

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm on Monday 13 November 2023 at John Simes', 20 Natusch Street, Belmont, Lower Hutt.

MINUTES OF THE RUAPEHU COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2023 AT 92 NORTHLAND ROAD, NORTHLAND, WELLINGTON

PRESENT: Kate Brownsword (Chairman)
David Biegel
Sheldon Bruce
Ian McIlraith
Bruce Miller
Brendan Quirke
John Simes

1. Apologies

apologies for absence were received from Alison Newbald
Russell Oliver

2. Minutes

2.1 Considered:

The minutes of the meeting of 24 July 2023.

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 24 July 2023.

MOVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 24 July 2023 2023 were a true and accurate record.

Kate Brownsword/John Simes CARRIED

3. Correspondence

3.1 Correspondence In

- (i) 28 July email from RMCA concerning Whakapapa 2023 Season Training with Stockman Sports Ski Racing;
- (ii) 31 July notification from RMCA of the passing of Linda Danen, followed by details of her service;
- (iii) 18 August notification from RMCA of the Interclub race on 2nd September;
- (iv) 25 August RMCA - AGM notice- 30th September 2023 and accompanying agenda;
- (v) 30 August RMCA Newsletter for August 2023;
- (vi) 19 September RMCA further details of AGM;
- (vii) 23 September RMCA AGM details and delegate voting form;
- (ix) 26 September RMCA AGM accounts and council report;
- (x) 28 September notification from RMCA that the AGM will be held online

3.2 Correspondence Out

None

4. Financial Report

4.1 Considered

The Treasurer's Reports dated 31 July, 31 August and 30 September 2023;

MOVED

That the payments, transfers and reinvestments as listed in the Treasurer's reports of 31 July, 31 August and 30 September 2023 be approved;

John Simes/Kate Brownsword

CARRIED

5.2 Noted:

- (i) Payments to Mercury Energy have gone up, John has the power usage on a spreadsheet;
- (ii) DoC has started charging again;
- (iii) Costs included food for the centenary dinner and a subsidy for the tee shirts;
- (iv) Two locker fees have still to be received;
- (v) On 30 August 2023 the total bank funds were \$67,431.65.

6. Lodge Bookings.**6.1 Considered:**

An oral report from the Booking Officer.

6.2 Noted:

- (i) Bed nights to date total approximately 680, a 20% increase on the same time as last year;
- (ii) Should have about 40 more;
- (iii) Slightly more non-members this year;
- (iv) The booking process is going well;
- (v) Some people have expressed a desire to use the lodge in summer.

7. Insurance.**7.1 Considered:**

An oral report from the Finance Officer.

7.2 Noted:

We are now covered with Frank Risk Management for full replacement Insurance but this is based on an old valuation of \$1.2million. That valuation is expected will be superseded when/if a new valuation is commissioned. That commissioning however, does depend on getting some answers from DOC as to whether we would be allowed to rebuild the lodge if it were destroyed. No point in paying for full cover on say a \$2million structure if you would not be allowed to rebuild it after destruction.

8. Building Warrant of Fitness**8.1 Considered:**

An oral report from the Finance Officer.

8.2 Noted:

- (i) The mechanical ventilation system was not inspected by an IQP at the BWOFF renewal date in March 2023 and not subsequently due to the need to get a new IQP and this step has been fraught with difficulties. Consequently Ruapehu District Council or RDC have concluded that it is now too late for this BWOFF year to issue a BWOFF or to go through the s-rad and b-rad process, which is essentially a "please explain" when difficulties arise. Instead RDC have asked us to ensure that we have an IQP ready and waiting to inspect the mechanical ventilation system at time of our BWOFF renewal date of 20th March 2024 and that the necessary 12a form is sent to our BWOFF coordinator RFS Fire and Safety, Aka Richdales, who will then issue (or trigger) the BWOFF with RDC. The new Independently Qualified Person or IQP is Jason Constable of Taumararui and he has agreed to do this work for HVTC. jasonconstable@gmail.com is his contact and John has an

agreement to trigger an instruction early in the new year for Jason to do this inspection.

- (ii) All other aspects of the BWOFF as inspected by RFS have been found satisfactory and were ready for BWOFF approval and only the Mechanical Ventilation inspection let the process down.

9. RMCA AGM

9.1 Considered:

The draft minutes of the on-line AGM of the RMCA and an oral report from David Biegel.

9.2 Noted:

- (i) The request from DoC for help to clean up the mountain. Possible during times when clubs hold their work parties;
- (ii) Clubs' Health and Safety systems and avalanche escape routes;
- (iii) Assistance in communicating with DoC on insurance rebuild.

10 MT RUAPEHU/RUAPEHU ALPINE LIFTS

10.1 Received:

An oral update from David Biegel.

10.2 Noted:

- (i) Several items/articles/updates have been shared with the committee since the last meeting;
- (ii) RAL one year of (administration/liquidation);
- (iii) The government have now loaned \$35M+ to RAL, four times, no further ahead on a long-term resolution (John Fisk/Yogi Berra "it's deja vu all over again");
- (iv) Multiple iwi join calls for halt to sale - Tongariro National Park Treaty Process, granting DOC concessions;
- (v) Tūwharetoa not bidding, not viable, professional advice;
- (vi) Private ownership (Pure Turoa Ltd, Whakapapa Holdings Ltd, MBIE) vs public ownership (community, RSSA, iwi);
- (vii) RSSA donations (professional advice, insolvency law, litigation, and government relations);
- (viii) The RAL Liquidation Committee (staff, trade creditors and life pass holders) reported that PwC are refusing to provide timely and accurate information, have instructed a barrister to commence a formal exchange of letters.

10.3 Agreed:

The committee will consider and plan for the priority items which need to be implemented during the summer/2024.

11. Centenary Dinner

11.1 Noted:

- (i) The cost review provided by Kate Brownsword;
- (ii) The club had subsidised the event by just under \$200;
- (iii) It was a success.

11.2 Agreed:

The committee extended its thanks to Kate Brownsword and Sheldon Bruce for the successful organization and management of the dinner.

12. Accommodation Charges

The committee will consider amendments to the accommodation charges at the next meeting.

13. Committee Membership

Members of the committee will approach suggested club members about joining the committee.

14. General Business

14.1 Fire Alarm Panel: The panel was malfunctioning due to a leak. A cover will be built over the panel.

14.2 Rodents: Following the discovery of signs of rodents, baits have been put out.

14.3 Lights: Gary Kane had expressed concern about the bulkhead lights in the ladies' washroom. The kitchen lights and the pelmet lights also need replacing.

14.4 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings to be made available to club members in the same way as those of the General Committee.

15.5 Meetings: Alternate meetings could be held online, via Zoom.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 November 2023 at John Simes', 20 Natusch Street, Belmont, Lower Hutt.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Chairperson Date