

WTMC Committee Minutes

Wed 18 Feb 2015 6pm, TTC Hall

In attendance: Rebecca Day, Megan Sety, Jo Fink, Brian Gibson, Sue Walsh, Mike Gilbert, Debbie Buck, Mike Phethean, Spencer Clubb (invited member), Richard Lardner, Amanda Wells (chair), Tony Gazley

- 1 Apologies:** Richard House, Brendan Eckhart
- 2 Minutes of last meeting** Approved. Proposed by: Megan Sety Seconded by: Mike Gibert

3 Matters arising from last minutes (Amanda Wells).

- (1) Tony is looking at the purchase of a new projector for club nights. He will present some options in the April Meeting
- (2) Beccy is going to find out if the charities commission hold a copy of the club constitution and, if so, send them an updated copy.

Actions

Research options for a new projector	TG
Enquire with Charities commission whether they hold a copy of club constitution	RD

4 Finances (Brendan)

a) Bank Rec.

The Dec and Jan bank reconciliation were approved by the committee. Proposed by Rebecca Day. Seconded by Mike Gilbert.

Mike Phethean is going to follow up with Brendan what the first item on the bank rec was for.

Actions

Follow up what first item on bank rec was for	MP
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5 New members (Jo Fink)

New members were approved as listed below:

Proposed by Mike Phethean, Seconded by Megan Sety.

- Euan Mackenzie (Adult)
- Robyn Lutzenberger (Adult)
- Shane Clark and Wendy Payne (Household)
- Kimberly Mathis and Maya and Samantha Hatchwell (becoming Household membership - partner and children of Charles Hatchwell)
- Jude Davies and Lucy and Gwen Davies (becoming Household membership - partner and children of Tim Dunning)
- Lucas White (joining existing Household membership - child of Mark and Amelia White)
- Juliet and Aiden Murphy (joining existing Household membership - children of Lynley Goodwin and Jonathon Murphy)

- Renee Van Lierop – additions to household.
- Resignations from:
- Anne Watts (Veteran)

(b) Joining requirements

- Amanda Wells is going to propose in the newsletter that the removal of nominations and removal of requirement for two tramping trips is the committee’s preferred option for the new joining criteria.
- This will require a change to the constitution, and opportunity to change the constitution is at the AGM in April.
- The constitution will be changed so that the requirement for nominations is taken out, but the phrase ‘the committee may require such tests of tramping or climbing interest as it may think fit’ will remain.
- Amanda proposed that we table the revised constitution at the AGM
- This was unanimously agreed by the committee (First: Mike Phethean, Seconded: Mike Gilbert)
- Beccy will write the agenda for the AGM + will also draft the proposed new wording for the constitution. Beccy will also draft the new wording for the Membership policy, but this doesn’t need to be approved by the membership.

Actions

Draft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for AGM • New wording for constitution • New wording for membership policy 	RD
Communicate planned changes to membership via club newsletter	AW

6 Logo

Amanda proposed that we do not have sufficient support from the membership for a change to the club logo.

Motion: Amanda Wells will feedback to the membership that we appreciate all the feedback given to us, but we will not be changing logo at this time.

Committee all agreed.

The committee noted that we appreciate the work Tim has put into this project.

Actions

Communicate with membership through newsletter that that we appreciate all the feedback given to us, but we will not be changing logo at this time.	AW
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7 Van Lodge Trip Policy (Spencer and Mike G)

Spencer and Mike G tabled a proposed policy and some associated written explanation regarding ‘transport, food and accommodation only’ trips to the lodge (a.k.a. van lodge trips). The committee thanked Mike and Spencer for the time they had spent looking into this difficult issue.

There was extensive discussion about the difference between van lodge trips and standard WTMC trips to the lodge. The role of lodge leaders/club reps and trip leaders on WTMC trips was discussed.

The two main issues that the discussion focussed on were:

(1) Recompense for lodge leaders/club reps.

