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Objective Statement

‘The objectives of the Club are to encourage mountaineering, rock climbing and allied activities, the enjoyment and conservation of mountain regions and to bring together those interested in mountaineering.

The Club aims to provide services for climbers, protect the interests and safety of climbers, and promote climbing activities.’



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President's Report

This is my second and final president's annual report. Last year I identified two aspects of the Club's business that needed attention, huts and governance, and both have taken a lot of my time this last year, with varying degrees of success.

The problem with huts that I identified in the 2005/6 report was that we have not had long-term financial plans in place to pay for major capital works. As the Accommodation Committee report that follows shows, the biggest immediate challenge is Unwin Lodge. A club huts reserve fund was set up in 2002, and our annual statements of financial position show a reasonably steady balance in this fund since then, even for the year just past when we paid out around \$135,000 for work at Homer and Unwin in 2006/7. However, last year's result is partly because the Club's 'new projects' fund has been added in, now that a new hut in the Beetham Valley is not going ahead. Less obviously, the huts reserve fund has also been routinely used as an operational cash-flow reserve, to meet the mismatches of income and expenditure during the year, and seems at times to have been reduced to nil because of this. If we don't increase our income or reduce our expenditure (or both) much the same cash-flow requirements will arise this year, and if the money in the fund is spent (as it should be) on Unwin, we will have to find some other way of meeting these requirements. The cash-flow budget which we hope will be available at the May CCM will provide a clearer picture of what we need

month by month, and this will have an impact on our decisions about income and expenditure. Additionally, once we have decided what 'should' be in the huts reserve fund, we need to make some rules about its operation. Then we will be in a position to attempt a match between the longer term plans the Accommodation Committee has put together and the money to pay for them.

The second need I identified in last year's report was for a review of Club governance. This has progressed well, through my visits to all the sections and CCM discussion. A draft rules revision, which 'streamlines' the present structure by more clearly defining lines of authority and responsibilities, but leaves direct section representation on the governing body in place, will go to this year's AGM for a vote. If both sets of changes are implemented, the Club in its new office will be ready to move to the next level of development as an efficient and business-like organisation.

Despite all this self-examination and tedious house-keeping NZAC continues to sustain a huge amount of good, healthy climbing at all levels from beginner to seriously challenging, and to increase its membership (now above 3000). Much of this depends on the work of volunteers. Quantifying their contribution is difficult, but back-of-the-envelope calculations based on my own experience at national and section level produced the following guesses:

At National level: (officers, conveners, subcommittees):

Obituaries

2006/2007

Mick Sullivan 1920–2007
Canterbury/Westland

Meguru Inoue 1975–2007
Wellington

Nina Creedman 1977–2007
Wellington

Rikke Prior 1981–2006
Canterbury/Westland



1700 hours p.a. At Wellington section level: (officers, committee, instruction, trips, newsletter, Banff, speakers, library): 2100 hours p.a.

Auckland, Canterbury/Westland, Australia (now our second-biggest section) and Otago might produce similar results to Wellington, possibly from different activities—more on hut maintenance, trips, climbing camps, and less on instruction for instance. The other sections might on average have about one-half the level of activity. On this basis the total volunteer hours in all the sections would be around 16,800. If the national hours are added this gives a year's total for the Club of 18,500.

Some of the volunteers are highly paid professionals, and the work they do for the Club often uses their professional skills. Some are students. If we took an average hourly rate of \$30, the total value of their contribution would be around \$555,000 p.a. By comparison, our reported turnover last year was about \$750,000, and our subscription income was \$182,501.

Of course all this is guesswork, and it would be good to have a more objective analysis. My aim is just to give an indication of the huge contribution volunteers make—far ahead for instance, of cash donations. Without them there wouldn't be a club—so thank you, it's been great working with you!

Judy Reid



The Year In Retrospect

Publications

The Publication Committee encompasses *The Climber* magazine, *New Zealand Alpine Journal*, guidebooks, books, library, website, office projects and signage. Each had their moment in the sun during the year, except for the books in the NZAC Library, which are attractively displayed in the top floor of the Home of Mountaineering protected by tinted glass from destructive UV rays. The most valuable books are secured in a locked display area. Members are invited to make use of the library during office hours for research or reading pleasure.

The list of books in Graham Langton's publication *Armchair Mountaineer* is the benchmark against which we test the club library. NZAC policy is to use donated books to add to the collection where there are gaps, or to sell duplicates and unwanted books and use the proceeds to purchase books to improve the collection. The Club acknowledges recent donations of books and some climbing artifacts from Eddie Glass, Jean Dick, Margaret Clark (Faye Kerr collection), Beverley Williamson, Rowan Emberson and Pauline Syrett, and Onslow College, which will aid development of the library.

The Climber continues to amaze with the quality of its articles and photographs and its attractive layout. Editor Mark Watson and his support team continue to deliver a great magazine to members and the climbing readership. Thanks Mark and team. A glance at a recent issue of *The Climber* reveals it is 40 per cent larger than just five years

ago, is full colour and provides great reading on a range of climbing topics. *The Climber* continues to sell steadily in retail stores and attracts strong support from advertisers.

The 2006 *New Zealand Alpine Journal*, edited by Mark Watson provides 148 pages of absorbing reading and stunning photography, for the first time illustrated in full colour. The move to a full colour journal has been welcomed by many club members. Thanks to all contributors and to Mark for a fine record of New Zealand climbing. The journal receives generous sponsorship from Earth Sea Sky and we are grateful for their continued support.

The shelf of NZAC guidebooks has grown to reach twelve, each providing well illustrated information on the climbing possibilities in their respective regions. 2007 saw three new NZAC guidebooks launched: *Tongariro, a guide for climbers and ski mountaineers* by Richard Thomson; *The Darran Mountains, an alpine and rock climbing guide* by Craig Jefferies; *Kaikoura-Kahurangi, a guide for climbers* by Ben Winnubst. The latest additions are each the fruits of years of dedicated effort by authors, complemented by superb photographs, stylish layout and excellent printing and binding. Congratulations to the authors and all who contributed to those projects. Strong sales of NZAC guidebooks were achieved during the past year. Thanks to Margaret McMahon in the office who handles the distribution onslaught superbly and contributes strongly to marketing of NZAC publications.



In the coming year we plan to publish *Auckland Rock* by Michael Welson, and *Moir's South* by Robin McNeill. Both guidebooks will replace earlier editions that are out of print and are expected to meet strong demand. John Cocks and others are researching and writing text on climbing in the Earnslaw region to be included in an expanded Mt Aspiring region guidebook. Geoff Spearpoint and Yvonne Cook are researching and writing text for a new guidebook to cover the mountains in the area between Aoraki Mt Cook and Arthurs Pass National Parks. Publication of those two guidebooks will largely complete guidebook coverage of the New Zealand mountains.

The appearance, design and functionality of the NZAC website needed upgrading and changes to the site are about to be introduced. Michael Welson has worked on this project with input from Mark Watson, Pat Boland of Manux and members of the Publications Committee. Development of the website will improve appearance and include a host of new features; such as online publications and membership sales, guidebook blog updates and the ease of accessing information.

A wiki on NZAC was written and loaded onto Wikipedia during the year to provide another means of publicising the activities of the Club. It has been cross linked to several other wiki and can be accessed at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand_Alpine_Club

We made a grant from the DOW Hall Memorial Fund to support publication by Canterbury University Press of Norman Hardie's autobiography *On my own two feet: the life of a mountaineer*. Congratulations to Norman on

completion of this fascinating read.

NZAC applied for and received a grant from the Department of Internal Affairs to assist Allan Uren with research for a book on modern New Zealand climbing. The grant will enable Allan to complete interviews with several leading climbers of the last sixty years or so.

Talent, enthusiasm, good ideas, and plenty of hard work enable NZAC to deliver a great through its publications. Thanks to all who contributed in the past year to make NZAC publications outstanding.

Ross Cullen

Accommodation

It has been a challenging year for the Accommodation Committee with a new Chair and Executive Officer having to get to grips with the issues involved in running a network of five base lodges and twelve huts. The very successful ongoing agreements with DOC greatly assist in the management of key assets in the Westland, Aspiring and Aoraki Mt Cook National Parks. However, the base lodges and huts that sit outside these agreements require a considerable commitment from National Office managing day-to-day issues and local sections supporting this work and dealing with bigger tasks including maintenance and work parties. A debt of gratitude is owed to all of those who volunteer their valuable time to this end.

The cost of running the network has increased dramatically reflecting general building cost increases. The challenge is to achieve revenues sufficient to meet these costs. Reserves have generally been insufficient to meet deferred maintenance necessitating fundraising from sources out-

side normal income channels. Although hut fee payment compliance is well managed under the DOC agreements it has been more difficult to ensure outside these and the goodwill of members will be important going forward. An evaluation of fee levels, especially for base lodges, will be important to ensure the ongoing viability of these assets. It is very important that we ensure that asset standards are not only maintained but improved.

With the challenges of the Home of Mountaineering and Homer Hut behind us the Club has set some big new objectives including the planned refurbishment of Unwin Lodge. Unwin is the Club's largest accommodation revenue earner generating in excess of 25 per cent of total hut revenues. It is important that this asset is maintained to a high standard. In 2006 the Unwin Lodge wardens quarters underwent a significant refurbishment including re-cladding and it is planned to re-roof the building this summer. Following this the main building will undergo re-roofing and re-cladding, including new window joinery. The next stages will address the bunkrooms, ablutions and other buildings on the site. A significant amount of planning work has already been undertaken by the project team and the main challenge that lies ahead is fundraising. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to the team for the huge amount of effort that has gone into the project to-date.

Other capital projects being prioritised and budgeted for in the medium term include significant maintenance at Ruapehu and Murchison Huts. Additionally the Club is continually evaluating asset use and demand. We are seeing

significantly more use of Westland huts and this is putting these under pressure and planning will need to be undertaken to address this. Plans to re-build the old Beetham Hut on a new site in the Beetham Valley have been deferred indefinitely for reasons of finance and access.

Looking forward it would be easy to feel overwhelmed with the workload, however with enthusiasm and planning our objectives can be achieved. It is with considerable optimism that we go into 2007–2008.

Garth London

Instruction

Club instruction continues to feature prominently at section level. These voluntary run courses provide a valuable membership incentive to attract new members, while providing existing members the opportunity to develop their skills. Section run courses accounted for over 840 student-instruction days throughout the year, being taught by the majority of sections.

Over the summer Paul Rogers taught national-run alpine skills and alpine rock courses on the Fox Glacier and in the Darrans respectively. Paul also ran two bolting workshops in the North and South Island to target new routers using outdated bolting practices. This is a new initiative for the Club which will result in safer and higher quality bolting practices around the country, to the benefit of many climbers and Club members.

An instruction summit was held in November 2006 at the Home of Mountaineering with representatives from the larger sections meeting to discuss the role of club instruction, with the goal of developing a clearer vision



and the appropriate policies and guidelines. This dialogue will continue with all sections in the coming year and it is envisioned that a comprehensive strategic plan be put forward towards the end of 2007.

