

## **Minutes of the NZAC Club Committee Meeting**

**16 October 2010, Home of Mountaineering, Christchurch**

The meeting commenced at 9.15am.

### **1. Attendance**

Peter Cammell (President), Helen Wilton (Honorary Secretary), John Palmer (Publications Convenor), Magnus Hammarsal (Auckland), Paul McCullagh (CNI), John Jordan (Taranaki), James Wright (Wellington), Chris Short (Nelson), Brent Roylance (Canterbury/Westland), Ian Rogers (South Canterbury), Nick Shearer (North Otago), Greg King (Southland), Chris Brown (Australia), Geoff Gabites (Executive Subcommittee Convenor), Richard Wesley (Accommodation Convenor), Brian Alder (Access Convenor).

Staff: Ollie Clifton (Executive Officer)

### **2. Apologies**

Paul Prince (Otago), Gillian Crombie (Treasurer)

### **3. Introduction**

Peter Cammell outlined the purpose of the weekend, & gave a verbal update on progress with the Strategic Plan.

### **4. Unwin Project update**

Tony Clarke updated the meeting on progress with phase 3 of the project, replacement of the bunkroom wing & associated infrastructure. The latest QS estimate has put the total cost at \$586k.

### **5. Community**

Key points of discussion in relation to the paper written by John Palmer:

- Need to aim for website that is same quality as Climber mag.
- Will require significant people resource – paid or volunteer.
- Revenue generation should be a priority.
- Member only content should be built into the structure of website.
- Editing & updating – spread the load – volunteers, convenors, sections.
- Admin savings in better web functionality?
- Membership database key to IT project.
- Discussion points to need for a club marketing plan.

### **6. Access**

Key points of discussion in relation to the paper written by Brian Alder:

- Management of access will be time hungry, not necessarily \$\$\$ hungry.
- Vision: self funding access fund eg donations, agreements with land owners/managers, info readily available to users.
- Access fund in USA is a good working example
- Access rep will be needed on each section committee
- Landowners perspective, & legal advice they have received, needs to be understood.

- A proactive approach to leading climbing access is needed. This could have unintended negative reactions from land owners/managers.

#### **7. Instruction & Ruapehu Accident:**

Key points of discussion:

- Peter Cammell summarised the Ruapehu accident on 7 August, & our subsequent response.
- Chris Short outlined development of National Instruction framework.
- Section feedback on knowledge of framework & ability to implement it has been mixed. Framework document needs to be finalized – will be done by Xmas 2010. Chris Short to draft implementation plan for framework within the next month.
- Ollie outlined the key causative factors of the accident.
- Accident Review process - aim to be completed by Xmas. Feedback on John & Aaron's report – the reviewers will be asked to consider this when compiled.
- The clubs perspective will need to be outlined in a separate report.

#### **8. Accommodation:**

- Tukino hut proposal – issues: access to the hut from the road, access to 1st aid medical assistance (ski patrol), will NZAC instruction courses be willing to shift there, deferred maintenance of \$60k a bit light?, no commitments in terms of NZAC \$\$\$ & volunteer resources.

#### **9. President Elect**

Peter Cammell's recommendation that a working group comprising himself, John Jordan & Nick Shearer research the next NZAC President, was approved.

It was moved that CCM will confirm the appointment of the next President Elect by email Geoff Gabites/Brent Roylance CARRIED

#### **10. South Ridge of Aoraki Mt Cook renaming**

Peter Cammell outlined his thoughts on the issue. It was agreed that the club position (as per the May 2008 CCM resolution) should be sent to the Geographic Board. If renamed the Hillary Ridge then we will support this.

**Meeting closed 4.30pm**

**Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting of the New Zealand Alpine Club** held on Sunday 17 October 2010 at the Home of Mountaineering, Raycroft Street, Christchurch. The meeting commenced at 9.15am.

### **1. Attendance**

In attendance were Peter Cammell (President), Helen Wilton (Honorary Secretary), John Palmer (Publications Convenor), Magnus Hammarsal (Auckland), Paul McCullagh (CNI), John Jordan (Taranaki), James Wright (Wellington), Chris Short (Nelson), Brent Roylance (Canterbury/Westland), Ian Rogers (South Canterbury), Nick Shearer (North Otago), Greg King (Southland), Chris Brown (Australia), Geoff Gabites (Executive Subcommittee Convenor), Richard Wesley (Accommodation Convenor).

Staff: Ollie Clifton (Executive Officer)

### **2. Apologies**

Paul Prince (Otago), Gillian Crombie (Treasurer)

### **3. Instruction and Ruapehu Accident Review**

The Ruapehu Accident Report by John Entwisle and Aaron Halstead, a confidential document, was presented for discussion.

There was general agreement that the report required some changes to correct some factual inaccuracies; that key points were cloudy; and that there was a need for the right of reply from the instructors concerned. It was suggested that John Nankervis should be engaged as part of the review team to seek his opinion on the nature of the Club's report and possibly to write it.

It was moved: **"That, with reference to CCM May 2010 Motion 14, implementation of the Instruction Detailed Plan has now reached the point where CCM ratifies the Instruction Framework (February 2010) as Club policy, to apply to all Club instruction."**

Chris Short/John Jordan CARRIED

Abstention: Chris Brown

It was moved: **"That all proposed instruction programmes before commencement are signed off by the Instruction Committee to ensure compliance with the Framework."**

Brent Roylance/Geoff Gabites CARRIED

### **4. Life Member Nominations**

Peter Cammell announced that this year two nominations have been received for life membership – Dave Bamford and John Jordan.

