

WTMC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 5.45pm, TTC Library

| In attendance | | Name/Role | Initials |
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| Y | N | | |
| ✓ | | Emily Shrosbree, President | ES |
| ✓ | | Tony Gazley, Vice-President | TG |
| ✓ | | Graeme Hearfield, Treasurer | GH |
| ✓ | | Matt Conway, Chief Guide | MC |
| ✓ | | Maj-Britt Engelhardt, Assistant Chief Guide | MBE |
| | ✓ | Rene Auer, Transport Officer | RA |
| | ✓ | Jane Latchem, Membership Officer | JL |
| ✓ | | Juan Rada-Vilela, Webmaster | JRV |
| | ✓ | Natasha Harris, Newsletter Editor | NH |
| ✓ | | Heather Garven, Secretary | HG |
| ✓ | | Aimee Paterson, Promotions Officer | AP |
| | ✓ | Sumudu Jayalath, Communications Officer | SJ |
| ✓ | | Tony Stephens, Social Convenor | TS |
| ✓ | | Brian Goodwin, Lodge Convenor | BG |
| ✓ | | George Bowman, General Committee Member | GB |

- 1 **Welcome and apologies** – Apologies from Sumudu, Natasha, Jane and Rene
- 2 **Minutes of last meeting** - Committee approved the 1 May 2019 meeting minutes.
- 3 **Matters and actions arising from last minutes**

| Matter/Status/Action | Who |
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| Archiving - <u>Ongoing</u> . No update this month. | TG |
| Thrifty Car and Cross Country Rental Car Accounts – <u>Open</u> . GH noted an account had now been set up with Cross Country. A credit card was needed to complete the setting up of an account with Thrifty. | GH |

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| GH (or RA) to provide Thrifty their credit card details. | GH/RA | | | | | | | |
| Volunteer roles – <u>Closed</u> . Thanks to GB for offering to pick up the second van cleaning role. | | All | | | | | | |
| Scholarship applications – <u>Ongoing</u> . Nothing to report this month. | | ES | | | | | | |
| Audit PLB contact details for RCCNZ – <u>Open</u> . MP to action. | | ES | | | | | | |
| WTMC Journal – <u>Open</u> . Discussion about the future of the Journal included possible fund-raising, increasing each trip fee, switching to a six monthly A5 size paper publication (similar to the <i>Backcountry</i>), sending out a survey to members to ascertain the level of interest and options, move to a biennial publication of the Journal. Committee agreed a move to every two years could interest members. | | ES | | | | | | |
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| Trip sign-up sheet process – <u>Closed</u> . Committee agreed there were a few options for signing up and that while the club encouraged inclusivity, leaders had the discretion to decide who came on trips. | | ES | | | | | | |
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4 Finances (GH)

Committee approved the May 2019 bank reconciliations.

5 Membership (SJ on behalf of JL)

a) Committee approved the following new members via email since the May meeting:

Daniel Young & Anna Shipova
 James Overell
 Callum Sleight
 Margan van den Belt
 Michael Pohl
 Jared Sullivan
 Jishnu Bala
 Paul Kelly and Claire Bryne

a) Thanks for Sumudu for covering for Jane.

6 June Committee Reminders

| Action | Who |
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| Unpaid membership subscriptions – <u>Open</u> . Remove from membership list | JL |
| Set Committee priorities for the year ahead – <u>Ongoing</u> . Committee discussed possible options for the coming year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodge upgrade • Wider awareness of how the lodge operates • Environmental • Increasing the club's volunteer base | All |

- 7 **Joint club self-insurance for lodge (building and contents)** – Open. GH summarized that clubs with lodges on Ruapehu had been approached by RMCA regarding a proposal for self-insurance. All clubs with lodges would need to participate to make the initiative viable. GH noted the initiative was a good idea in principle. The main risk would be in the early days of the scheme if an incident e.g. an eruption, destroyed a lot of the lodges. Should there be wide interest and it looks to go ahead, the club would want to get professional advice. Committee agreed to wait and see if RMCA come back with any next steps.
- 8 **Gear library – donations of used items** – Closed. MBE noted this came from the recently established Suggestions Box. Committee discussed current opportunities for club members to buy and sell used gear, noting the club had previously held a buy/sell evening. On donating items to the club, ES noted there could be a storage issue. NZAC have a buy/sell FB page and we could help facilitate something similar. With any items donated to the club, someone (perhaps best the Gear Custodian) should make a call on the suitability/benefit of what the club receives.
- 9 **Trip Intentions Sheet** – Open. Another suggestion from the Suggestions Box. A member associated with SAR had suggested we add vehicle licence plate details to the Intentions Sheet. Committee agreed it was a good idea.

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| MBE to liaise with MP to arrange the improvement to the sheet. | MBE |

- 10 **Regional Leadership Development Courses** – Open. ES summarized FMC was looking to establish Regional Leadership Development Courses. FMC have asked clubs if they can help with establishing the merits of such an initiative. Committee agreed it was something the club should support. TG volunteered to respond to FMC.

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| TG to complete FMCs questionnaire and confirm WTMC support by 15 June. | TG |

- 11 **Van costs for DPY – Closed.** Committee approved the expenditure of \$1,238.24 for repairs to the left-hand front passenger door and sill. Also, \$1,377.24 for rust work in the wheel arches and righthand rear sill. A total of \$2,615.48.
- 12 **Co-sponsor 2019 NZ Mountain Film Festival – Ongoing.** Megan has offered to oversee WTMC co-sponsor the 2019 NZ Mountain Film Festival evenings with VUWTC on 5 and 12 August. While there is some risk should we not cover the costs, it was noted we had almost sold all seats in previous years and had received several thousands for scholarships. Committee supported the proposal again for 2019. MS had asked that a volunteer help her. JVR offered to assist with the marketing of the FF. ES asked the Committee to think who else might be able to help MS with the arrangements, including introducing the films on the night(s). The Committee thanks Megan for her offer to support the club again in what has been very successful in previous years.

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| ES to let Megan know the Committee supports WTMC co-sponsoring with VUWTC the film festival again for this year. to provide TG with FMCs letter | ES |
| Committee to scout around who in the club might be a good righthand person for Megan and ask them or pass their name to Megan. | All |

13 Any other business

- a. **Powell Hut Opening Invite – Closed.** ES encourage the committee to feel free to go along as a WTMC representative.
- b. **Lodge sub-committee meetings – Closed.** TG noted the Lodge sub-committee meetings could be managed better following a complaint he had received. TG suggested to trial a rotating Chair to manage the meetings. ES offered to help out and volunteered to Chair the next Lodge sub-committee meeting.
- c. **Club email issues – Open.** GH and JVR discussed briefing the pros and cons of moving the using Google accounts. GH confirmed the club cannot be classed as a charity but should be a tax-exempt entity for free Google accounts. GH suggested we old off action until we receive confirmation from IRD re our tax exemption status. JVR noted a couple of weeks would be fine as we had until August to resolve the WTMC email account issues.

Meeting closed at 1900 hrs

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 10 July 2019, 5.45pm, TTC clubrooms.