Jay Piggott

Rock climbing

The Rock climbing Committee for the 2006/2007 period has focused on improving the standards of bolting at our crags and educating potential new route developers. Notable achievements include the bolting workshops and sourcing of quality, low priced bolts and hangers which are outlined in more detail below:

National Bolting Workshops

Paul Rogers ran two workshops in the North Island and one in the South Island (attended by 20 members). Students learnt how to bolt as well as the ethics behind bolting. The aim of the weekends were to upskill those interested in bolting and to improve the bolting standards on our cliffs. The bolting workshops were held at Whanganui Bay, Kawakawa Bay and Britten Crag.

Bolts and hangers

NZAC now stocks ring bolts, hangers and ring hangers for those wishing to do some bolting. Historically bolts and hangers have been difficult to get hold of and have been expensive. The Club has been able to negotiate a good deal through importer/distributor Southern Approach resulting in club members being able to purchase bolts and hangers at a very cheap rate.

NZAC National Bouldering Series

The 2007 NZAC National Bouldering Series was a huge

success with over 380 climbers competing around the country. This year the dates of the four competitions changed slightly to reduce competition from other events that were happening at the same time. Jamie Vinton-Boot has done an excellent job coordinating the past two series and has agreed to coordinate the 2008 event.

Bolting Fund

The Rock Climbing Fund was inundated with requests from all over the country this year. Grants or bolts were given to Craig Jefferies for bolting in the Darrans, Derek Thatcher and Jonathon Clearwater also for bolting in the Darrans, Shane Orchard for bolting in Northland, and Richard Knott for bolting at Te Ananui Bay.

Proposals were also received from climbers wanting to re-bolt Island Valley and Raincliff crags. It is hoped that these areas will be re-bolted over the 2007/2008 period.

The Rock Climbing Committee would like to encourage those with an interest in re-bolting existing crags to put a proposal together. Have a look at the Club website for the application form.

Kristen Foley

Activities and Events

For most club sections the Banff Mountain Film Festival showing provides a boost for funding. This event has developed a very strong following, timed for the quiet session before winter. Quality movies have proven to attract audiences and despite the work involved at section level to set it up, the turnout is very good. Support from local outdoor shops and the supply of national promotional material is appreciated and provides a professional image. The



currency movement has impacted on the costs resulting in the return to the Club in general being reduced, something to be monitored and remedied next year.

Last year no obvious national speakers were evident around which to base a speaker tour. Sections occasionally swapped speakers but the search remains for a suitable national tour presenter.

The annual Photographic Competition was a huge success, with an unprecedented number of entries, largely due to the criteria being changed to allow digital images. Despite some technical difficulties in managing the avalanche of digital entries, the calibre of images was good, and the prize pool outstanding.

Last but not least, the annual climbing camp was staged in style by the Canterbury/Westland section at Mesopotamia. A good crowd of approximately 80 club members, family and friends attended the camp, making the most of the stunning surroundings, great facilities, and usual mixed bag of weather for this time of year. The climbing camp baton now passes to South Canterbury and North Otago sections jointly, with the likely focal area being the Hopkins Valley for 2008.

Chris North

Expedition Fund

The Club continues to provide support to overseas expeditions and climbing trips organised by members. Assistance may take the form of a letter of introduction, endorsement of an application for sponsorship purposes or (occasionally) to a foreign government, and the provision of information and useful contacts. As well as longer

contributions to the *New Zealand Alpine Journal* articles on overseas climbing appear frequently in *The Climber*. Financial assistance is dependent on the level of donations made by Club members. We encourage donations because helping members to climb overseas can give a real impetus to climbing in New Zealand, as well as providing stimulating Section evenings on the return of the climbers. This year grants were made to:

- Matthew Farrell and Tim Billington – Cerro Fitzroy Supercanaleta, Argentina, 2006: \$900
- Erik Monasterio and Nick Flyvbjerg – Northern Cordillera Real, Bolivia, 2006: \$1,200
- Pat Deavoll – Haizi Shan, Sichuan, China, 2006: \$700
- Kester Brown and Vaughn Thomas – Qionglai Range, Sichuan, China, 2006: \$1,600
- Brian Alder, Craig Jefferies, Johnny Davison, Kester Brown and Marty Beare – Changabang and Purbi Dunagiri, Garwhal Himalaya, India, 2007: \$2,500
- Pat Deavoll and Lydia Bradey – Beka Brakkai Chhok, Pakistan, 2007: \$1,600
- Kim Senger – Spitsbergen Crossing, 2007: \$450

SPARC Hillary Expedition grants in which climbing was well represented in 2006 can provide significant funding. New Zealand climbers are also eligible for grants from the Mount Everest Foundation in the UK. After a long period when applications from New Zealand were few the last year has seen renewed interest in this source of funding.

John Nankervis



Home of Mountaineering

The official opening of the Home of Mountaineering (HOM) on 6TH August 2006 marked the culmination of a great commitment by many people. The opening, kindly undertaken by Sir Edmund Hillary and club president, Judy Reid, was a very well attended and fun occasion. After a brief round of speech-making, over 150 Club members, friends and family turned their attention to the refreshments on offer, with much catching up and good yarns spun.

February 2007 marked the first anniversary of the national office staff move into the HOM. As a base for the activities of national office, we are now superbly positioned for present and future needs. HOM usage has steadily grown throughout the last 12 months, and has hosted a variety of outdoors industry forums, club meetings, instruction seminars, visiting climbers, and researchers making use of the facilities. The HOM library continues to grow and evolve thanks to the generosity of member donations and hard working volunteers.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to those who have volunteered their time and/or money to make the dream of a Home of Mountaineering a reality. The Club also acknowledges the considerable support we have received from the Canterbury Community Trust by way of a low interest loan.

Recreation Advocacy

A key issue last year was the future management of flights in and out of Milford Sound, being considered as part of the Fiordland National Park Management Plan review. The Club's specific interest is with how flights to Milford Sound impact on the remote experience values of the Darran Mountains—one of New Zealand's premiere alpine and rock climbing areas.

Over the 2006/07 summer, the Department of Conservation (DOC) initiated monitoring of the effects of over-flights on park visitors at and around Milford Sound. We successfully advocated that this visitor survey be extended to include climbers using Homer Hut.

This year another issue in Fiordland has been the Dart-Hollyford road tunnel proposal, which was opposed by the Southland and Otago Sections. The Club nationally did not take a position on this proposal because it would not greatly affect our core interests. At time of writing the matter was still under consideration by the New Zealand Conservation Authority.

A club submission was lodged on a review of the Arthur's Pass National Park Management Plan, in consultation with Canterbury/Westland Section. Generally the review was supported, including a trial of mountain bike use in the Poulter Valley. However, opposition was expressed at the perceived weakening of the prohibition on aircraft access within this park.

A review of the Mt Aspiring National Park Management Plan is now long overdue. DOC has run a visitor survey over the 2006/07 summer season relating to



climbing opportunities on and around Mt Aspiring, and we await the results of that with keen interest. FMC has also sought comments from member clubs. The future of helicopter access to Bevan Col will be a key issue for this plan review, along with the future of Colin Todd and French Ridge Huts.

Beyond the national parks, the wider conservation estate which covers much of the Southern Alps and other mountain areas is managed in accordance with Conservation Management Strategies (CMS). Many of these CMS are also overdue for review, having been put in place in the mid 1990s. It may be, given the time it can take to complete a review, that ten years is too short a time span between reviews. Most importantly, these reviews provide the opportunity for citizen input to management policy and oversight by the Conservation Boards and Conservation Authority (particularly with regard to the new areas of conservation estate being added through High Country Tenure Review), so it is disconcerting to hear grumblings about the cost of this process from within the DOC bureaucracy.

In September 2006 DOC and SPARC sponsored the 'New Zealand Recreation Summit: Mountains to Sea' to look at challenges, opportunities and trends for outdoor recreation on public conservation land over the next 20 years. The Club was well represented at this event by the President, Recreation Advocacy Convenor, Rock Climbing Convenor, Chair of the Canterbury/Westland Section and Executive Officer, along with other club

members who are on the Federated Mountain Clubs Executive. Much of the event involved the predictable debates between the usual protagonists and lobbyists. The absence of young people among the invited attendees was conspicuous. Key recommendations to the Minister of Conservation and Government from the summit included: develop a New Zealand Outdoor Recreation Strategy for the whole sector (i.e., not confined to the conservation estate); maintain the quality of places such as wilderness; encourage self-responsibility in the outdoors; and encourage increased participation in outdoor recreation particularly by youth.

Other issues considered during the past year were High Country Tenure Review, the Walking Access Review, and proposals to expand the car parking facilities at Castle Hill. The Club was also asked to support a complaint regarding the proposed relocation of Hooker Hut in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, for it to become part of the day shelter facilities on the Hooker Valley walk. During the review of the Aoraki Mt Cook National Park Management Plan in 2003, the Club had advocated shifting Hooker Hut to another site in the Hooker Valley where it could continue to provide overnight accommodation. However, the final plan gives good reasons why those sites were not deemed suitable. So, although disappointed with the outcome, we accept that a fair decision making process was followed by DOC and the Canterbury/Aoraki Conservation Board.

Phil Doole



New Zealand Climbing Activity

Darran Mountains

The alpine and rock climbing region of the Darran Mountains continues to be the area of New Zealand that is generating the most climbing news and new routes of note.

In late 2006 NZAC published Craig Jefferies' new guidebook to the Darrans. The guidebook's 312 pages capture more than a decades worth of new route activity since the last edition, as well as revealing the enormous scope for new climbs that this region still provides.

A Hillary Expedition grant from the Government organisation SPARC enabled a group of (mostly young) and highly motivated individuals to make some major first ascents this summer. The 'Rock Solid Progression' team of Derek Thatcher, Mayan Smith-Gobat, Kester Brown, Craig Jefferies and Paul Rogers pooled their talents to make the first free ascent of *Shadowlands* (27) on the Sinbad Gully headwall, near Mitre Peak. This 300 metre route has multiple pitches of hard climbing, including three of 27 and two of 26. They also rappelled into the 1300 metre *Kaipo Wall* adding the first new route since the 1974 first ascent. The team rapped to a shelf at the base of the upper wall, placing bolt belays, and then Thatcher and Smith-Gobat climbed back out via 11 pitches of varied and often difficult and committing climbing up to grade 25.

At the beginning of their summer Darrans stint Thatcher and Smith-Gobat teamed up with 2006 CMC/Macpac Mountaineer of the Year Jonathon

Clearwater for a quick and inspired first ascent on the north-west face of Sabre Peak (2162M). *Tora Tora Tora* (24) takes a direct line up the face right of the *Original Line* and was established onsight, ground up and with no fixed protection. It is the first new route on the face in over 20 years.

Closer to Homer Hut, on the Mate's Little Brother the four-pitch project that climbs directly through the *Second Coming* roofs was finally completed by Derek Thatcher and Stefan Hadfield to give *Armageddon* (21, 28, 28, 25).

The Barrier Face (Gertrude Valley) had a new five-pitch line established 200 metres right of *Joker* by Al Ritchie and Sam Bossard. *Scrabble* (18, 18, 20, 18, 22) was established and bolted over several days.

