

# WTMC Committee Meeting

Wed 12 Nov 2014 6pm, The Hop Garden

## Minutes

In attendance: Amanda Wells (chair), Mike Gilbert, Richard Lardner, Debbie Buck, Mike Phethean, Brian Goodwin, Tony Gazley, Sue Walsh, Megan Sety, Brendan Eckert, Jo Fink

**1 Apologies**

Rebecca Day, Richard House

**2 Minutes of last meeting** Approved by: Megan Sety. Seconded by: Richard Lardner

**3 Matters arising from October minutes**

a) On request from Mike G, who was unable to attend the October meeting, Amanda clarified that the two driver policy for trips of longer duration means that on these longer drives there must be two people comfortable driving the van (this is particularly to ensure that there is a backup driver who is willing to drive in the event of fatigue or injury). Anyone can drive the van (member or non member) and while the club prefers people to fill in the vetting form, this is not essential to do before driving. WTMC logo proposals to be circulated in December newsletter and feedback sought from the membership (delay from November newsletter at request of designer)

**4 Finances**

a) **Bank Rec.** Brendan tabled the Aug and Sep bank reconciliation. This was passed by the committee: Proposed by Megan Sety, Seconded by Mike Phethean, carried.

b) **Paua Hut expenses.** \$600 expenditure approved for maintenance and rat traps. Proposed by Amanda, seconded by Mike Phethean, carried.

c) **Whio Donation** Brendan has not paid this yet as he has not been given an account number to pay it into as yet.

**Actions**

Confirm to Mike Pratt that expenditure has been approved. Also check with Mike Pratt if additional funds would be useful for sprucing up Paua Hut	<b>Amanda Wells</b>
Check with DOC re Whio donation	<b>Amanda</b>

**5 Membership (Jo/Amanda)**

**a) The following new members were approved by the committee**

Sam and Michelle Kempthorne (returning)

Baz Murfin, Sarah Steed and Jessica (new family)

Proposed Megan Sety, Seconded Mike Phethean, carried.

**b) Membership categories.**

EGM proposal for 26 November to change membership categories, tabled with requisite 6 signatures proposing it.

The form of the meeting will be a relatively quick agenda to propose the change; ask for discussion; vote; close the meeting.

Voting will be by show of hands, needs to be someone to count the votes on the night.

Amanda (President) to chair, Beccy (Secretary) to take minutes.

**Actions**

Prepare agenda for meeting	<b>Amanda Wells</b>
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**c) Membership requirements**

Three options tabled (and have been circulated to members via the Newsletter) but discussion on these options deferred until December. There has been limited feedback

**Actions**

Solicit feedback on membership joining criteria	<b>All</b>
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**d) New Trampers Night (MikeG)**

MikeG expressed thanks to everyone who had helped on the night.

- Good turnout, evening format seemed to work well.
- The 'get more information' cards worked well. 35 cards back – not as good for counting numbers (estimate 50 people attended) but great for followup
- Only one person attended from seeing a poster. Lots of work for little result, recommend not doing posters next time.

**6 Thanks for Helping BBQ (MikeG)**

- Thanks for helping BBQ will be held on Thursday 11 December
- Venue will be Otari-Wilton Bush bbq area
- Wet-weather – reschedule to Southern Cross Hotel or cancel
- Club will provide salads and soft-drinks. BYO bbq food and alcohol.
- Budget to be determined but will be \$5-\$10 per head

**Actions**

Advise MikeG of invitees	<b>All (by 21 Nov)</b>
Find out if we need council permission to hold the bbq at Otari-Wilton Bush	<b>Brendan E</b>

**7 Open Lodge (MikeG)**

Ruapehu Lodge will be open with no bookings required again this summer.

Expected to be 26 December to Sunday 12 Jan.

Currently looking for Lodge Leaders to look after the lodge for this period.

**8 Whio Trapping Programme – DOC Agreement (Amanda)**

Amanda went through our obligations in the DOC agreement to maintain the Whio pest trapline

- We must check the traps monthly, weather permitting.
- We can terminate at any time.

Amanda will ask the following questions:

- Whether we can have a review after 12 months of operation
- If there is a fuel allowance for volunteers to travel to the trapline
- If DOC will support applications for funding to pay for activities related to this programme.

We need tools (gloves, bum-bag, screwdriver and so on) to carry out the programme and which will become Club Gear. Illona has bought some already. Pete S may be ok to procure the rest.

**(a) Amanda is to sign the agreement with DOC.** Proposed Megan Sety, Seconded Mike Phethean, carried.

**(b) Club to pay Illona for Whio trap gear already bought, and buy remaining gear needed.** Proposed Megan Sety, Seconded Mike Phethean, carried.

#### **Actions**

Finish negotiations with DOC and sign agreement	<b>Amanda</b>
Talk to Pete S regarding Whio Trapping programme gear	<b>Amanda</b>

#### **9 Hall projector renewal**

The current hall projector is approaching end of life and is not great quality compared to what is currently available.

We could use the TTC projector, mounted in the ceiling, for \$30/night. The committee felt this was far too expensive so declined this offer.

A new projector would be the order of \$2000.

#### **Actions**

Identify 2-3 options for a replacement projector	<b>Tony G</b>
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#### **10 Tararua, Aorangi, Rimutaka Huts Committee (TARHC) Meeting – Amanda**

Amanda attended this meeting. One of the topics was 'adoption' and maintenance of huts by Tramping Clubs such as WTMC. WTMC has historically been the custodian of Mountain House, Smiths Creek and Maungahuka hut. It was suggested at the meeting that Renata Hut no longer has a group maintaining it and could be demolished if a group does not 'adopt' it. DOC undertook to clarify this.

After some discussion the committee decided that it would be hard for us to 'adopt' a hut without an enthusiastic Hut Maintenance Officer driving a programme of work. Our club makeup has changed and we no longer have a pool of members who are tradespeople.

Ian Buckenberg organised the last working party to Smiths Creek Shelter and may be able to organise another one.

#### **Actions**

Ask Ian Buckenberg if he wants to organise a Smiths Creek cleanup trip	<b>Brian G</b>
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**11 2015/16 Committee**

Amanda raised that the current committee needs to start thinking about if they want to be part of the 2015/16 committee, and which of our membership would make good new committee members.

Several committee members indicated they do not want to continue in their current roles.

**12 General business**

**(a) Accessing gear after hours** – Megan asked if it was permissible for members to access the gear cupboard in the TTC hall – both with TTC themselves, and with Pete S the Gear Custodian.

**Actions**

Clarify whether we can access club gear outside of Wednesday night meetings, with Alan Wright (TTC Hall Contact) and Pete S (Gear Custodian)	<b>Megan S</b>
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**13 Any Other Business**

**(a) 2015 AIC Course** – Mike Phethean noted that we will use professional guides to run this course. This is similar to how the NZAC AIC courses are run. The guide is responsible for the concession to run such a course. Participants must be WTMC members.

**(b) Summer Trip Schedule** – Mike Phethean noted that the Trip Schedule will have a different format and will include trip leaders' email addresses (on the paper copy only, not the electronic copy).

**(c) 2014 Journal** – Megan noted that Ian reports that the 2015 journal is on track for publication.

Meeting closed 7.15pm.

NEXT MEETING: 10 December 2014 (the day before the 'thanks' bbq).