

WTMC Committee Meeting

Wed 8 October 6pm TTC Clubrooms

Minutes

In attendance: AW, RL, MS, RD, SW, BG, JF, TG, MP, DB, RH.

1 Apologies – Mike Gilbert, Brendan Eckert.

2 Logo presentation – Tim Bruce (6pm)

- Tim explained proposed logo design and adjustments made since last time. There was some support for the new logo and some committee members supported keeping the current logo. The committee decided that two new options should be presented to the club members along with current logo. Votes for the motion: 10. Abstentions/Objections: 1.
- The committee thanked Tim for all his efforts
- Logo options will now be presented to club membership for consultation in next newsletter. People will be asked to provide feedback by the end of November. We will consider feedback and potential next steps (based on that feedback) at the December committee meeting.
- Committee noted what our constitution says in relation to the logo/colours, and that any change to the logo would require a change to the constitution i.e. an EGM. These are the relevant parts of the constitution:
 - 4. COLOURS
 - a. The Club colours shall be light blue, dark blue and gold, with the light blue to predominate.
 - 5. BADGE
 - a. The Club badge shall be as illustrated.

Action	Person
Logo options to go in Newsletter	AW/MS

3 Matters arising from previous minutes (Amanda)

- TG has spoken to TTC about their experience of abolishing the two trip rule for membership. Their experience was reported as very positive. They got 37 new members in next 12 months, which they are very happy with.
- New laptop. RH reported. A basic option is \$550. RH is looking into durability and has authorisation to buy when happy. Limit is \$1500.
- TG to bring costings to next meeting for new projector and feasibility of using TTC projector.
- Next Tararua Aorangi Rimutaka Huts Committee Meeting is in Nov (Oct meeting postponed)
- Bus damage to rear mud guard is not damage, just user being cautious when heard rattling noise and putting bungee on.
- Lodge trips:
 - The committee acknowledged all the great work that has been done running lodge trips this year, and the committee supports the work done.

- A review of how the lodge trips have been going will be conducted after season has finished and MG has returned. Spencer has offered to assist in developing a policy around lodge weekends that addresses some of the issues emerging from this year's trial, in consultation with all the relevant people. Committee decided to pause this for the moment and discuss at the November meeting. Committee agreed that clarity around hire and reward issues was needed before any work could be done on policy – (see below)

Action	Person
Buy new laptop	RH
Research projector options	TG

4 Transport (Richard L)

- P endorsement and hire/reward issues
 - Driver needs to pay their share of transport in order to comply with LTSA regulations and for insurance to be valid. There may be a grey area around lodge leader van drivers paying for accommodation and food. To be on safe side, for last lodge trip of this year, lodge leader will pay full costs of transport, accommodation and food.
 - Committee agreed further work was needed on this, and that it would be ideal to get a club member who was a lawyer to look at it. A list of potential lawyers was suggested, AW to approach them.
 - Thanks to RL for work so far on this matter.
- In line with discussion at our October meeting, RL proposes that our list of policies be updated to include the following:
 - All trips north of Palmerston North, or where trips involve an anticipated journey of more than 3hours, must have two drivers available in the van.
 - RL proposed. Seconded SW.
 - RD to add to transport policy.
- Refunds in relation to hire vehicles
 - Ferry bookings require 3 days' notice of cancellation. Any bookings cancelled after this time and before check-in time will incur a cancellation fee of 10% of the booking cost, which punters are liable for. No cancellations can be made after check in time closes.
 - 48 hours' notice must be given to cancel a hire car/van. After this the cost is non-refundable and punters are liable.
 - RD to add this to refund policy.

Action	Person
Look at 'hire and reward' definition	AW to find lawyer
Change transport policy: 2 driver rule for trips north of PN or with anticipated journey time >3hrs	RD
Change refund policy as outlined above	RD

5 Finances

- a) Bank Rec (Brendan) – BE not here.

6 Membership

a. Any new members (Jo)

- Jessie Go
- Henry Fisher
- Andy Dowdle and Sue Field
- Proposed: MP, Seconded AW.

b. Membership categories

- The committee considered the feedback from the discussion night. General sense is support from membership.
- Next step – set EGM date, consider constitution wording.
- EGM date proposed: Nov 26th.
- The committee wants to keep membership categories in constitution, so needs to prepare some draft wording for constitution: RD to do.
- The point was raised that household membership allows people who may have never tramped to be voting members. Committee do not feel this is a major concern.
- 6 financial members need to put in writing request for EGM.
- AW to write blurb for newsletter re EGM.

Action	Person
Draft wording for new membership categories for constitution	RD
Organise EGM	RD
Membership categories and EGM to be discussed in Newsletter	AW

c. Membership requirements

- The committee considered the feedback from discussion night and newsletter blog
- The committee considered the risks in constitution
- MP suggested members have to volunteer to a job within their first year of membership.
- There was a suggestion that membership might require two club activities and prospective members just write down which activities they participated in and who led them (i.e. not nominations).
- The committee considered the different membership criteria options that committee members have been working on
- The committee decided that these four options should be put forward for wider consultation
- DB to write up four options and give to MS for newsletter to start consultation. No timeframe set.
- Committee noted that if we do relax the rules, we should consider increasing the quorum required for changing the constitution, among other things.

Action	Person
Write up four options for membership requirements for newsletter	DB

d. Introductory night, 29 October (Mike G/R Day)

- 50 posters were printed. Some have been put up in outdoor shops in town. A list of volunteers for jobs is being collated.

7 Journal quotes

- Ian has sourced the following quotes:
 - Wickliffe \$4784.90
 - Pivotal: \$3914.59
 - Wakefields: \$3366
- Ian asks us to approve him accepting the quote from Wakefields.
- AW proposed. RD seconded.

8 Tararua Huts booking proposal

- Hui on 24 September canvassed range of objections to the proposal from clubs, along the lines we have previously discussed.
- DOC undertook to consider these points before putting out another proposal for consultation.
- Apparently last summer's 'trial' has just continued on rather than stopping in March as previously advertised. But bookings have now been suspended till a new arrangement has been decided on.
- Some useful points made by DOC: Any booking system will be of bunks – i.e. you can still sleep on the floor and there are no restrictions on that. Also there is no requirement to book – it just means that if there are more people than bunks, the people who have booked get the bunks.

9 General business

- Accessing club gear rooms outside of usual club hours (Megan) – deferred till next meeting.
- Trip planning next Wednesday.

10 AOB

- **Next meeting 12 November**