Late March saw two new routes added to the north-east face of Barrier Knob by Mark Watson and Kristen Foley. *Utui* (25, 22, 24) is the hardest line on Barrier Knob and features intricate slab and face climbing while *Forgotten Silver* (16, 18, 20) climbs a sweep of nicely featured rock. Both routes were bolted and climbed over four days.

New route activity continues at Babylon with the pace driven by Bruce Dowrick and Jon Sedon. Attention has recently turned to the reportedly Arapiles-like Little Babylon—a very promising cave above Babylon and a number of routes have been added here already. Watch this space!

Queenstown

Winter in the Queenstown region saw the exploration of Cigar Creek in the Eyre Mountains and the establishment of a few routes. Rupert Gardiner and Johnny Davison made the first ascents of *Kapa O Panga* (w15) and the *Cold Light of Day* (w14+)—the latter reportedly fell off soon after being climbed! Andy Mills and Johnny climbed *Balloons and Knives* (w14), with Andy taking a huge whipper off the top of the route, narrowly missing the ground. A classic 60 metre moderate was also climbed, *Divine Symmetry* (w13) and *Hybrid* (w13+) by Dave Bolger.

A new route was also done in South Wye Valley, *Bush Lawyer* (w14), by Adrian Camm and Mal Haskins.

In great early season conditions Rupert Gardiner and Dave Bolger climbed a new route on the south-west face of Double Cone, Remarkables. The route follows mixed terrain and is called *Warthog*.

Summer saw more rock climbing activity and new routes in the Wye Creek area. A new guidebook to climbing in the Queenstown region is in the works.

Wanaka

The steady pace of development of Wanaka rock climbing continues with many new routes added over the year and new crags discovered. The nine-pitch area test piece *Taniwha* (25) has now seen a number of repeats, including an onsight ascent. Some rebolting has been taking place also courtesy of the Wanaka Rockclimbing Club. Updates to the Wanaka Rock guidebook can be found at www.routinginwanaka.blogspot.com

Barron Saddle – Mt Brewster Region

With plums still to be picked, this extensive mountain region has seen continued activity from a motivated few. Guidebook author Ross Cullen teamed up with Nick Shearer to make the first ascent of the *East Ridge of Mt Hiwiroa* (2281M), a seven hour scramble. Paul Hersey's name regularly pops up in *The Climber*, and in the past year he and partners have climbed a number of notable first ascents. During winter, with Mat Woods *The Grr Room* was climbed on Peak 2200M, four pitches with a crux of w14. Also during winter Kester Brown and Jono Clarke climbed a very obvious steep flow at the head of the North Temple Valley, *Temple of Doom* (M6/w14). New ice routes climbs were also climbed in Bush Stream.

Hersey's name pops up again, this time with Graham Zimmermann. The pair made a great looking first ascent on the south face of Taiaha Peak. The line, *I've Found Cod*, is 500M, 4+/w13. In February 2007 Paul Hersey and Danny Baille headed into the Ahuriri and climbed a 700 metre new route on the south face of Mt Huxley. *Hey I Ordered a Cheeseburger* (4-/16) followed rock most of the way with a mixed section at the top. The same pair also made the first ascent of the *East Face of Peak 2237M* in the west branch of the South Temple Valley, a 400–500 metre rock route with a crux of 14 (3+ overall). On Glen Lyon, at the entrance to the Hopkins Valley, Hersey with Mat Woods climbed *Vote For Hillary*, a six-pitch 15. Glen Lyon now has a number of multi-pitch rock routes on its flanks.

Aoraki Mount Cook and Westland

The Aoraki Mt Cook region has been particularly quiet in terms of new route activity and ascents of the harder routes, suggesting that there are less people heading into the mountains for hard climbing, or that they are directing their focus elsewhere. Perhaps it's to the Westland névés as this region is seeing increased activity and busier huts. The popularity is due in part perhaps to the relative ease of access to climbs once based at a hut, and the scope for technical and mixed climbs.

Winter at Aoraki Mt Cook saw an ascent of the east face of Sefton by Andrew Rennie, Jon Loeffler and Graham Zimmermann, via the *Direct* route.

During August a new mixed route was climbed on the south-west face of Conway Peak. *Life in the Fridge* was climbed by Allan Uren and Johnny Davison and graded 4.

Later in the season, on Conway Peak, Allan Uren completed his project *The Vision* with the first ascent of this grade 6+/A1 mixed project. This route had thwarted previous attempts due to marginal climbing and a scarcity of protection. Uren finally succumbed and placed two bolts at the crux—and in the process may have pointed the way for future ascents in the region with bolt protection.

In contrast to this style of ascent Uren then climbed a long and sinuous mixed route, named *The Mutant* (6+) on the west face of Mt Lendenfeld (3194M) in December with Julian White and Tim Robinson. Uren said the 'lower five pitches contain some of the most sustained and difficult climbing I've done up there, and some of the most aesthetic.'

Canterbury climber Guy McKinnon has once again been showing his drive for daring solo ascents with his first ascent of the 1400 metre *North Face of Hochstetter Dome* in September. In January 2007 he picked off an oft-looked at line; an 800 metre buttress on *Mt Whataroa*—visible from the West Coast highway. It's great to see the adventurous spirit of first ascents in the New Zealand mountains retained with McKinnon's style.

Skiing is always popular in the névés and during December Shane Orchard and Rory Camm descended the North Shoulder of Lendenfeld, the West Face of Bristol Top, the South West Face of Mt Conway among others.

Back over the Divide Daniel Joll and Steven Barratt climbed a new route on Nun's Veil in the Liebig Range (east Tasman Valley). *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (4+) takes a line up the south-east buttress.

Canterbury

A couple of new alpine routes were climbed in the Canterbury mountains in the past year. Guy McKinnon, alone again, climbed a new 350 metre route on the *East Face of Mt Evans*. *Mt Franklin*, in Arthur's Pass National Park was climbed via a new route up the south-east face by Don French and James Wright. The eight-pitch route is graded 5-.

Rock climbing in Canterbury has been relatively quiet on the new route front: a new crag has been developed on Godley Head and a handful of new routes were put up at *Devil's Gap* on Banks Peninsula.

On the bouldering front new problems continue to be put up in the seemingly infinite expanse of limestone

boulders in the Castle Hill Basin. Many problems have been put up by the ever-active bouldering machine Matt Pierson. Access to Flock Hill is open, but via permission only and NZAC is currently working with the leaseholder to ease and simplify the access situation.

Golden Bay

A small amount of new routes have gone up in the Bay, with Phil Castle doing most of the activity. His new 23 on the Globe Wall *Powerline* was very popular over summer with keen punters virtually queuing up for the send. Simon Middlemass added a line to the Tenuite Wall, and Richard Turner put his Lake Sylvester Wailing Wall project *Naughty Bits* (the bolts) to rest at 27. New route info for the Bay can be found at www.paynesford.org

Wellington

Turakirae Head has been the focus for Wellington boulderers and a few new problems have been climbed over the last year. Most notably Pete Allison put up a new v11 in the Bronx Cave called *Allison Wonderland* (Wellington's second v11) while John Palmer and Ivan Vostinar continue to fossick around unearthing new problems. A number of Fontainebleau-style circuits have been developed and mapped and these can be downloaded from www.41174.org.nz, the Wellington bouldering portal run by John Palmer and Dave Kopp.

Central North Island

Richard Thomson's new guidebook to Tongariro National Park may have kicked off some fresh enthusiasm, or maybe it was the good early season conditions;

either way some great looking ice and mixed routes were climbed last winter. In the Mangaturuturu Cirque Kester Brown and Jono Clarke climbed *Free Radicals* (w15), *The Glass Spider* (M4), *Pope's Pillar* (w15) and *Strung Out* (w15). On Puggy's Buttress, on the south-west face of Matiaho, Clarke climbed *Scratch and Win* (M5).

New route development has been both busy and controversial in the Central North Island, with one developer in particular coming under criticism for his bolting techniques at *Kawakawa Bay*. An unfortunate situation considering the energy and goodwill that this person has devoted to developing a top-notch crag. There are now over 30 routes at this crag between grades 14 and 25 (mostly in the 16–19 range).

Also in the Taupo area, *Kinloch 2* (or K2) about two kilometres south of the original Kinloch has had a number of routes put up on very good rhyolite. Much of the development here is driven by Cliff Ellery.

A couple more climbs have been established at Waipapa, and some new problems in the v5–v7 have been climbed at *Waitomo*. Some bouldering activity has also begun at the *Blowhard Bush Reserve* along the Napier–Taupo Road.

www.freeclimb.co.nz is the resource for Central North Island updates and downloadable guides.

Mark Watson

New Zealanders Overseas

The Club continues to provide support to overseas expeditions and climbing trips organised by members, however NZAC-supported trips represent just a fraction of the action that Club members get up to around the world. Browsing through *The Climber* and the *New Zealand Alpine Journal* you will find the required news and articles on the supported trips, as well as great stories from itinerant New Zealand climbers. This insight gives a better view of the breadth of activities. There are cragging stories from Daniel Jenkins in Spain and Anna Starke in the City of Rocks USA, ice climbing in Canada with Johnny Davison, ski mountaineering in the Canadian Rockies with Shane Orchard and winter alpinism in Chamonix by Micheal Madden. Tom Hoyle provided the esoteric with a hold-by-hold view of *Action Directe*, once the world's hardest sport climb.

New Zealanders climbing overseas also caught the attention of the media. Mark Inglis' ascent of *Mt Everest* which was heavily publicised locally prior to the climb subsequently received world-wide attention due to events that unfolded on summit day. While there will be much debate on the rights and wrongs, and actual events of the day, there is no question that New Zealand mountaineers and guides were in the spotlight.

The US media was drawn to the drama of the disappearance of Karen McNeill and Sue Nott (USA) on the *Infinite Spur* of Mt Foraker, Alaska. Sue and Karen had made the first female ascent of the Cassin Ridge on

Denali the previous season, and were attempting a rare and first female ascent of the *Infinite Spur* when they were pinned down by a severe storm near the summit. Although some equipment was recovered and footsteps sighted during an extensive search, no other trace of the climbers was found.

Kiwis were prominent in making some important first ascents. In the Canadian Yukon Graham Rowbotham and Paul Knott made the first ascent of *South Walsh* (4223M), the highest unclimbed peak in North America. In less than ideal weather they climbed the South West Ridge over two days and then descended the West Ridge of Mt Walsh.

Across the Pacific in the Sichuan Province of Tibet Pat Deavoll was once again active, this time with Malcolm Bass (UK). Pat and Malcolm made the first ascent of *Haizi Shan* (5844M) via the North Face. After spending 10 days establishing a high camp they made the ascent over three days. Haizi Shan had been attempted on ten previous occasions and was the subject of some not-so-friendly competition from some of its suitors.

Also in Sichuan Province were Kester Brown and Vaughn Thomas (Aus). They visited the granite spires of the Qionglai Range and climbed the impressive *Dagou West* (5422M) via the South Face (21). Taking two attempts, the route was climbed over a single long day. Kester reports significant potential for more challenging routes on unclimbed peaks in this region.

