

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Alpine Club
held on Friday 9 November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at the Oxford Terrace Baptist Church,
286 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch.

Welcome

The President, John Palmer, welcomed all who were present and introduced himself, Karen Leacock (General Manager) and Jocelyn Douglas (Minute taker).

Attendance

John Palmer presided over a meeting of 26 other members from throughout New Zealand and Australia.

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Chas Turner	Katrina Tanner
Pip Walter	Simon Middlemass
Greg Siddells	Claire Jones
Liz Thevenard	John Cocks
Mark Inglis	Ross Cullen

It was moved: ***“That the apologies be accepted.”***
Sam Newton / Gillian Crombie. Carried

Proxies - none

Matters Arising from the 2017 Minutes

It was moved: ***“That the Minutes of the 2017 AGM of the Club be taken as read.”***

Margaret Clarke / Geoff Spearpoint Carried

There were no corrections to the 2017 Minutes.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

It was moved: ***“That the Minutes of the 2017 AGM of the Club be adopted as a true and accurate record.”***

Lindsay Smith / Sam Newton Carried

Governance Review Report

John Palmer expressed his pleasure at the outcome of the governance vote then summarised the steps taken to date. He advised that the new rules and Transition Plan were registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies in September that the Club is now being conducted under those rules. Rob Moffat has been elected Chair of the Section Council which will meet tomorrow to vote on their representatives on the Board and to discuss their role. This Council will meet twice a year. The Transition Plan allows for an interim Board for one year. This has been appointed from members of the outgoing Club Committee and will meet on Sunday when members will set the strategic direction of the Club and frame the governance needs of the Club. Some immediate changes will result. For example the Executive committee role will now be assumed by the Board. The interim Board will set up and run the first set of elections for the Board in 2019.

Presentation of President's Report

It was moved: ***“That the President's Report be taken as read.”***

Geoff Gabites / Sam Newton Carried

The President especially noted the following.

- (i) There has been significant disruption for National Office staff over the past months as earthquake repairs have been undertaken. These are now nearly complete.
- (ii) There have been ongoing problems with computer systems, including the membership/management system and website/e-commerce systems. These are no longer fit for purpose so there will be a process of on-going improvements managed by the Board and General Manager.
- (iii) RAC (Recreation and Access Committee) is currently working on submissions and consultation on two DoC Management Plans - Aoraki and Westland. Our submissions on these are very important as NZAC has some standing with DoC. It was noted that members can also make their own submissions in their own names.
- (iv) Publication highlights – the new Aoraki Guide has been published and is now on sale. All NZAJs will soon be available on-line – this is a project undertaken with the cooperation of Innsbruck University.
- (v) The Club Expedition fund gets depleted then builds up again. Members are encouraged to apply for expedition funds.

Questions on the President's Report:

A member asked about access to rock climbing areas in the Central North Island. In response it was noted that there are on-going difficulties and negotiations with several land owners, including local iwi and DoC. John Palmer finds DoC can be more challenging to work with as there is no one person within DoC who deals with these matters and we cannot assume that the regulator (DoC) will take the side of amateur recreationists.

Geoff Gabites asked about the status of conversations with Worksafe. John Palmer advised that documentation from them has still not arrived and needs chasing.

Obituaries

A minute of silence was held to remember those Club members who had died during the past year. These were:

William (Bill) Packard, Shirley Croll, Brett Shand, Stewart Robertson, Edmund (Ed) Cotter, Norman Hardie, Dorothy Fletcher, Alex Parton, Elizabeth (Liz) Hawley, Gordon Hasell, James (Jim) Simpson, Jean Nelson, Leslie (Les) Brough, Colin McMillan, Rex Vickers, James Lincolne, Phyllis Aspinall, Shirley Ellis, Janet Holm, Jock Montgomery, Steven Turner, Magesh Jagadeesan, Keith Royce, Caleb Jennings and Martin Hess.

It was moved: "***That the President's Report be accepted***".

Mike Pryjma/Geoff Spearpoint

Carried

Financial Report

Gillian Crombie went through the Financial Report and in particular noted the following:

- (i) Revenue: This is up mostly because of Banff showings. This is off-set somewhat by a decrease in our Sport NZ grant. Journal digitisation has been partially funded by a Give a Little campaign. It was noted that this could be repeated for other one off projects.
- (ii) Expenses: Cancellation of a few instruction courses affected these. Gillian noted that Section Instruction expenses are affected by the timing of the instructor development courses within the financial year. The Publication's budget included some new books which had not been published at financial year end. It was also noted that a change in staff occurred within the financial year.

Australian insurance: John Palmer explained that the Club Committee resolved to clarify the legal liability of having an Incorporated Section in Australia, as unlike other Sections it is a standalone entity. Australia does not have personal liability insurance as NZ does, so the Club needed to take out insurance to cover this. Also our new Incorporated Society Rules required us to take out insurance. The Australian premium will be about \$10,000 p.a. Website fixes have been expensive.

Banff costs were up because of more screenings.

The main expenses are the National Office, huts, instruction, and the NZAJ.

- (iii) Capital Expenditure: The Club has paid back approximately \$42,000 of loans, including SBS and member loans for Unwin.
- (iv) Cash: There was an increase in cash held. This was deliberate as funds for Banff screenings from the Sections were needed to pay the Banff organisation.
- (v) The grant for the mid Tasman hut is now included in the accounts.
- (vi) General: There has been a further increase in membership. Travel insurance is very popular. Hut and Lodge income and expenditure are steady. The Backcountry Ski Guide has been published and is already sold out. It will be re-published next autumn. The Aoraki Guide is now on sale.
- (vii) External funds from Meridian have been received for the mid Tasman hut. The Sport NZ grant has been halved.

It was moved: ***“That the Financial Report be accepted.”***
Sam Newton/ Geoff Spearpoint Carried

It was moved: ***“That the Annual Report be adopted”.***
Penny Webster/ Lindsay Smith Carried

Penny Webster asked about Section funds being passed on to the National Office. John Palmer explained the costs carried by the Office and also noted that the Board needs to clarify how Sections use their funds this and needs more transparency. While Sections are supposed to report annually to the General Manager, this is an on-going challenge and only gives a snapshot. There are also related issues such as GST.

Auditor

It was moved that: ***“AshtonWheelans continue as Club auditor.”***
Gillian Crombie /Clare Kearney Carried

NZAC Volunteer of year

Rob Frost was presented with this award at one of the Aoraki guide book launches.

Thanks

It was moved that: ***“Motion of congratulations and thanks be extended to the Club’s officers and staff on a year of excellent service to their members, particularly in relation to the revision of the Club’s governance structure and the management of the finances.”***
Sam Newton / Geoff Gabites Carried

John Palmer also noted that Gillian Crombie received a NZRA volunteer of the year award.

General Business

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.