

ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

Meeting mins - Monday 21 Sept 2009, 7pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Cocks, Chas Tanner, Tony Clarke, Richard Knott, Ian Rogers, Peter Cammell & Ollie Clifton.

Apologies: Richard Wesley, Alistair Walker

Action points in bold blue

1. Unwin update – windows and cladding project

Ollie gave a brief update on progress with replacing the windows and external cladding on the common room. Thus far the biggest north facing windows have been completed, and the next stage will be the south side of the building. Much kitchen maintenance work will be completed whilst we have the cladding off – heat traces for pipe work, install small hot water heater under sink, replace zip with modern water heater, replace expellair, and new taps.

2. Unwin Funding

Peter Cammell outlined the main points of his paper “NZAC Capital Funding” and Chris Short’s “Fundraising Ideas”. This new approach for funding the Unwin project was strongly supported by the committee. Several comments were made about ensuring that all Club profits (especially from activities like Banff) need to go to the central fund.

It was noted that the conditions of our concession with DOC would need to be carefully assessed. In the meantime it was agreed that all possibilities should be investigated in relation to making a “demand assessment” of Unwin. The committee expressed it’s thanks to Peter Cammell and Chris Short for their work in developing these papers.

Action: all Committee members were asked to consider how they could assist in progressing the funding for Unwin, in particular the demand assessment which we are aiming to have started prior to CCM on 17/18 Oct.

3. Base Lodge workplans update

Both the Ruapehu and Unwin sections of this plan need updating.

Action: Ollie to catch up with Ian and Richard K respectively to complete this.

Ian noted that South Canterbury section will complete the roof-painting at a workparty in Oct. The Homer Hut roof was discussed again. John Cocks suggested that a first flush system could help with the issue of coal dust entering the water supply.

Action: Ollie to discuss first flush system for Homer Hut with John.

4. Capital Plan

Much of the discussion focused on toilets yet again!

- Unwin – it was agreed that in terms of the sequence of works with the bunkroom wing replacement, that the outbuildings and septic tank replacement should be completed at the same time.
- Pioneer & Centennial toilets: we need to know more from DOC as to what the exact issues are, and what work could be done to extend the life of the existing structures for another 5 years minimum.
Action: Ollie to see DOC Westland re this.
- Ruapehu septic tank: we still need a plan to progress this.
Action: Ollie to discuss with John Cocks & Richard Knott
- Whangaehu toilet and windows + cladding project: the current toilet needs replacing, as do the windows and cladding on the hut itself. DOC Tongariro have adopted a policy of fly out toilet systems throughout the park, hence will expect human waste to be removed.
Action: Richard Knott/Ollie to see DOC Tongariro re acceptability of a toilet tank only for Whangaehu hut.

The windows and cladding work may require a building consent – this needs to be discussed with a building inspector at Taupo DC.

Action: Richard Knott to see building inspector

This entire project is enthusiastically supported by the North Island sections, who may be willing to fund it entirely themselves.

5. Insurance

Discussion was had on the insurance relating to our huts. The question was raised as to whether we should be insuring huts such as De la Beche, Murchison, and Whangaehu.

Action: Ollie to circulate the wording of our insurance policy, and the costs which are apportioned to each hut.

6. Accommodation policy update

The latest policy wording changes suggested by Phil Doole were generally welcomed. John suggested that some guiding principles would be useful – it was suggested that aspects of the current draft strategic Plan 2010-2015 would be helpful in this regard.

It was also suggested that we consult with Richard Wesley directly to ensure his views are represented in the draft which goes to CCM, as he has put much work into developing the existing policy.

Action: Ollie to incorporate Strategic Plan guiding principles (or similar) into the policy, and circulate to Richard Wesley, before circulating to CCM reps.

7. November meeting

The meeting for Saturday 7 November was confirmed. Ian confirmed that he will be able to host the meeting at his home (see maps below for directions – 10 Kyber St, Pleasant Point). Richard K to book flights from Whakatane.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Thanks again for a good meeting everyone – look forward to seeing you all on 7 November.

Cheers

OLLIE

