

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at Kate Brownsword's, 7 Rona Street, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt

MINUTES OF THE RUAPEHU COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 APRIL 2024 AT 73 WARWICK STREET, WILTON, WELLINGTON.

PRESENT: Kate Brownsword (Chairman)
David Biegel
Sheldon Bruce
Bruce Miller
Alison Newbald
Russell Oliver
Brendan Quirke
John Simes

1. Apologies
apologies for absence were received from Ian McIlraith

2. Minutes Considered:
The minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2023.

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 13 November 2023.

MOVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2023 were a true and accurate record.

Kate Brownsword/John Simes CARRIED

3. Correspondence

3.1 Correspondence In

- (i) Janson Kelly 6 December 2023 response to Treasurer's query about possible outcome of increase in premium. Copied to all committee members.
- (ii) RSSA 24 November 2023 October email concerning Mt Ruapehu Alpine Clubs contributing to Stakeholders Association.
- (iii) DOC 11 December 2023 email concerning Health and Safety Contractor Prequalification. Responded by the Treasurer.
- (iv) Notification 24 January 2024 of inspection of our Mechanical Ventilation system for our BWOFF. Copied to committee members.
- (v) Notification 29 February 2024 of Bwof Renewal cs064 2024. Copied to committee members.
- (vi) RMCA newsletter and letter to Hon Shane Jones 4 March 2024. Circulated to committee members.
- (vii) Obligations under the Fire and Emergency NZ Act 2017, RMCA notification 9 March 2024. Circulated to committee members.
- (viii) 2023-24 Department of Conservation monitoring report for concession TT-088-ACC, Hutt Valley Tramping Club, 15 March 2024. Circulated to committee members.
- (ix) RMCA Update 17 March 2024. Circulated to committee members.

3.2 Correspondence Out

- (i) 14 November 2023 submission of RMCA ballot paper for election of Councillors from November 2023 to October 2024. The two candidates we voted for were elected,
- (ii) 23 November 2023 query from Treasurer to Janson Kelly concerning premium.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Noted

Treasurer's Report dated 30 November 2023 had been approved by email.

4.2 Considered:

- 4.2.1 The Treasurer's Report dated 31 January 2024;
- 4.2.2 The Treasurer's Report dated 29 February 2024;
- 4.2.3 The Treasurer's Report dated 31 March 2024.

MOVED

That the payments, transfers and reinvestments as listed in the Treasurer's reports of 31 January 2024, 29 February 2024 and 31 March January 2024 be approved;

John Simes/Kate Brownsword

CARRIED

4.3 Noted:

- (i) The Treasurer was predicting a small loss;
- (ii) The February/March power bill was unexpectedly high;
- (iii) The successful completion of the WoF at low cost;
- (iv) On 31 March 2023 the total bank funds were \$70,863.81;

5. Mt Ruapehu/Ruapehu Alpine Lifts

5.1 Received:

An oral update from David Biegel.

5.2 Noted:

- (i) Several items/articles/updates have been shared with the committee since the last meeting
- (ii) DB attended PTL Doc concession hearings
- (iii) 4 March RMCA Letter to Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Regional Development
- (iv) 13 March 2024 the government has agreed to provide Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) a further \$7 million to ensure the 2024 ski season can go ahead at Whakapapa. This the fifth government contribution in the last 18 months totalling over \$42 million.
- (v) The government has also signed a sale and purchase agreement with Pure Turoa Ltd (PTL) for the Turoa ski field assets, including providing \$3.05 million in equity and loan funding. The DoC concession, required by PTL to operate, has yet to be granted
- (vi) The government has said this will be their final support package
- (vii) Whakapapa season pass sale expected in April
- (viii) DB attended RSSA AGM 25 March 2024
 - o RSSA looking at reset, may pursue Whakapapa only if PTL successful
 - o LPHs may not be honoured in 2024
 - o Have requested donations from clubs – 24/11/23 correspondence in, committee action, previous report, **Committee agreed to keep under review**
- (ix) DB provided update for April H&Vs

6. Lodge Bookings.

6.1 Considered:

An oral report from the Booking Officer.

6.2 Noted:

- (i) Bookings had been received from the Thompson family in April, the TTC in August (agreed to accept \$900 per night for entire lodge, TTC to provide all food) and Hillary Outdoors in August;
- (ii) Harrison Grierson have booked 31 August/1 September.

6.3 Agreed

- (i) Sheldon Bruce will remain as Booking Officer for this year;
- (ii) A celebration for the Lodge's 75 Anniversary will be held in mid September, the weekend before the school holidays.

7. Accommodation Charges**Agreed:**

To be considered at the next meeting.

8. March Work Party**Noted:**

- (i) Scheduled maintenance and stocktake matters were successfully undertaken;
- (ii) Replacement of sash and installation of double glazing had to be postponed to a later date;
- (iii) The source of water leakage above the fire alarm panel has not been located;
- (iv) Sheldon has met with Gavin Pearce and Patrick Fotheringham concerning the submersible water pump.

9. Re-stock work party**Agreed:**

The weekend of 24-26 May 2024. Muesli to be included.

10. Custodian**10.1 Considered:**

The need for a custodian.

10.2 Agreed:

After lengthy discussion and consideration of the advantages and drawbacks of employing a custodian for the lodge it was agreed that an advertisement for a custodian would be circulated during April.

11. Fire Drills**Agreed:**

Kate Brownsword will prepare the necessary actions for fire drills and will then include them in the lodge manual.

12. Food Act**Agreed:**

In compliance with the food act, the temperatures of the fridges and freezers will be checked twice a week,

13. Defibrillator**Agreed:**

John Simes will investigate the prices of atrial defibrillators and draft an application for funding to be submitted to the Fanny Bayliss fund.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at Kate Brownsword's, 7 Rona Street, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt.

The meeting closed at 10.17 pm.

Chairperson Date