Erik Monasterio was joined by Nick Flyvbjerg for his

annual pilgrimage home to the Bolivian Andes. With his detailed local knowledge Erik continues to ferret out significant first ascents in this unappreciated mountain region. This season the pair made first ascents of the *North East Face of Cerro Ciqapa* (5428M), the *East Face of Yacuma I* (6030M) and the *North East Face of Pico PK24* (5423M) in the Cordillera Real, along with *Pico Gothica's* (5750M) west face in the Ancohumá Massif.

Heading further south was Kynan Bazley, Tyrone Blyth, Meredith Roberts-Thomson and Barb Bentley. They ventured out into the wilds of the *Southern Patagonian Ice Cap* to be confronted by the expected intense winds and tempestuous weather. They managed a 'quick' 15 day trip through the central portion of the ice cap, accessing and exiting the region on the Argentinian side.

The most southerly venture of the year was the Mt Wandel expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula, another adventure based around the yacht *Northanger* owned by Greg Landreth and Keri Pashuk. This time along for the fun were Bruce Dowrick, Swenja Stellfeld, Christine Ryan, Eric Bradshaw and in the forward berth, Matt Evrard. Along the way they summited a number of peaks and discovered that alpine rock routes are feasible below 66°. They climbed the 600 metre *North Buttress of Mt Wandel* (18) and made an attempt on 800 metre high southern tower of Cape Renard, nicknamed The Piglet, pulling up 200 metres short of the summit.

On a different note the Club supported Mayan Smith-Gobat to compete in the lead sport climbing World Cup circuit. Mayan is recognised as New Zealand's leading

female rock climber. With only limited experience of indoor competitions joining the World Cup circuit was a bold undertaking and many tough lessons were experienced, with not passing qualifying in any of the competitions. She also entered a number of bouldering competitions and found these more enjoyable and achieved better results.

In May SPARC, the Government sports funding body, announced that it would be funding a number of adventures under the title of the Hillary Expedition 2006. Unlike the previous version the plan was to support up to five expeditions with \$100,000 and the requirement for publicity and education was significantly reduced from the original initiative in 2004. All successful applicants were climbing or mountain travel related and with one venture having been completed at the time of writing, the grants have invigorated New Zealand mountaineers. It is in all our interests to support and promote this initiative from SPARC.

Brian Alder

Treasurer's Report

2006 marked the completion of two significant club projects—the Homer Hut upgrade, and the Home of Mountaineering (HOM).

The Club Hut Fund has decreased over the year due to capital costs associated with the Homer Hut upgrade, and Unwin Warden's Quarters recladding. With the deference of the Beetham Hut project, the Future Club Projects Fund has been amalgamated with the Club Hut Fund. On the flip-side, both the Westland Huts Fund and Aspiring Huts Fund have shown increases—this is especially pleasing given the amount of maintenance work required for the year ahead with our Westland huts.

Donations and voluntary time and effort continue to be major financial contributors to the Club finances. Club member donations and interest free loans have been especially significant in enabling the completion of the HOM project. The Club also gratefully acknowledges the low interest loan made available by Canterbury Community Trust for the HOM.

Donations of just over \$15,000 for the Pakistan Earthquake Appeal were forwarded to the Pakistan Alpine Club to assist with their rebuilding projects.

Considerable effort was taken to ensure these funds were received and utilised appropriately.

The continuing club membership growth has provided the core funding to enable the operation of national office, and an increasingly diverse range of club activities. SPARC funding of \$50,000 has been crucial in supporting instruction and other activities at both national and local section levels. Continuation of this funding will be reviewed by SPARC in May 2007.

The operating deficit of \$37,000 is principally due to increased depreciation costs of \$24,000, which largely relate to depreciation on HOM and hut upgrades. \$14,000 relates to an increased insurance cost, which is forecast to reduce significantly in 2007/2008. Other income and expenditure was consistent with budget predictions.

In summary, it has been a challenging but positive year for the Club considering the large capital projects undertaken throughout the year. The challenge for the coming year will be to sustain the current high level of club activity, and manage the allocation of club funds towards major capital projects in a wise and prudent fashion.

Gillian Crombie

Statement of Financial Position

As at 28 February 2007

	Note	2006/2007	2005/2006
FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Club Insurance Reserve		-	0
Expedition Fund		12,105	15,030
Unexpended Bequests		-	0
Club Hut Fund		103,340	134,216
Aoraki Mt Cook Hut Fund		3,996	2,868
Westland Hut Fund		35,322	19,335
Aspiring Hut Fund		49,019	42,868
Home of Mountaineering Fund		-	0
Future Club Projects Fund		-	62,340
DOW Hall Publications Fund		5,380	7,720
Rockclimbing Fund		1,370	1,006
Total Club Funds		<u>210,533</u>	<u>285,373</u>
Hut Revaluation Reserve		<u>704,000</u>	<u>704,000</u>
Opening Accumulated Funds		488,825	382,287
Fund Movements		74,840	67,667
Current Year Earnings		(37,396)	38,871
Closing Accumulated Funds		<u>526,270</u>	<u>488,825</u>
TOTAL FUNDS & RESERVES		<u>1,440,802</u>	<u>1,478,197</u>

Represented by:

	Note	2006/2007	2005/2006
NET ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		190,949	221,511
Investments		-	62,340
Debtors & Accruals		32,643	19,645
Stock at Cost		100,144	101,462
GST Paid		13,501	0
		<u>337,238</u>	<u>404,958</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		11,029	198,950
GST Control	3	(865)	(29,675)
GST Received		23,560	0
PAYE Control		2,888	0
		<u>36,612</u>	<u>169,275</u>
NetWorking Capital		<u>300,626</u>	<u>235,683</u>
Fixed Assets			
Huts, Lodges and Buildings	6	1,264,525	1,197,343
Sundry Assets	6	48,038	45,172
		<u>1,312,563</u>	<u>1,242,515</u>
Less Term Liabilities			
Home of Mountaineering Member Loans		23,000	0
Canterbury Community Trust Loan		149,386	0
		<u>172,386</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,440,802</u>	<u>1,478,197</u>

Statement of Financial Performance

For Year Ended 28 February 2007

2006/2007 2005/2006

OPERATING INCOME

Note

Members Income

Subscriptions	191,487	163,464
Section Levy	21,296	19,037
	<u>212,783</u>	<u>182,501</u>

Publications

Climber	80,129	79,915
Journal	3,031	2,891
Club Publications	68,100	39,691
General Guidebook Publications	41,724	46,434
	<u>192,984</u>	<u>168,931</u>

Accommodation

Base Lodges	88,140	74,070
Aoraki Mt Cook Alpine Huts	17,049	12,104
Westland Alpine Huts	20,326	9,428
Aspiring Alpine Huts	71,466	75,687
Backcountry Huts	939	875
	<u>197,920</u>	<u>172,064</u>

Club Activities

National Grants	50,000	50,000
Travel Insurance	42,656	43,224
Expedition Fund	5,205	6,387
Rockclimbing Fund	765	365
Annual Climbing Camp	1,920	3,711
Banff Film Festival	23,323	23,427
National and Section Instruction	3,234	3,200
Rockclimbing General	423	71
Other National Events	515	15,206
Other Donations, Grants and Bequests	19,194	58,420
	<u>147,235</u>	<u>204,011</u>

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Administration

Publications Postage Recovered	6,550	5,070
Investment Income	2,673	5,784
Interest	6,321	14,246
Sundry	187	889
	<u>15,731</u>	<u>25,989</u>

TOTAL OPERATING INCOME

766,653 753,496

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Publications		
Climber	103,234	79,489
Journal	38,883	31,915
Club Publications	24,072	15,170
General Guidebook Publications	55,469	42,465
	<u>221,658</u>	<u>169,039</u>
Accommodation		
General Costs	-	0
Base Lodges	59,742	53,950
Aoraki Mt Cook Alpine Huts	16,950	13,300
Westland Alpine Huts	5,377	7,976
Aspiring Alpine Huts	67,301	74,028
Backcountry Huts	1,381	813
Depreciation Buildings	69,451	62,655
6	<u>220,202</u>	<u>212,722</u>
Club Activities		
Section Levies	21,148	17,733
Committee Expenses	14,976	11,926
National Instruction	3,744	9,548
Section Instruction	4,940	6,580
Expedition Fund Grants	8,950	11,265
Recreation Advocacy	1,340	1,501
Annual Climbing Camp	2,040	2,989
Banff Film Festival	25,000	22,333
Photo Competition	1,178	1,285
Travel Insurance	37,789	38,639
FMIC Subscription	8,018	8,000
UJAA Subscription	3,778	3,392
Sport Climbing Federation	4,624	0
Women Climbing Grant	950	440
Rock climbing	2,412	4,821
Rock climbing Fund Grants	567	658
Bouldering Competition	2,418	2,549
Membership and Promotion		0
General National Events	1,253	18,604
National Library	499	1,021
Home of Mountaineering	8,365	8,763
Activities Coordinator Wages	11,614	0
Other Grants and Activities	-	11,536
	<u>165,603</u>	<u>183,583</u>
Administration		
Salaries	92,390	72,575
Postage	40,366	34,376
Standing Charges - Rent, Insurance, Power	6,745	16,849
Depreciation - Office Equipment	8,234	3,279
Telephone and Tolls	5,937	4,155
Printing and Stationery	9,647	7,499
Audit and Bank Fees	8,662	6,310
Computer	3,260	2,009
Mortgage Interest Charges	4,718	0
General	4,336	2,228
Home of Mountaineering Depreciation Expense	<u>12,290</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>196,585</u>	<u>149,280</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	<u>804,048</u>	<u>714,624</u>
OPERATING RESULT	<u>(37,396)</u>	<u>38,872</u>

Notes to the Annual Accounts

As at 28 February 2007

1) Constitution and Activities.

The New Zealand Alpine Club (Inc) was established in 1891 to 'encourage mountaineering and allied activities in and the enjoyment and conservation of mountain regions and bring together those interested in mountaineering'.

The Club provides services to members as either part of their membership entitlement or on a fee paying basis. Membership services include the receipt of the *New Zealand Alpine Journal*, four copies of *The Climber*, membership to FMC, reduced rates for guides, club huts & climbing walls, subsidised instruction courses, climbing camps, various competitions, supports for overseas expeditions and access to the club library and archives. The club owns and operates 17 mountain huts for its members, and publishes many climbing guides.

There have been no changes in the nature of the Club's activities for the period ended 28 February 2007.

2) Statement of Accounting Policies.

General Accounting Policies

The following general accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements. The measurement base is that of historical cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the Club is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues.

Particular Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant policies adopted by the club in the preparation of the financial statements.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated net realisable value.

Fixed Assets

Club base huts with a government valuation available are recorded at current valuation. All other fixed assets are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis at the following rates.

Club Huts	5%
Office Equipment	10%
Fixtures & Fittings	10%
Electrical Items	33%
Computer Equipment	40%
Library Books	Not Depreciated

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost.

Donated Goods & Services

The work of the Club is dependent on the substantial voluntary services of many members. As these services

are generally not purchased by the Club and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated goods & services are not recognised.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes to accounting policy this year.

3) Goods and Services Tax.

All figures are exclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

4) Grants

The Club gratefully acknowledges the support of Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC). For the current financial year funding of \$50,000 was received.

5) Fixed Assets

Table displayed overleaf.

6) Related Party Transactions.

There were no material transactions during the year with related parties, other than normal employee compensation.

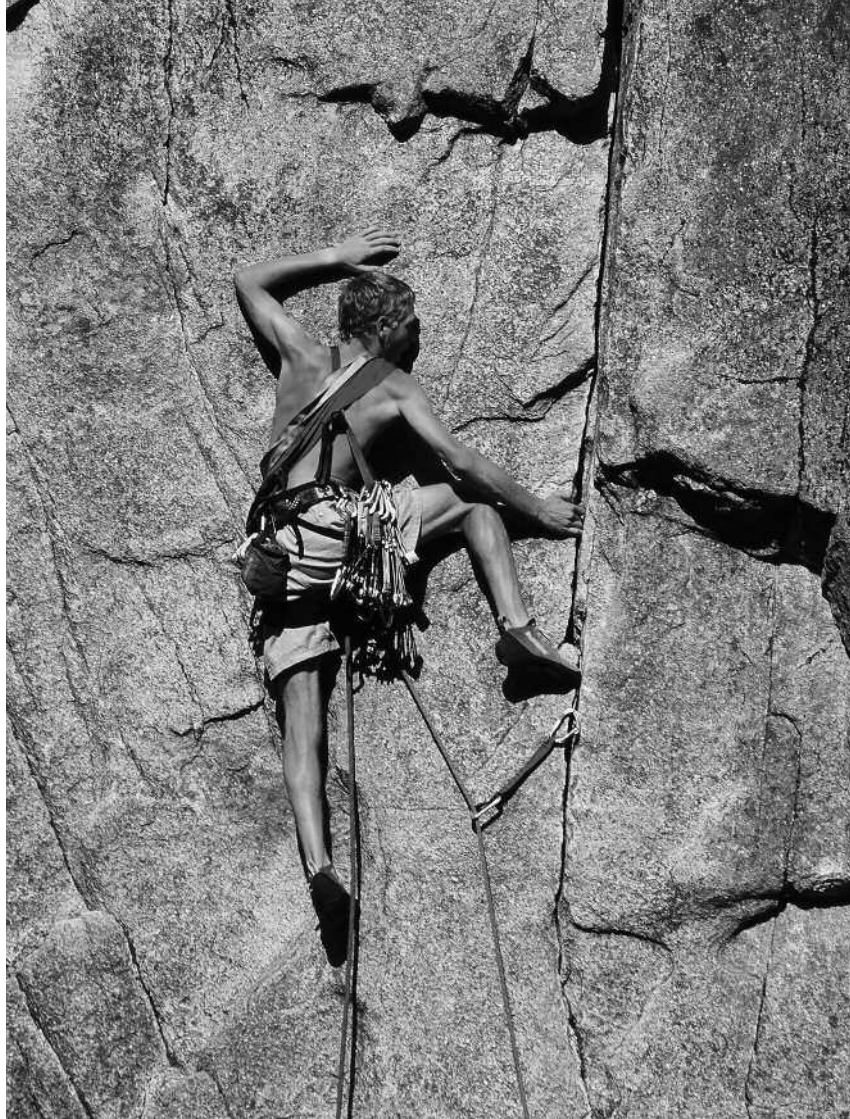
7) Contingent Liability

The Club is unaware of any contingent liabilities that may have been undertaken in the normal course of its activities.

8) Commitments

The Club has no material commitments as at 28 February 2007.

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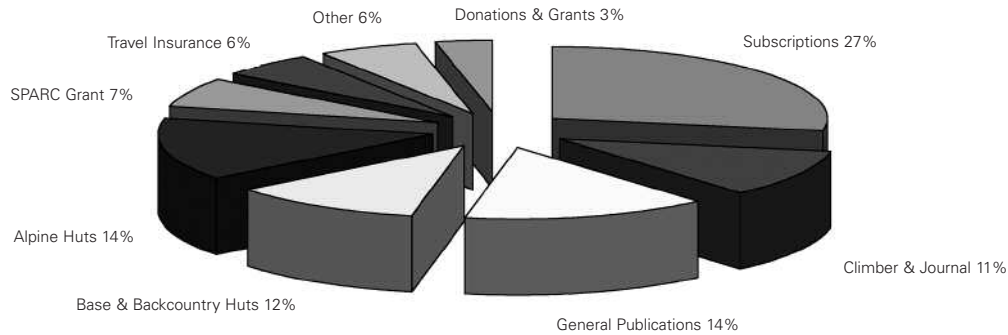


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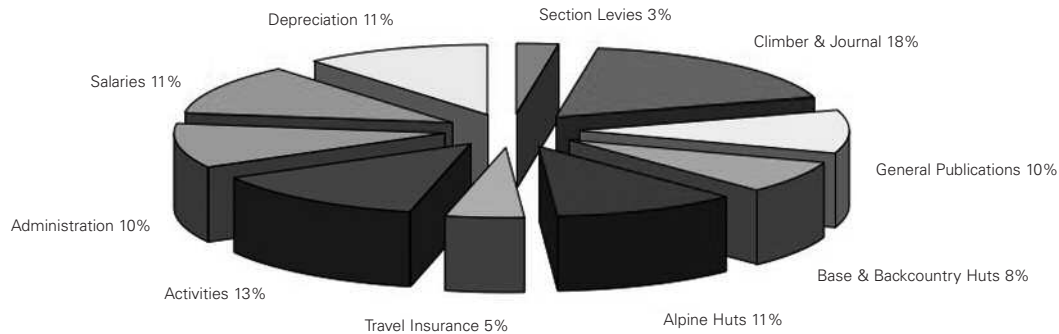
Name	Opening Total Value	Original Opening Cost	Total Revaluations	Total Depreciation Value	Additions, Disposals and Revaluations	Rate	Method	Depreciation	Total Movement	Closing Total Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	
Land and Commercial										
Arthur's Pass Lodge Land	24,000	11,000	13,000	24,000		0%		0	0	24,000
Home of Mountaineering - Land	51,786	51,786		51,786		0%		0	0	51,786
Home of Mountaineering - Building	238,214	238,214		238,214	15,165	5%		(12,290)	2,875	241,089
Base Buildings, Lodges, and Huts										
Aspiring Hut	35,500	70,000	50,000	120,000		5%	S/L	(6,000)	(6,000)	29,500
Arthur's Pass Lodge	53,274	17,003	46,000	63,003		5%	S/L	(3,150)	(3,150)	50,124
Porter Lodge	52,374	75,835	75,000	150,835		5%	S/L	(7,542)	(7,542)	44,832
Homer Hut	69,611	35,079	45,000	80,079	73,724	5%	S/L	(6,461)	67,263	136,874
Ruapehu Hut	40,900	28,707	34,500	63,207		5%	S/L	(3,160)	(3,160)	37,740
Unwin Lodge	348,516	65,848	344,000	409,848		5%	S/L	(20,492)	(20,492)	328,024
Unwin Wardens Quarters	72,250		85,000	85,000	60,034	5%	S/L	(6,251)	53,783	126,033
Unwin Bunkrooms	7,650		9,000	9,000		5%	S/L	(450)	(450)	7,200
Unwin Other Buildings	2,125		2,500	2,500		5%	S/L	(125)	(125)	2,000
Unwin Furniture & Fittings	1,965	2,426		2,426		10%	S/L	(243)	(243)	1,722
Alpine Huts										
Centennial Hut	40,231	94,347		94,347		5%	S/L	(4,717)	(4,717)	35,514
Pioneer Hut	47,683	61,598		61,598		5%	S/L	(3,080)	(3,080)	44,603
Colin Todd Hut	0			0		5%	S/L	0	0	0
French Ridge Hut	96,079	122,709		122,709		5%	S/L	(6,135)	(6,135)	89,944
De La Beche Hut	0	14,368		14,368		5%	S/L	0	0	0
Murchison Hut	5,994	21,820		21,820		5%	S/L	(1,091)	(1,091)	4,903
Backcountry Huts										
Esquiland Biv	7,191	8,972		8,972		5%	S/L	(449)	(449)	6,742
Whangaehu Hut	2,001	2,081		2,081		5%	S/L	(104)	(104)	1,897
Godley Hut	0			0		5%	S/L	0	0	0
Cascade Hut	0			0		5%	S/L	0	0	0
Elcho Hut	0			0		5%	S/L	0	0	0
TOTAL LAND & BUILDINGS	1,197,344	921,793	704,000	1,625,793	148,923			(81,741)	67,182	1,264,526
Sundry Assets										
Library Books	30,000	30,000		30,000		0%	S/L	0	0	30,000
Library Shelving	0			0	7,382	10%	S/L	0	0	0
Shelving and Desks	2,053	1,140		1,140		10%	S/L	(114)	(114)	1,939
HOM Table and Chairs	0	0		0	924	10%	S/L	(69)	855	855
HP Laptop	3,647	3,647		3,647		40%	S/L	(1,459)	(1,459)	2,188
Computer Mac (G5)	3,240	5,401		5,401		40%	S/L	(2,161)	(2,161)	1,079
Data Projector	3,150	3,150		3,150		40%	S/L	(1,260)	(1,260)	1,890
Polycom Soundstation	1,560	1,560		1,560		40%	S/L	(624)	(624)	936
Sonic Firewall and Hub	860	860		860		40%	S/L	(344)	(344)	516
Computer Monitor 21"	343	2,080		2,080		40%	S/L	(343)	(343)	0
Telephone PABX	320	320		320	2793	40%	S/L	(1,245)	1,548	1,868
Photocopier	0	2,500		2,500		33%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer Software	0	2,000		2,000		40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer Mac (G4)	0	4,535		4,535		40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer PC (Admin Asst)	0	2,363		2,363		40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer PC (Brio 410)	0	2,895		2,895		40%	S/L	0	0	0
Windows Server	0	1,481		1,481		40%	S/L	0	0	0
HP LaserJet 4000 Printer	0	3,339		3,339		40%	S/L	0	0	0
Scanner	0	2,404		2,404		40%	S/L	0	0	0
Backup System	0	2,407		2,407		40%	S/L	0	0	0
TOTAL SUNDRY ASSETS	45,173	72,082	0	72,082	11,099			(8,234)	2,865	48,038
	1,242,517	993,875	704,000	1,697,875	160,022			(89,976)	70,046	1,312,563

Financial Graphs

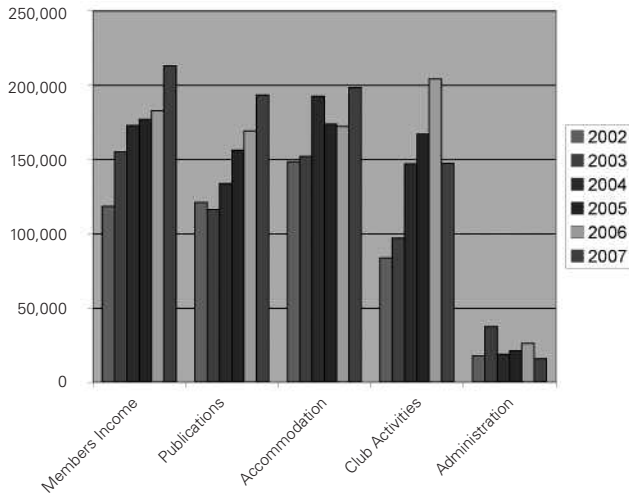
Where does the money come from?



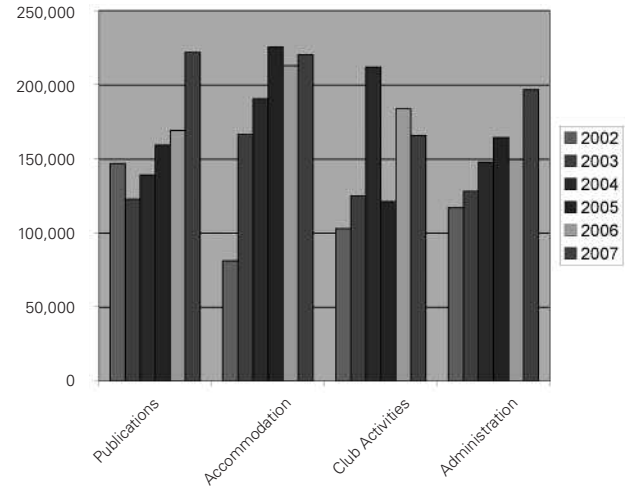
Where does the money go?



Club financial income trends



Club financial expenditure trends



Auditor's Report

To the members of New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated

I have audited the financial statements of the year ended 28 February 2007. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance and position of the New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated for the year ended 28 February 2007. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out hereto.

Committee's responsibilities

The committee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, which fairly reflects the results of operations and the financial position of the New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated as at 28 February 2007.

Auditor's Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented and report my opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

It also included assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the group in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards in New Zealand except that my work was limited as

explained below. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations, which I considered necessary.

I obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Other than in my capacity as auditor, I have no relationship with or financial interest in the New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated.

Qualified Opinion

In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over income, excluding grants, prior to being recorded, is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. In this respect alone, I have not obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

In my opinion, except for adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had I been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning income, excluding grants, the Statement of Financial Performance fairly reflects the results of activities for the year ended 28 February 2007. In my opinion, the Statement of Financial Position fairly reflects the financial position of the New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated as at 28 February 2007.

My audit report was completed on 13 April 2007, and my qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Pauline Noonan, Bachelor of Commerce and Management



Annual General Meeting 2007

Saturday 26th May 2007, 3pm. Lovell-Smith Room, The Arts Centre, Christchurch.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Proxies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2006 AGM
4. Presentation of the President's Report
5. Obituaries
6. Summary and Questions from other items in the Annual Report
7. Presentation of the Financial Report
8. Rules Revision
9. Election of Club Officers:
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Publications Subcommittee Convener
 - Accommodation Subcommittee Convener
 - Executive Subcommittee Convener (if required)
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. General Business

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NZAC Photographic Competition 2006.

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Alpine Club held on Saturday 27 May at 4.30 pm in the William Sutton Room, Arts Centre, Christchurch.

1. Attendance

The President, Judy Reid, presided over a meeting of 25 members from around New Zealand.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gordon Hasell, John Nankervis, Chas Tanner, Brian McGlinchy, Shaun Norman, Pat Campbell, Andy Thompson, Philip Tree, Andrew Jackson, Walter Fowlie, Barb and Trev Chinn, Donald Millward, James Broadbent, Dave Bamford, Margaret Jordan, Lindsay Smith.

It was moved: 'That the apologies be received.' Ross Cullen/John Jordan. *Carried*

3. Proxies

Proxies were received from Walter Fowlie and Donald Millward.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

It was moved: 'That the minutes of the 2005 AGM of the Club be adopted as a true and accurate record.' Richard Wesley/Anna Pilbrow. *Carried*

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. President's Report

i. Judy Reid commented briefly on her report and asked for questions or comment from the floor.
ii. Vonnie Crawford, Southland, was unhappy about the statement: '... reserve funds for accommodation have been virtually exhausted by Homer Hut refurbishment.' Judy Reid responded that this was not meant as a criticism but was purely a

statement of fact.

iii. Judy Reid explained the purpose of the meeting that was held prior to the AGM, in particular noting that discussions at the meeting focused on:

- The ways in which Sections could assist each other with trips, instruction, newsletters and section nights.
- The governance of the Club and possible changes that could be made to this.

iv. It was moved: 'That the President's Report be accepted.' Richard Wesley/Anna Pilbrow.

Carried

6. Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

i. Richard Wesley explained the financial statements and noted in particular the following:

- Income from *The Climber* has increased significantly.
- Income from base lodge fees has decreased, mainly because of the drop in the take from Unwin Lodge.
- Income from Travel Insurance has increased.
- Because the NZ Sportclimbing Federation had not claimed SPARC funds, extra funding was given to Rock Climbing.
- The work to be carried out on Unwin Lodge will use most of the hut reserves.
- In response to a question, Richard Wesley advised that the \$221,511 in the bank was spread between various accounts, including term deposits.
- The \$165,000 owed to the Canterbury Community Trust will be paid off over ten years at three per cent interest. If funds are received which will enable the Club to pay this off faster, the Club

will need to make the decision whether to invest the funds, or pay the loan back faster so another application can be made.

ii. It was moved: 'That the financial statements be approved.' Richard Wesley/Judy Reid. *Carried*

iii. Richard Wesley then commented on the Auditor's Report.

7. Election of Officers

The following nominations were received for Section Representatives:

Auckland Deryn Williams, Allan MacLachlan

Taranaki John Jordan

Central North Island Richard Knott

Wellington Garth London, Caroline Duggan

Nelson/Marlborough to be confirmed

Canterbury/Westland Geoff Gabites, Anna

Pilbrow, Trevor Ingham

South Canterbury Rob Moffat

North Otago Nick Shearer

Otago Keith Moffat, Lindsay Smith

Southland Vonnie Crawford

Australia Eric Krista

It was moved: 'That the nominations for Section Representatives as listed be accepted.' Richard

Wesley/Pip Lynch. *Carried*

The following nominations for office bearers were received:

Honorary Secretary Jocelyn Douglas

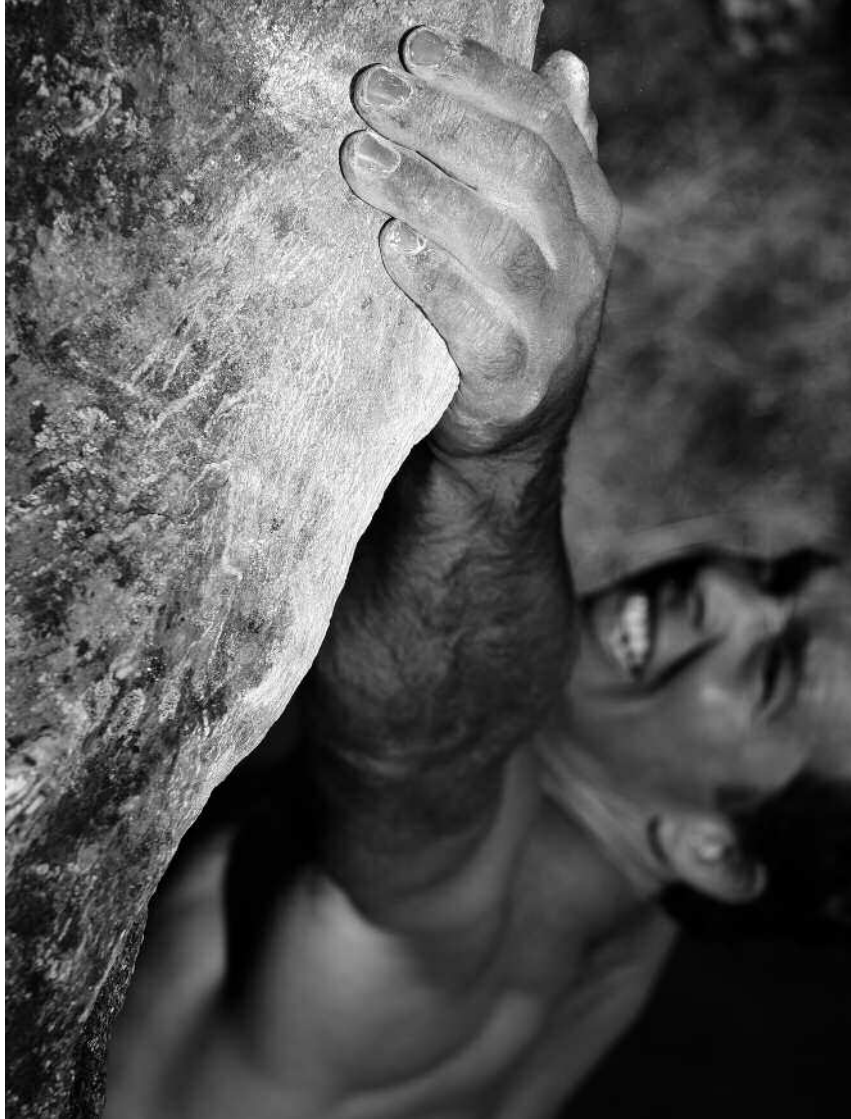
Honorary Treasurer Gillian Crombie

Publications Convenor Ross Cullen

Accommodation Convenor Garth London

Overseas Representative Brian Alder

It was moved: 'That the nominations as listed be



accepted.' Vonnie Crawford/Caroline Duggan. *Carried*

It was moved that: 'Pauline Noonan be auditor of the Club.'
Allan MacLachlan/Ross Cullen. *Carried*

8. General Business

i. Judy Reid thanked Geoff Gabites and Dave Bamford and other previous Presidents for their help during the year. She also thanked the convenors of committees: Ross Cullen, Ross Corbett, Phil Doole, Caroline Duggan and Kristen Foley, and the staff: Margaret McMahon, Chris North and Mark Watson. Finally she expressed her thanks to Richard Wesley who has resigned from his position as Executive Officer of the Club after more than five years in the position. She commented in particular on the huge progress and improved structures that had been achieved under Richard. She then presented Richard with a gift from the Club.

ii. Judy Reid advised that the new Executive officer is Ollie Clifton who will be starting in July.

iii. Nancy Cawley suggested that the Club send a letter of congratulations to Mark Ingles on his recent successful ascent of Everest. This letter is already being drafted.

iv. Nick Shearer advised that Stephen Moffat of the North Otago section has also recently climbed Everest.

v. Phil Doole formally recorded the Club's thanks to Dave Bamford for his efforts in establishing the Home of Mountaineering.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm

Proxy Form

If you are a member of the Club and are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting you are still able to have your vote heard by giving another member the ability to use your vote. This is called a Proxy Vote and simply requires you nominate somebody else that is at the meeting to have your vote as well. This is often the chairperson of the meeting.

Club Rules Concerning Proxy Votes

Rule 25b: Any member unable to attend a general meeting may vote by proxy, written notice of which must be received by the national office by the day before the meeting.

