

WTMC Committee Minutes

Wed 11 March 2015 6pm, TTC Hall

- 1 **Apologies:** Mike Gilbert, Richard Lardner, Megan Sety
Present: Amanda Wells, Mike Phethean, Rebecca Day, Debbie Buck, Jo Fink, Brian Goodwin, Richard House, Tony Gazley, Sue Walsh, Brendan Eckert
- 2 **Minutes of last meeting** – There were approved by the committee. Proposed: Mike Phethean seconded: Jo Fink

3 **Matters arising from last minutes (Amanda Wells)**

- The committee will discuss the purchase of a new projector in the next meeting.
- RD has investigated whether we have to update our constitution with any public bodies. She has enquired with the charities commissioned and established that we are not registered with them. RD to ask Sharron if there was anywhere she lodged constitution when changes were made during her presidency.
- Brendan Eckert is to follow up enquiry that Mike Phethean made regarding the January bank reconciliation.
- A few of the committee who are standing again next year still need to get nomination forms filled out: Amanda Wells, Jo Fink and Brendan Eckert.

Action	
Projector options for next meeting	TG
Enquire with Sharon as to who constitution is lodged with	RD
Follow up on enquires regarding Jan bank reconciliation	BE
Get nominations forms for AGM filled out	AW JF BE

- 4 **Date of next meeting**
Committee agreed that the next formal meeting would be the May meeting (on 13 May). The April meeting would be replaced by an informal gathering of 2014/15 and 2015/16 committee members. RD to e-mail old and prospective new committee to tell them that there will be an informal handover in the hop garden at 6pm prior to AGM (8th April).

Action	
Inform old and new committee of handover meeting	RD

5 **Finances (Brendan Eckert)**

a) **Bank Reconciliation for Feb**

The February bank reconciliation was tabled and passed by the committee. Proposed: Mike Phethean, Seconded: Rebecca Day

6 Membership

a) New members (Jo Fink). Applications received from:

- Lisa Tong
- Bernie Dixon
- family of Brian Rowe: Catherine, Anton 17, Charlotte 14, Erika 12, Damon 10
- family of Nigel Case: Sally Giles, and Maisie & Louis Case.

The new members were voted in by the committee. Proposed: Mike Phethean

Seconded: Richard House

b) Jo is chasing about 45 people that have not yet paid subs.

c) Joining requirements

- Proposed change to Constitution (see AGM agenda) and membership policy. The committee agreed with the wording that will be presented at the AGM.

7 Coroner's report into the NZAC incident on Taranaki (Mike Phethean)

Mike Phethean presented a report on the Taranaki incident and some proposals for actions the WTMC should take based on the recommendations of the coroner's report. The committee discussed the report, in particular the following actions:

- We should emphasize importance of turnaround time in our leadership course
- We should attempt to schedule more talks at club regarding safety
- The current recommendations don't cover 'rock' trips – should we think about this too?
- The committee spent a while debating the efficacy of avalanche transceivers and probes and whether air bags are more effective. All agreed terrain analysis was vital. Tony Gazley agreed to get some stats on the efficacy on transceivers.
- The club should buy some snow shovels.
- We should plan to make Mike's report available to membership (through website, and mention in newsletter) once it is finalised.

Action	
Get stats on efficacy of avalanche transceivers	TG
Update report on Taranaki incident and recommendations for WTMC. Then make report available to membership through website and mention in newsletter	MP

8 Lodge (Brian Goodwin)

- Brian reported that the lodge subcommittee proposed that the lodge rates should be kept the same this coming year. The committee agreed with this proposal. Proposed: Brian Goodwin, Seconded: Brendan Eckert
- The lodge subcommittee gave feedback on the lodge leader recompense issue.
 - The lodge subcommittee proposes that there should be no policy to recompense leaders. Brian Goodwin explained that there had never been a problem recruiting lodge leaders.
- The committee affirmed the summary of the discussion at the February committee meeting: that any 'organised' WTMC activities should be run through the WTMC trips system. It was also noted that the WTMC trips system does not recompense leaders.

9 2015/16 Committee Nominations (All)

- The committee discussed the nominations for the next committee that have been received thus far:

Committee Positions	<i>Committee can be up to 15 people</i>
President	Amanda Wells
Vice President	Katy Glenie
Secretary	Rebecca Day
Treasurer	Brendan Eckhert
Chief Guide	Ilona Keenan
Assistant Chief Guide	
Transport	Richard Lardner
Membership	Jo Fink
Promotions	Andrei Zubkov
Communications	Emily Shrosbree
Social Convenor	Megan Sety
Ruapehu Lodge Convenor	
General Committee	Richard House
	Amelia White
	Tony Gazley

Rebecca Day agreed to put a list of the 'other non-committee jobs' and the kind volunteers who fill these roles in as separate section of the committee page of the website.

Action	
Add list of 'other WTMC jobs' and occupants on committee page of website.	RD

10 AGM – 8 April (Amanda)

- The committee discussed the AGM which will be on the 8th April
- Arrangements for the publication and distribution of Annual Report, audited accounts, meeting agenda/papers and previous minutes (AGM and EGM) were discussed.
- Amanda thanked Tony Gazley and Megan Sety for putting the finishing touches on the annual report
- Brendan Eckert confirmed that the accounts will have been audited by the AGM
- The unaudited accounts will be circulated prior to AGM with the annual report. Audited versions will be circulated in early April and also be available at the AGM
- Report and accounts to be sent out soon (tomorrow)

Action	
Send out annual report and accounts	MS
Print some copies of audited accounts for AGM	AW

11 Mail and bill payments

- Richard Lardner has agreed to collect the club mail and will get the key for the mail box off Mike Gilbert.

- Brendan Eckert and Richard Lardner will sort out fleet card to pay for petrol in thrifty vans.

Action	
Get key for mail box and start collecting mail	RL
Sort out fleet card	BE + RL

12 Report back from TARHC meeting on 9 March (Amanda)

Amanda gave a comprehensive report from the Tararua Aorangi Rimutaka Huts Committee meeting on 9 March.

- Jumbo-Holdsworth compliance (i.e. numbers paying) has dropped since Jumbo been off the booking system. DOC claims this makes it harder for them to invest in the huts (because it appears as if like less people are staying). DOC wants to widen booking system to include Jumbo next season.
- Other hut and track maintenance developments in the Tararuas were also discussed.
- Access to the Western Ruahines was also discussed. There is no possibility of the existing land owner reinstating access to Kawhatau base.

13 General business

- The committee thanked Gareth Gretton for organising the recent successful lodge social trip (and thanks also to his able assistant leader, who isn't at all biased....!). Sue Walsh offered to help organise a Winter Solstice lodge trip.
- An AIC has been organised for the 24th July.
- Sue Walsh reminded everyone that the car parking on the TTC-hall-side of Moncrief Street is residents only.

14 Any other business

Amanda Wells thanked the committee for their hard work over the year.

NEXT MEETING:

- Informal gathering at Hop Garden at 6pm on 8 April (prior to AGM)!
- Next meeting 13 May at 6pm at TTC Hall.