- Historically, the only lodge leaders ones who didn't pay accommodation or transport fees were club reps running the lodge for outside groups.
- In the proposed policy, all lodge leaders would now get free accommodation and transport (both WTMC trips and not).
- The justification for this is that the work to run the lodge is greater than on a standard WTMC trip. Secondly, the incentive encourages lodge utilisation.
- It was noted that we are not making money on the lodge, so it is not necessarily logical provide this incentive, although it could boost lodge utilisation and help make money.
- Amanda suggested the Lodge subcommittee look at the proposal for recompense to lodge leaders, and advise the WTMC committee of their opinion before the March WTMC committee meeting.

(2) The problem of organised activities occurring on van lodge trips

- Everyone agreed the primary purpose of van lodge trips was skiing
- The proposed policy for van lodge trips has a clause that suggests that the lodge leader could lead additional activities such as tramping, or visits to hot pools, as long as these activities were pre-approved by the chief guide.
- Mike Phethean raised some concerns about this which the committee discussed.
- There was a discussion about the procedures the club has in place for organised WTMC activities such as the emergency contacts system, vetting of participants, preparation of participants with appropriate gear and the trip intentions system.
- Mike Phethean suggested that any activity that is organised by the club must be on an official club trip (meaning that it is advertised on the schedule, has a trip sheet that goes on the board, has emergency contacts and stated trip intentions etc....) and that we could use existing policies to cover this.
- There was also discussion about the extra van usage for driving to the start of walks/activities and is not factored into the cost of van lodge trips.
- Amanda Wells summarised the majority of comments: that the Van Lodge trips should only include accommodation, transport and food. Any official organised activities must be run using the official WTMC trips system. This would mean that organised activities other than skiing could not be advertised on van lodge trips, lodge leaders could not 'lead' such activities, and club vans could not be used for such activities.
- Committee agreed to discuss this further next month.

Actions

Lodge subcommittee to consider recompense policy for van lodge trips	BG to raise with lodge sub committee.
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8 Safety and viability of van driving policies (Mike G)

Mike Gilbert raised objections to the transport policy that requires two drivers for trips north of the Manawatu Gorge or with an anticipated journey time of more than 3hours.

This has been previously discussed and voted on by the committee. Committee reaffirmed its previous decision (First: Amanda, Seconded: Megan Sety; passed by majority show of hands)

9 Whio trap line update (Amanda).

Amanda updated that DOC has said health and safety legislation requires one first aid certified member per party volunteering for the Whio trap line. DOC is still considering how to respond to our comments raised on this issue.

10 Holdsworth-Jumbo Circuit Bookable Hut Trial (Amanda)

DOC are going to send us a report on the Holdsworth-Jumbo bookable hut trial. We have opted for the report rather than to attend a meeting.

11 TARHC bid for Mountain House work (Amanda)

We are waiting on a cheque from TARHC to refund the costs of the mountain house work party.

12 2015/16 Committee Nominations (All)

Beccy will bring a pile of blank nomination forms to the next committee meeting for committee members who are standing for another term to fill out.

Beccy will also sort out the web page with a blank nominations table for the 2015/2016 committee. All committee members who are standing for another term should e-mail her and she will put the names of the nominees in.

The annual report will go out to the membership in early March.

The minutes of the Nov EGM need to be approved at AGM (Beccy will put that on the agenda)

Actions

Bring blank nomination forms to the next committee meeting	RD
Sort out nominations page on website for next committee	RD
Email intention to stand for another term on committee to Beccy	All standing
Annual report in next newsletter	MS + contributions from others
Write agenda for AGM	RD

13 Feedback from New Trampers Night (Mike G)

Great success.

70-80 people turned up

Lots of trips filled up.

60 people signed up for updates.

Many thanks to Mike for organising.

14 General business

a) Purchase of another PLB (Mike P)

Purchase approved: Proposed Megan Sety, Seconded Jo Fink

b) John Rundle exhibition

No one planning to attend. Event has been advertised on the forum and in the newsletter.

15 Any other business

Date of AGM changed put back one week to 8th April. Beccy is away so Megan agreed to do the minutes.

Sue needs someone to fill in social convenor role for 25th March. Megan volunteered.

Actions

AGM minutes on 8 th April	MS
Social convenor 25th March	MS

NEXT MEETING: March 11th.