Rule 25c: A proxy vote must nominate another club member attending the meeting to act on the person's behalf.

PROXY VOTE FORM

Full Name

Membership Number

Section

Name of Appointed Proxy

This information needs to be posted, faxed or emailed to the national office by the day before the meeting.

Appendix: New Zealand Alpine Club Rules

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2007 AGM

The Story So Far

A first draft rules revision was sent out to the sections in October 2006. This revision was based on discussions about governance which had taken place in all the sections. The clear view expressed in these discussions was that the Club should keep the present basic structure, with direct section representation on its governing body (CCM), but that some 'streamlining' was necessary. The November 2006 CCM considered the first draft in detail and recommended some alterations but otherwise endorsed it. Again there was strong support for direct section representation on the governing body.

A second draft, incorporating the CCM alterations, was sent back to the sections for further comment and posted on the Club's website in January 2007.

The Next Step

The next step under our Rules is to put the proposed rule changes to the Club's members at an AGM. They will be made only if they are supported by a two-thirds majority vote. The final draft that will go to the 2007 AGM follows. It incorporates CCM recommendations and members' suggestions, but is not substantially different from the first draft. Changes from the present rules are highlighted in bold italics, new and old rule numbers are cross-referenced where necessary, and there are some explanatory comments.

Implementing the Changes

If two-thirds of the votes at the 2007 AGM are in

favour, the rules will be changed.

CCM did not want to wait till the 2009 AGM to fully implement the changes. This means we will need to call for provisional nominations for one important new officer, convener of the Executive Committee, before the new rules are adopted. This will be done before the 2007 AGM, at the same time as nominations for other positions are sought. If the new rules are not adopted, the nomination will lapse.

Judy Reid, President, 30 March 2007

RULES REVISION, FINAL DRAFT 30 MARCH 2007

NAME

1. The name of the Club shall be the New Zealand Alpine Club (Incorporated).

OBJECTS

2a. The objects of the Club are to encourage mountaineering, rock climbing and allied activities and the enjoyment and conservation of mountain and rock climbing regions; and to bring together those interested in climbing.

(Comment: This change fully includes rock climbing in the Club's objects)

2b. The Club aims to provide services for climbers, protect the interests and safety of climbers, and promote climbing activities.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Classes and Entitlement

a. The Club shall consist of life, honorary and subscribing Members, all of whom are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings and take part in all Club activities.

(Comment: There is a full list of different subscription rates in Rule 26.)

b. Subscribing Members shall be issued with a current Club membership card on payment of their annual Club subscription.

4. Applications for Membership

a. The Club shall have a standard form to be completed for membership application.

b. The completed form and the accompanying payment for the annual subscription shall be forwarded to the National Office for processing at which point the applicant shall be deemed a Member of the Club.

5. Life and Honorary Members

(previously 5 and 6)

a. Upon the recommendation of a committee of the President and not less than three past Presidents convened by the President, the Club Committee Meeting may elect to life membership any member who has made an outstanding contribution to mountaineering or rock climbing or to the Club; and to honorary membership any person distinguished in mountaineering or rock climbing or related activities.

b. Life and honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of subscriptions but shall be

issued with current Club membership cards and shall enjoy all rights of membership.

6. Resignations (previously 7)

Any Member may resign from the Club by giving the National Office written or email notice.

(Comment: See also Rule 26 for unfinancial members)

7. Expulsion (previously 8)

After first giving the person an opportunity of being heard, the Club Committee may reprimand, suspend for any period, or expel from the Club, any Member who in the Club Committee's judgment has wilfully infringed these Rules or any Regulation made thereunder or is guilty of conduct rendering that person unfit to be in the Club.

SECTIONS

8. Formation of sections (previously 9)

a. Geographically based Sections may be set up by the Club Committee, which shall have power to approve additional Sections or alter or disband existing Sections.

b. A Member who does not reside in New Zealand or Australia shall be deemed to be an overseas Member unless electing in writing to remain a Member of a section.

c. Each Section shall be managed by a Section Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and/or Honorary Treasurer and a Committee of not less than three, elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Section.

(Comment: d is deleted—see Rules 15 and 16 for everything about section representatives.)

9. Section Rules and Voting (previously 10)

a. Sections shall hold Annual General Meetings at least one calendar month before the Club's Annual General Meeting, for the purpose of electing section officers. Annual reports and financial statements shall also be presented at section Annual General Meetings, and sent to National Office as soon as possible thereafter.

b. Sections may make their own rules, which shall not be inconsistent with these Rules.

c. Members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Section to which they belong.

d. Section officers and committee members must be section Members.

MANAGEMENT

10. Club Committee (previously 11)

a. The power of overall management, direction and policy making for the Club shall be vested in the Club Committee.

b. The Club Committee shall comprise the President, Immediate Past President (for the year immediately following his/her last year of office as President), President Elect (once appointed), Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, conveners of standing committees and section representatives. Club Committee meetings shall be chaired by the President, or in his/her absence by the President-Elect, or the Immediate Past President, or such other person as the meeting decides. The Chairperson shall have an original as well as a casting vote.

(Comment: See below for rules about committees, section representatives, nominations and elections).

c. The Club Committee shall meet face to face at least twice a year, and may also meet as required by

means of telephone or video conferencing.

e. Twelve members of the Club Committee shall form a quorum.

f. The agenda and papers for Club Committee meetings shall be sent to section representatives at least one calendar month before the meeting date.

(Comment: Rules 11c and 11d are deleted—see Rule 16 for terms of office etc.)

11. Subcommittees and Conveners (previously 12, 33a)

a. There shall be four standing subcommittees of the Club Committee: Finance, Executive, Accommodation and Publications. The Convener of the Finance Subcommittee shall be the Honorary Treasurer. The Conveners of the other three standing subcommittees shall be elected officers of the Club, and ex officio members of the Club Committee.

b. The Finance Subcommittee shall oversee the Club's investments and financial position; ensure that Club Committee members receive timely, comprehensive and clear financial statements and projections at least on a quarterly basis; ensure the Club's compliance with all taxation requirements and any other legislation relating to financial matters; and advise the other subcommittees and the Executive Officer. The Finance Subcommittee shall, in addition to the Convener, be the President and three other Club Members appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Honorary Treasurer.

c. The Executive Subcommittee shall oversee the work of Club's Executive Officer; ensure that the National Office as a whole acts within these rules and the directives, policies, strategies, plans and

budgets adopted by the Club Committee, and ensure the Club's compliance with all legal requirements relating to employment and workplace safety. The Executive Subcommittee shall, in addition to the Convener, be the President, the Immediate Past President or the President-Elect, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary and two other Club Members appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Subcommittee Convener.

d. The Accommodation Subcommittee shall oversee the management of the Club's capital assets, and ensure that their integrity and value to the Club are enhanced by adequate short and long term plans for maintenance and repair; and plan for the construction of new buildings. With the Finance Subcommittee, the Accommodation Subcommittee shall develop long term financial strategies as part of these plans. The Accommodation Subcommittee shall, in addition to the Convener, be representatives of any sections which have buildings undergoing major works in their areas, and other Club Members (up to a total of seven) appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Accommodation Subcommittee Convener.

e. The Publications Subcommittee shall oversee the Club's publications, and ensure the timely production of quality books, guidebooks, magazines and journals relating to climbing. The Publications Subcommittee shall, in addition to the Convener, be four Club Members appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Publications Subcommittee Convener.

f. The Club Committee may specify tasks or responsibilities for the standing subcommittees

other than those specified in these rules.

g. The Club Committee may set up other subcommittees for specified purposes, and appoint conveners and members for them. These conveners shall as far as possible be section representatives, and shall not otherwise be ex officio members of the Club Committee.

h. Conveners may co-opt other members to their subcommittees as required.

i. Subcommittees may advise and make recommendations to the Club Committee within their areas of responsibility, and shall also advise the Executive Officer as required, but cannot make decisions which bind the Club outside of the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee.

j. Conveners of standing and other subcommittees may meet together as convened by the President to discuss and formulate recommendations to the Club Committee about the overall activities of the Club and the priority to be given to these activities, and the short and longer term financial implications of their recommendations.

(Comment: This new clause defines subcommittees/conveners and broadly what they are authorised to do. 'Accommodation' is intended to include HOM as one of our capital assets. The present HQ committee becomes the Executive Subcommittee, with a more tightly defined brief and a convener elected by the AGM (as are the other three conveners under the present rules). With present and past or future presidents as members it should have good continuity).

(Comment: 13 (Minutes) is deleted – see Rule 33. 14 (Common Seal) is deleted – see Rule 32. 15 (Absent Member Objecting) is deleted – see Rule 11d. 15a

and 15.b are not necessary, since any member can challenge any decision or action outside the authority of these rules or express CCM authorities).

OFFICERS

12. President (previously 16)

a. The Club shall have a President who shall serve for a two year term commencing immediately after the Annual General Meeting and ending at the close of the Annual General Meeting two years later.

b. Should the office of President fall vacant the Club Committee shall appoint the President Elect President for a term expiring at the close of the third Annual General Meeting after the appointment. If there is no President Elect the Club Committee shall appoint as President one of the Vice Presidents for a term expiring at the close of the third Annual General Meeting, or such shorter term as it may determine.

c. The President shall be a member ex officio of all Section Committees of the Club.

d. The President shall ensure that the Club fulfils the Objects in Rule 2 and acts within these Rules and the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee.

13. President Elect and Immediate Past President (previously 11b, 17)

a. For the year prior to the termination of a President's term of office, the Club shall have a President-Elect, who shall become the President at the end of that year. For the year following the termination of a President's term of office, he/she will be Immediate Past President.

b. The President-Elect and the Immediate Past President shall ex officio be members of the Committee of the Section to which they belong.

(Comment: See Rule 16 for nomination, election, term of office)

14. Vice Presidents (previously 18)

The Club shall have two Vice-Presidents, one for the North Island and one for the South Island, with special responsibilities for assisting and acting on behalf of the President as requested, maintaining contact and cooperation between sections in their areas, and supporting sections in need of assistance.

(Comment: This formalises our present position on vice-presidents. See Rule 16 for appointment and term of office)

15. Section Representatives (previously 19)

a. Each section shall have one representative on the Club Committee

b. Section representatives must belong to the section they represent, and shall ex officio be members of their section committees.

c. Section representatives shall have one or more votes, in accordance with the following formula:
Up to 200 section members: 1 vote
200 and up to 400 section members: 2 votes
400 or more members: 3 votes

d. Section representatives shall establish their sections' views on matters to be discussed at the Club Committee meeting, represent those views at the meeting, and report on the meeting to their sections; and shall at all other times act as liaison between their sections and National Office.

(Comment: The intention is to reduce the numbers attending CCM, but not the voting power of the bigger sections. See rule 16 for nomination, election, and term of office)

(Comment; 20 (Overseas Members Representative) is

deleted. Now that we have an Australian Section, the office of overseas members representative no longer seems necessary. Under the revised rules, overseas members can also retain their section affiliations)

16. Election and Appointment of Officers (previously 19f, 21)

a. The President-Elect shall be elected at the Club Committee Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting one year prior to end of the President's term of office.

b. The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Executive, Accommodation and Publications Conveners shall be elected for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting, and may be re-elected annually, for a maximum period of five years.