It was moved: **"That CCM appoint Dave Bamford to Life Membership."**

Geoff Gabites/Peter Cammell CARRIED

It was moved: **"That CCM appoint John Jordan to Life Membership."**

Chas Tanner/Ian Rogers CARRIED

## 5. Reports from Section Representatives

### Auckland (Magnus Hammarsal)

- enthusiastic and involved committee
- change of venue has been good
- issue for 2011 that current instructor numbers are down
- access for rockclimbing (Quarry) has been a challenge recently
- looking at doing Reel Rocks event with Uni rockclimbing club (building relationships)
- keen for national website to be up & running

### Wellington (James Wright)

- difficult time with Ruapehu accident
- full committee, chair, vice chair and patron working together well especially in light of Ruapehu accident; happier and managing decisions well
- excited about Tukino Hut opportunity
- looking for an auditor

### *Action Point: sections need help with auditors/reviewers.*

- Instruction Convenor (Don) very enthusiastic and continuing to develop programmes for next year

### Southland (Greg King)

- ticking over
- same committee with occasional younger member attending
- numbers static
- subsidising a participant in the Freda du Faur alpine instruction course
- organised memorial weekend for Austin Brookes
- Xmas dinner will feature Southland's participation in an expedition to the Peruvian Andes 50 years ago – a surviving member will speak
- stoat trapping for fundraising
- mini expedition into Fiordland next year planned (Southland plus overseas climbers)

### Australia (Chris Brown)

- new committee
- "listening" to 517 members – developed process to get suggestions for climbers' meets/social nights subject to approval by committee, with overwhelming response
- first climbers' meet was held at Blue Lake (8 members)
- further meets planned Mt Buffalo (January), Arapiles (February), Blue Mountains (March); organisers provided with package including marketing by committee
- no training courses this year
- lots of members have attended courses and climbing camps in NZ – encouraged to submit trip reports

#### **Nelson/ Marlborough (Chris Short)**

- new chair = Mark Holmes
- first female committee member in 8-9 years elected
- screened NZ Mountain Film Festival – 80 attendees
- De la Beche Hut – DOC intends to remove

#### **Canterbury/Westland (Brent Roylance)**

- 699 members
- risk with committee succession problem
- running well
- Climbing Camp major upcoming event
- events going well

#### **South Canterbury (Ian Rogers)**

- galvanised by Peter Cammell's visit – now using climbing wall every fortnight
- younger members on committee
- trips – ambitious program this coming season

#### **Taranaki (John Jordan)**

- ticking along
- greying membership
- 2 section members presented with 50 year certificates, 6-7 more coming up

#### **CNI (Paul Mc Cullagh)**

- 130 members
- access issue on back doorstep
- importance of website re access information and publicising climbing networks
- looking forward to Whangaehu hut development this summer
- positive about Tukino hut as “advance base camp”

#### **North Otago (Nick Shearer)**

- membership stable
- younger committee members (rock climbers)
- new bouldering area - Taylors – near Duntroon
- section trip to Arapiles during year
- developing own rules and conditions for climbing wall – unsure about liability

There was no CCM delegate from Otago.

It was moved: **“That the CCM values highly the collective input from all sections of the Club, and was disappointed that the Otago section was not represented at the October CCM.”**

Geoff Gabites/Chris Brown CARRIED

The President issued a challenge to section representatives for the next CCM section roundup:

- would like to see a “virtual” section roundup
- would like to see how committees can be aligned to the Strategic Plan
- create plans with goals and targets within sections

- build bridges with feeder organisations such as university climbing clubs – members on committees, running joint activities

## 6. Confirmation of Minutes of CCM May 2010

James Wright (Wellington) proposed an amendment to motion 9 concerning the Wellington section funds to be transferred to the Development Fund.  
 “\$13,500 was found to be incorrect.” CARRIED

### **Matters Arising:**

Taranaki (John Jordan) noted that they transferred \$10,000, not \$5,000.

Changes to the wording of Development Fund Policy Clause 5:

It was moved that: **“Sections are expected to contribute to this fund as funding commitments allow” should replace the words “Surplus funds should be advanced to the Development Fund.”**

James Wright/Richard Wesley CARRIED

It was moved: **“That the amended Development Fund document be adopted, with Clause 5 changed.”**

Ian Rogers/ Richard Wesley CARRIED

It was moved: **“That the motions and action points be accepted and the minutes of the May 2010 CCM be adopted as a true and correct record.”**

Peter Cammell/Paul McCullagh CARRIED

***Action Point: Ross Cullen to be approached re economic modelling for membership rates project.***

***Action Point: Job description for vice presidents needed.***

## 7. Election of Vice Presidents

It was moved: **“That the vice presidents, John Jordan and Nick Shearer, be reappointed.”**

Brent Roylance/Chris Brown CARRIED

## 8. Ratification of Reports and recommendations

### **Access**

***Action point: Brian Alder to proceed with development of Access vision as per his plan. Report back to CCM on progress in May 2011.***

### **Community**

***Action point: John Palmer to develop business plan for implementation of IT project as per his discussion paper for CCM May 2011. Budget indication of \$50k - \$100k for capex, & \$50k per annum for operational.***

***Action Point: It was agreed that a club marketing plan for is needed, and will be developed in conjunction with the Climbing Community project by May 2011. Peter Cammell to lead this.***

***Action Point: Sections to communicate national committee vacancies, which are currently Climbing Convenor, Relationships Convenor, and Membership Project Convenor.***

**Accommodation:**

It was moved: "That CCM supports the Tukino hut project, and that it is worthy of further investigation."

James Wright/Richard Wesley CARRIED

Action Point: the Tukino Hut project is referred to the Accommodation Committee for them to appoint a NZAC rep to the Tukino Hut project team.

In conclusion Peter Cammell thanked participants for their contributions and advised that the next CCM meeting will be 14-15 May 2011.

The meeting concluded at 12.50pm.