



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 4 of October 2013 YMCA, Christchurch

Present : The President and 35 members

Apologies : Sue Clark, Paul McCullagh, Gillian Crombie, Pete Cammell, Conrad Slee, Ross Cullen, Colin Monteath, Pat Deavoll. Richard Thomson, Jerome Waldron

Proxies : The President for Conrad Slee

Minutes of the 2012 AGM: these were accepted as a true and accurate record
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Presidents Report: The president spoke to his written report.

Firstly he corrected an error in his written report – the club has been in existence for 122 years, not 112.

We have had record membership numbers and record numbers on instruction courses. Section membership is growing, and our communications processes are the envy of many organisations.

The Everest first ascents 60th anniversary had attracted widespread media attention. The club exists through its members, and the work undertaken by volunteers is impressive, and he thanked all those who are involved.

Our headquarters staff are a remarkable, passionate team.

The Unwin upgrade has had warm reviews thanks to its new double glazing.

The work on huts in the last year has been substantial, with de la Beche being removed and a new toilet system for Ruapehu and new roof for Homer. It has been decided any new huts must be self funding. Insurance cover has been reviewed due to exploding premiums and some reductions have ensued.

Publications: We have been cautious in putting our range online. There are new and revised guides coming up. The Climber goes from strength to strength, and the NZ Alpine Journal is a high quality publication. The question of the future of The Climber and Journal, or some combination, is being examined.

Climbing Meets are becoming more popular. The National Instruction Framework has been adopted by Sections and Instructor training at Arthur's Pass was well attended.

The Banff Film Festival was most successful, being attended by over 7000.

Financially we are in a reasonable position. The Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival has made a generous donation of \$16,500 to the Expedition Capital Fund.

Obituaries

During the year the following members passed away:

George Moir

Baden Frances Blyth

Karen Heiskel

Gerry Hall-Jones

Una Scott Holloway

Geoff Dunckley

George Lowe CNZM OBE

William (Bill) Taylor
Ronald Lester Mundell
Marty Schmidt(with son Denali)
Jamie Vinton Boot
Duncan Robert Rait

Financial Report

Sam Newton presented this in Gillian Crombie's absence.

The club achieved a small surplus of \$1800 in the past year. This year we have set a balanced budget and so far it has gone well. We have received a generous grant from Sport NZ that we should be very proud of, as many organisations had missed out. We have incurred cashflow problems which we have successfully managed.

Member loans are due for repayment in 2016, so we need to plan for this. Donations and bequests from members are vitally important to the club.

The Profit and Loss Account does not include Capital Expenditure. Capex's were substantial last year, but none are planned for this year.

We have incurred a substantial increase of our contribution to FMC, but we were not paying our way to them, so this is redressing the deficiency.

The President felt our financial position was satisfactory, but we were never flush with funds, and had to exercise care.

A question was put as to whether expenditure on rock climbing had decreased. Sam was unsure, but pointed out substantial signage had been supplied for rock climbing areas.

Moved, that the Financial Report be adopted, G Siddells/ J Cocks.

Election of Officers

As the nominations equalled the positions, it was moved they be accepted.

D Bamford/J Cocks

Elected were:

Honorary Secretary - George Edwards
Honorary Treasurer – Gillian Crombie
Publications/Community Chair – Richard Thomson
Accommodation/Shelter Chair – Richard Wesley
Climbing/Instruction Chair – Paul Prince
Executive Committee Chair – Geoff Gabites

Appointment of Auditor

Ashton, Wheelans & Hegan

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NZAC Volunteer of the year Award

Presented to Lindsay Main

General Business

G Gabites raised a motion of censure for the General Manager, who had abandoned his duties in the past week to go on leave and go climbing. He felt this was unheard of in the history of the club, for someone to actually go climbing. The motion lapsed for the lack of a seconder.

The outgoing president, Stu Gray, introduced the new President, John Cocks, and presented him with his regalia – the A P Harper ice axe.

John said he felt honoured and privileged to be president. He was by how the club had grown and diversified, and his mission during his term would be:

- Governance – to continue the work Stu and Sam had initiated
- Work Planning – improve this area
- Strategic Planning – fine tune
- Work with sections and members to maintain the integration of our professional administration.

John then proposed a vote of thanks to Stu for his achievement as President and thanked him for showing him the ropes.

The formal part of the meeting ended at 7.54pm

After a break for refreshments the great debate, “That competition is a fundamental aspect of climbing” was held. This was chaired by Stu Gray, and much verbal pomposity ensued.

For the affirmative Regan McCaffrey claimed competition was fundamental to lifting standards in the sport, citing grades of climbing raised to 38 from the 27-33 of the 80s.

John Palmer then espoused the merits of an article he had published in the recent Climber, which he felt cogently argued his case.

Sarah Wilson felt she bought the argument back on track by espousing the risks undertaken in attending a Women Climbing pot luck dinner in the 90s.

For the negative Paul Prince recalled how he had once been competitive and won a cerise fleece, but now had seen the light, pointing out that with the passage of time the numbers (grades) wouldn't be so important as the memories.

Jane Morris supported the case with a poem and Jonathon Clearwater argued how he grew up in competitive team sports but then gained more from the adventure aspects of our sport.

From the audience, John Nankervis attempted to keep the participants on track with interjections, which appeared to have little effect.

Stu Gray declared the negative winners after a show of hands