, MG to talk about pros and cons, AW to moderate any discussion, RD to organise paper and pens for written feedback. We will also give out e-mail addresses for e-mail feedback**

- d) New members'/Introductory night, 29 October (Mike G) – **RD and MG** to meet up and organise.

MS to create contact detail cards

Action	Person
Look at constitution to guard against 'hijacking' if two trip/nomination rule is removed	RD
Look in detail at what TTC do for joining criteria, for instance, do they enforce a 'provisional membership period' during which new members are not allowed to vote	TG
Work up joining criteria options, with advantages/disadvantages: Option 1: Anyone can join with no checks Option 2: There will be an associate or provisional membership period (as per paper) Option 3: Aspiring members are required to do one/two activities prior to membership, but no nominations are required Option 4: No change to current process	MS MG DB MP
Organise feedback forms and pens for sept 24 th meeting, sort out ppt slides Record verbal feedback on 24th	RD, AW RD
New members'/Introductory night preparation (Oct 29 th)	MG and RD
Contact detail cards for new members night	MS

5 Proposal to replace the club laptop (Sue)

The following application was made to the committee:

The current laptop we are using has been in use I think ever since we moved to digital presentations which is a good 10 years ago. Given it's age, the laptop is doing alright however it is very dated and presenters are not always able to do what they would like to, for instance playing video which is becoming quite a common request, resulting in either the presenter bringing in their own laptop, or the social convenor bringing in their personal laptop. The

laptop is also running Windows XP which is no longer supported and is a security risk due to the number of random memory sticks that are plugged in to it.

I have discussed this with both Mike Gilbert and Richard House a few months ago and they were supportive of the laptop being replaced. Richard indicated to me that he would be alright to look for a replacement.

I would therefore like to propose that the Webmaster, Richard House, be given approval to spend up to \$1,500 on a replacement laptop, including any extra items that might be required.

This motion was passed by the committee. Proposed – MP, Seconded – MS

Action	Person
Buy new laptop	RH

6 Complaint from club member

A complaint has been received regarding the safety and behaviour of persons at the club lodge. Details of the specific complaint are below:

- (1) Appropriate equipment not used for alpine route
- (2) Visiting out of bounds areas
- (3) Driving when tired

The committee identified a need to talk to the member in question. It was decided that **MP + AW** will talk to the member in question and decide on any action following this discussion.

The committee discussed in general terms the trial underway for skiing trips to the lodge. While seeing it as an excellent initiative, committee agreed that a policy needed to be developed to cover some of the issues that had been identified. This would include considering issues around cost for the trip leader (The trial arrangement has that the lodge leader gets the trip for free), the number of drivers required, and driving times/distances.

The committee agreed that all trips associated with 'ski' weekends needed to be official club trips.

AW will pass to Mike G clear communication to forward to people running these trips for the remainder of the trial.

Committee agreed that discussion on details of the policy would occur at the next committee meeting.

Action	Person
Speak to club member about complaint and decide action	MP and AW
Issue clear instructions re skiing trips to lodge to all running these trips over rest of the trial	MG and AW

7 Logo redesign (Amanda)

Amanda has circulated a new version of the proposed logo redesign. Everyone on the committee agreed to give their thoughts prior to next meeting. Tim the designer will present to us at the next meeting.

Action	Person
Review logo redesign and give thoughts to AW	Whole committee

8 General business

- a) Update on Tararua huts booking proposal (Amanda)
 AW has corresponded with DOC about this as pre the minutes of the August meeting. A stay of action has been issued by DOC.
 DOC are holding a Hui to discuss the changes on the 24th Sept TBC – **AW to attend.**
- b) Tararua Aorangi Rimutaka Huts Committee bids and next meeting (Amanda)
The Committee has funds available to fund volunteer work on these public huts, as in previous years. Applications close on the 21 September 2014.
 Meeting in Oct. Craig cannot attend. **AW to attend.**
 Devote some time in the future to this issue, so we can potentially apply in future years. We also need to devote discussion to how we can help use the FMC consortium bid for hut maintenance funds.

Action	Person
Attend Hui on Tararua DOC huts booking proposal	AW
Attend Tararua Aorangi Rimutaka Huts Committee Meeting in Oct	AW

9 Transport

- A trip was cancelled after we booked the ferry due to weather. The committee agreed that the members should pay the ferry cancelation fee.
- Rear mud-guard on a van is damaged, and has been bungeed on without anyone claiming responsibility. **RL to investigate**

Action	Person
Investigate damage to WTMC rear mud guard	RL

10 AOB

11 Next meeting: