

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at David Biegel's, 165 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington

MINUTES OF THE RUAPEHU COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 MAY 2024 AT 7 RONA STREET, EASTBOURNE, LOWER HUTT.

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

1. Welcome

The committee warmly welcomed Robert Thompson to its membership.

2. Apologies

All members being present, there were no apologies for absence.

3. Minutes

Considered:

The minutes of the meeting of 2 April 2024.

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 2 April 2024.

MOVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 2 April 2024 were a true and accurate record.

Kate Brownsword/John Simes CARRIED

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Fire Drills

4.1.1 Considered:

- (i) The length of time since the drill was last updated;
- (ii) The requirement of a Fire Warden, usually the trip leader;
- (iii) The number of times a drill should be held each year;
- (iv) Each drill should be recorded in the lodge Log Book;
- (v) A briefing should be held with new occupants;
- (vi) The need to be familiar with the fire extinguishers.

4.1.2 Agreed:

Kate Brownsword will prepare an updated fire drill and circulate it to committee members for comment.

4.2 Defibrillators

Noted:

John Simes had investigated the price of defibrillators, in particular one that is portable, and will submit an application for funding to the Fanny Bayliss bequest fund.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Correspondence In

- (i) 22 April 2024 email from Sam Goodwin of WaterForce concerning the implementation of the 2021 Water Services Act (WSA). Circulated to committee members by Kate Brownsword on 22 April.
- (ii) 23 April 2024 email from Secretary RMCA accompanied by RMCA April 2024 newsletter. Circulated to committee members.
- (iii) 24 April 2024 request from Secretary RMCA for club details. Forwarded to Kate Brownsword who is preparing a reply in consultation with Marina Skinner.
- (iv) Notification from Mercury Energy of probable price increase of 10%.

5.2 Correspondence Out

None

6. Financial Report

6.1 Considered:

The Treasurer's Report dated 30 April 2024, together with a bunk fee setting exercise for 2024 season;

MOVED

That the payments, transfers and reinvestments as listed in the Treasurer's report of 30 April 2024 be approved;

John Simes/Kate Brownsword

CARRIED

6.2 Noted:

On 30 April 2024 the total bank funds were \$69,024.34;

7. Mt Ruapehu/Ruapehu Alpine Lifts

7.1 Received:

An oral update from David Biegel.

7.2 Noted:

- (i) Several items/articles/updates have been shared with the committee since the last meeting
- (ii) DB provided update for May H&Vs
- (iii) Pure Turoa granted DoC concession to run Turoa
- (iv) Calibre Partners, are seeking Expressions of Interest to acquire the business assets of the Whakapapa, close 10 May. Newshub reported Dave Mazey (WHL), John Sandford and Ngāti Hikairo have expressed interest. WHL do not intend to offer LPHs a deal, John Sandford does.
- (v) DB provided HVTC LPHs with RSSA updates. RSSA will not pursue action re life passes not being honoured for 2024, more important focus on long term future of skifields. LPHs unsecured creditors with RAL/PWC. Member feedback from Libby Hazell (Pepper Hazell, Nina Hazell-Cross) and Daniel Talbot.
- (vi) Discounted/free Whakapapa season passes need to be purchased by 15 April. Communicated to HVTC members

8. Lodge Bookings.

8.1 Considered:

A printed draft calendar of bookings prepared by the Booking Officer, together with items to be noted.

8.2 Noted:

- (i) Apart from a Vets-type trip in Club Week 2 the club weeks are just an indication of the lodge being available rather than anyone proactively leading the trips.
- (ii) There is the possibility of a young person's trip of some sort.
- (iii) Victoria University is enquiring about a girls' trip in January.
- (iv) The 'Miles Thompson Week' will book out the first week of the October school holidays.

8.3 Agreed

Sheldon Bruce and John Simes will provide bookings details to David Biegel for the preparation of a monthly report.

9. Accommodation Charges**MOVED:**

The accommodations fees for 2024/2025 be as follows:-

Standard rate per night	Adult	Student
Member	\$55	\$45
Non-member	\$80	\$70
Summer Rate	\$40 per night	

Kate Brownsword/John Simes

CARRIED

10. Maintenance**Noted:**

- (i) All the completed repairs and maintenance listed in Russell Oliver's email report of 10 April;
- (ii) The variety of dates on the record of inspection tags on the fire extinguishers. John Simes will investigate.

11. Drinking Water Compliance**11.01 Considered**

- (i) The notification from WaterForce concerning the implementation of the 2021 Water Services Act (WSA);
- (ii) Sheldon Bruce's opinion and proposal in his email of 25 April 2024.

11.02 Noted:

- (i) The 2021 Water Services Act requires us to prepare a 'water safety plan for a small water supply'. There are many ways to do this but to make it easy for groups such as ourselves, acceptable solutions have been prepared that give relatively easily followed prescriptive requirements that, if followed, are deemed to comply with the Act.
- (ii) The 'Drinking Water Acceptable Solution for Roof Water Supplies' that WaterForce sent to us is probably the best option we have.
- (iii) In about two years we will need to have progressed to a stage where we can be certified as a 'Registered Water Supply' which confirms we are following the requirements of the Act and, in our case, are following the requirements of the acceptable solution.

11.03 Agreed:

- (i) *To postpone the planned installation of a new pump this year. Due to the need to develop an integrated plan that includes installation of a pump, filters and a UV system that meets the requirements of the Act with the potential aim of installing it over the 2024/25 summer.*
- (ii) *To request that the current group who have been planning the pump replacement (Russell Oliver/Patrick Fotheringham/Gavin Pearce and Sheldon Bruce) progress this.*
- (iii) *Sheldon Bruce will prepare a plan for committee consideration.*

12. Re-stock work party

Noted:

- (i) The weekend is now scheduled for 7-9 June;
- (ii) Kate has started working through the shopping list at 80%.

13. Custodian

Noted:

No applications had been received for the post of lodge custodian.

14. Information Sheet

Agreed:

Bruce Miller will update the information sheet to include the committee’s decisions and circulate it to members for comment.

15. Insurance

Noted:

Insurance will need to be discussed at the next meeting . By when we expect to have had the first approach from our brokers Frank Risk Management. The club treasurer Jim Cousins had advised John that insurance pricing for the clubrooms has gone up by about 40%.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at David Biegel’s, 165 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.

Chairperson Date