

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm on Monday 12 February 2024 at Alison Newbald's, 73 Warwick Street, Wilton, Wellington.

MINUTES OF THE RUAPEHU COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 20 NATUSCH STREET, BELMONT, LOWER HUTT

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

1. Apologies
apologies for absence were received from Alison Newbald

2. Minutes
Considered:
The minutes of the meeting of 9 October 2023.

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 9 October 2023.

MOVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 9 October 2023 were a true and accurate record.

Kate Brownsword/Ian McIlraith CARRIED

3. Correspondence

3.1 Correspondence In

- (i) Kiran Amaravathi 9 October thanks for help and support during family stay at the lodge. Copied to Club President.
- (ii) RMCA 12 October email accompanied by copy of October newsletter. Copied to all committee members.
- (iii) DoC 14 October response to David Biegel about its approach to approving lodge rebuilds in the Tongariro National Park. Forwarded to Secretary RMCA and circulated to all committee members.
- (iv) RMCA 20 October email accompanied by ballot paper for election of two Councillors. Forwarded to VP Ruapehu. David had spoken to President of RMCA. Committee decided on which candidates to vote for, and David would forward the ballot paper.
- (v) RFS Fire & Building Compliance Ltd 27 October 2023 notification of change of ownership. Copied to all committee members.
- (vi) RMCA 11 November email accompanied by copy of November newsletter. Copied to all committee members.

3.2 Correspondence Out

- (i) John asked if the Property Brokers Compliance (PBC) will include Mechanical Ventilation IQP services.

- (ii) John has informed the insurance brokers why we have no building WoF.
- (iii) John to inform Ruapehu District Council that the ventilation system was serviced in October and new filters installed.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Considered

The Treasurer's Report dated 31 October 2023;

MOVED

That the payments, transfers and reinvestments as listed in the Treasurer's report of October 2023 be approved;

John Simes/Sheldon Bruce

CARRIED

4.2 Noted:

- (i) Three payments to Richdales resulting from a price increase and inspection of the fire extinguishers;
- (ii) The payment to Ruapehu District Council was an admin charge relating to the WoF;
- (iii) John had been contacting the large non-payers;
- (iv) The income from lodge fees may approach \$37,000;
- (v) On 31 October 2023 the total bank funds were \$72,987.52.

5. Lodge electricity use

Considered:

A report from the Treasurer which indicated that electricity use closely reflected bed nights. One of the freezers and one of the fridges will be turned off during the summer.

6. Lodge Bookings.

6.1 Considered:

An oral report from the Booking Officer.

6.2 Noted:

- (i) Bed nights to date total approximately 735;
- (ii) About 800 bed nights are needed to break even;
- (iii) The presence of the custodian had been a great advantage;
- (iv) The booking process had gone well.

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) Provided update to club 11/10/23.
- (iii) RAL now in receivership (Calibre Partners) and liquidation (PWC).
- (iv) MBIE taken over ANZ \$15M debt for \$1.
- (v) The government have now loaned approx \$50M to RAL.
- (vi) Pure Turoa Ltd appear confident of taking over Turoa, provided update.
- (vii) New Rangitikei MP, Suze Redmayne, wants to be involved.
- (viii) No timing regarding resolution, funding will last till March 2024.

8. Insurance.

Noted:

- (i) DoC’s approach to approving lodge rebuilds within the National Park (see minute 3.1.(c)) will influence how we insure the lodge;
- (ii) DoC’s exploration of an alternative to the traditional insurance model, detailed in RMCA Newsletter November 2023 (see minute 3.1.(f)).

9. Committee Membership

Kate has approached a couple of club members who have not yet responded.

10. Maintenance

10.1 Considered:

A schedule of maintenance items prepared by Sheldon Bruce.

10.2 Agreed:

- (i) *The items listed.*
- (ii) *The purchase of a submersible/well pump.*
- (iii) *An application to the Fanny Bayless fund for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator.*
- (iv) *To advertise the RMCA’s mountain clean-up initiative.*

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 February 2024 at Alison Newbald’s, 73 Warwick Street, Wilton, Wellington.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Chairperson Date