(Comment: For president-elect and president, see also Rule 13)

c. Any Member may nominate a candidate for the positions in 16.b by sending, with the candidate's prior consent, a nomination to the National Office at least one calendar month prior to the Meeting at which the election is to take place, but no Member may be nominated for or elected to more than one of these positions.

d. The Club Committee may fill until the next Annual General Meeting a vacancy occurring for any of the positions in 16.b.

e. Section representatives shall be elected by their sections, at the section Annual General Meeting. The Section Committee may fill until the next section Annual General Meeting a vacancy occurring in this position. Section representatives shall hold office for a minimum of two and a maximum of five years.

f. Vice-presidents shall be appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the President, and must be section representatives at the time of their appointment

g. Conveners of subcommittees that are not standing subcommittees shall be appointed by the Club Committee, and shall as far as possible be section representatives at the time of their appointment, but will not otherwise be members of the Club Committee.

h. All officers under this Rule must be Club Members when nominated and while holding office.

17. The Executive Officer and National Office (previously 22)

a. The Executive Subcommittee may, after consultation with the Club Committee, appoint an Executive Officer to be responsible, under the Executive Subcommittee's supervision, for the day to day operation of the Club within these rules and the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee.

b. The Executive Subcommittee shall, subject to consultation with the Club Committee, develop and maintain a schedule of duties, delegations and performance criteria for the Executive Officer.

c. The Executive Subcommittee shall review the performance of the Executive Officer at least annually, and shall, subject to consultation with the Club Committee, make any salary adjustment or take any other action (including disciplinary action) that may be necessary arising from this review, or any other performance-related matter or work misconduct.

d. The Executive Officer shall review the perform-

ance of National Office staff at least annually and shall, subject to consultation with the Executive Subcommittee, have the authority to make any salary adjustment within the year's budget, or take any other action (including disciplinary action) which may be necessary arising from these reviews, or any other performance-related matter or work misconduct.

18. General meetings (previously 23)

a. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting as soon as possible after the end of its financial year for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the presentation of the annual report and financial statements and other business.

(Comment: There is a preference for the AGM to precede the CCM, but this is not specified here or in the current rule. See Rule 23 for changes to the financial year.)

b. The Club Committee may at any time call a General Meeting of the Club.

c. A General Meeting shall be called upon a requisition to the National Office signed by 25 Members specifying the resolutions to be moved at the meeting requisitioned. Notices of the meeting shall be posted within 21 days of the National Office receiving the requisition. The General Meeting shall be held within 60 days of the receipt of the requisition.

19. General Meeting Notice and Quorum (previously 24)

a. At least one calendar month's notice of a General Meeting (including an Annual General Meeting) shall be sent by mail, fax or email to every Member stating the time and place, and the business to be transacted at, the meeting.

(Comment: This matches up with notice for CCM in Rule 10f).

b. Three Members present at a General Meeting may elect a Chairperson and adjourn the meeting but no business shall be transacted unless 25 Members are present.

20. General Meeting Chairperson (previously 26)

a. At all General Meetings of the Club the chair shall be taken by the President or, in the President's absence by the President-Elect or by one of the Vice Presidents. If within 15 minutes of the time the meeting was notified to begin neither the President, the President-Elect, nor any of the Vice Presidents are present, the meeting shall elect a chairperson from Members present.

(Comment: See Rule 10b for CCM chair)

b. The Chairperson shall have an original as well as a casting vote.

21. Voting and Proxies (previously 25)

a. Voting at a general meeting shall be by a show of hands or, if either the Chairperson thinks it necessary or it is requested from the floor, by a secret ballot.

b. Any Member unable to attend a general meeting may vote by proxy, written notice of which must be received in the National Office by post or fax by the day before the meeting.

c. A proxy vote must nominate another Club Member attending the meeting to act on that person's behalf.

22. Postal Voting (previously 37)

a. On receiving a written requisition for a postal ballot signed by 25 Members and identifying the issue to be voted on at least 21 days before a

General Meeting, National Office shall immediately send out ballot papers to all Members.

b. Ballot papers sent to Members shall clearly indicate the question to be voted on, the manner of voting and the date by which votes must be received by the National Office. Votes may be sent by post or fax.

c. The Club Committee shall appoint 3 Members to be scrutineers, and at the voting deadline the National Office shall hand the ballot papers to the scrutineers.

d. The validity of any vote shall be in the absolute discretion of the scrutineers and they shall count the votes and report the result to the Club Committee in time for the general meeting.

FINANCIAL

23. Financial Year (previously 27)

The Club's financial year shall run from the first day of July to the last day of the following June, commencing in 2008.

(Comment: A 2008 start would mean a 16 month 'year' for 2007/8. The July year has the advantage of matching general practice (eg SPARC) and gives us better dates for our meetings in terms of climbing, instruction etc.)

24. Auditor (previously 28.a, 29)

The Club's annual financial statements shall be subject to audit by a member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants elected at the Annual General meeting whose report shall be included in the annual report.

(Comment: These changes bring us in line with modern practice.)

25. Financial Statements (previously 28)

a. Copies of the Club's annual financial statements shall be included with the annual report sent to Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. If the statements are unaudited when sent the auditor's report shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

b. Accounts shall be prepared in accordance with New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants standards from time to time.

26. Subscriptions (previously 30, 31.e)

a. The Club Committee shall in each financial year fix the annual subscription rates for Members, due and payable at the start of the next subscription year for each Member.

b. A Member whose subscription is not paid 2 months after the start of the subscription year for that Member shall be deemed to have resigned at the end of the previous subscription year.

(Comment: 30c is deleted because this never happens.)

c. The Club Committee may fix reduced subscriptions for the following Members:

i. full-time primary, secondary or tertiary students who can produce evidence of their student status;

ii. those under 25 years of age;

iii. seniors over 65 years of age;

iv. veterans who have been Members of the Club for more than 35 consecutive years.

d. Subscriptions may be waived for veterans who have been Members for more than 50 consecutive years, without loss of their membership rights.

e. Overseas Members' subscriptions may be increased to include an extra postage charge.

f. Members who are part of the same family, and

who reside at the same address, may pay a group subscription and receive a single copy of the New Zealand Alpine Journal and other Club publications. When choosing the family option, the primary Member in the family shall pay the appropriate subscription fixed under this rule. Other family members may pay half the appropriate subscription fixed under this rule. Club correspondence and publications will be addressed to the primary Member.

g. The Club Committee may in appropriate circumstances refund in whole or in part the subscription of any Member.

(Comment: This rule reflects current practice.)

27. Section Levy (previously 31)

a. In order to finance Section activities the Club Committee shall in each financial year fix the annual Section levy for Members.

b. The annual Section levy shall be uniform across all Sections and shall form part of, and be due for payment at the same time, as the Club Subscription.

c. The National Office on receipt of the Members' subscription shall forward this levy to the Sections on a regular basis.

d. Section Committees may utilise or refund any part of this levy as their finances allow.

(Comment: Rule 26f replaces deleted 31e)

28. Club Funds and Bank Accounts (previously 32)

a. The Club Committee shall control all Club funds, except those held by Sections in their own right, and shall open or authorize the opening of such bank accounts as it deems necessary.

b. All the Club's funds, except those held by

Sections in their own right, shall be paid into the Club's bank accounts, and shall be accessible only by authorised signatories following procedures set down by the Finance Subcommittee.

29. Investments (previously 33)

(Comment: Rule 11b replaces deleted 33a).

a. The CCM, acting on recommendations of the Finance Subcommittee, may resolve to invest Club funds, and in doing so shall act prudently to:

- optimise investment returns while balancing risk and return considerations;
- ensure investments are liquid;
- preserve capital invested, and where possible, achieve capital growth.

b. The Finance Subcommittee shall furnish activity reports on any investments and reserve funds held to the Club Committee Meetings.

d. A statement detailing investments and reserve funds held shall be included in the notes to the financial statements.

30. Borrowing Powers (previously 34)

The Club Committee may borrow for and in the name of the Club such sums and upon such terms as it deems necessary and may give as security for the repayment of the sums borrowed and interest thereon such security as it deems appropriate.

31. Assistance to Members (previously 35)

The Club Committee in its discretion and upon such terms as it sees fit shall have the power to provide assistance to Members in distress or otherwise requiring such assistance, in connection with mountaineering activities in New Zealand or overseas, provided that no part of the income and other funds of the Club is used or available to be used for the private pecuniary profit of any Member.

GENERAL

32. Common Seal (previously 14)

The Common seal of the Club shall be held in the National Office and affixed only pursuant to a resolution of the Club Committee, in the presence of the Honorary Secretary and two members of the Club Committee, all of whom shall sign the document to which the Seal is affixed.

33. Minutes (previously 13)

- a. The Honorary Secretary shall record the minutes of General and Club Committee meetings, but in his/her absence the meeting shall appoint a Member present as a minute secretary.
- b. The Conveners of subcommittees shall ensure that minutes of their meetings are kept.
- c. Minutes of General Meetings shall be sent to all Club Members for confirmation at the next General meeting. Minutes of other meetings listed above shall be sent to respective committee and subcommittee members for confirmation at their next meetings. Subcommittee minutes shall also be sent to all members of the Club Committee.

34. Notice (previously 36)

- a. Where notice under these rules is sent by post,

service shall be deemed to have been effected on the day after the date of posting.

b. Notice periods specified in these Rules exclude the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, and the day of the meeting.

(Comment: Methods of sending notices, nominations, votes etc are specified in the relevant rules, or left to the discretion of the sender. In general, email is permitted only for 'information' mailouts.)

35. Rule Changes (previously 38)

- a. Any Member or Section desiring to change the Club's Rules shall submit in writing the proposed rule change to the National Office for consideration at the next meeting of the Club Committee.
- b. The National Office, following the meeting of the Club Committee, shall send the proposal together with the Club Committee's comments and/or recommendations on it to Sections.
- c. At the discretion of the Club Committee or upon a requisition to the National Office signed by 25 Members, a postal vote of Members shall be held to decide upon the proposed rule change.
- d. If a postal vote is not required the proposed rule change shall then be included in the business to be transacted at the next Annual General Meeting, or

at a Special General Meeting, and notice of the proposed rule change given accordingly.

e. No rule may be made, altered or deleted except by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast in a postal vote or of Members present or represented by proxy at a General Meeting.

f. No rule alteration, deletion or addition to the rules shall have the effect of altering the amateur sports promotion status of the Club.

36. Winding Up (previously 39)

- a. Provided all its liabilities have been discharged the Club may be wound up by a resolution of a majority of Members present at a meeting convened for that purpose.
- b. After being wound up the funds and property of the Club shall be distributed by way of transfer as determined by a majority of Members present at the winding up meeting to an incorporated society or societies which have objects similar to those of the Club and which have been granted similar amateur sports promotion tax status.
- c. No resolution to wind up the Club shall be valid unless it determines to which incorporated societies the Club's funds and property are to be paid or transferred.



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