

**Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Alpine Club** held on Friday 4 November 2011 at 7pm at the Cashmere Club, Colombo Street, Christchurch.

**1. Attendance:**

The President, Peter Cammell, presided over a well-attended meeting of over 60.

**2. Apologies:**

Gillian Crombie (Honorary Treasurer)  
Richard Pearson (Nelson/Marlborough)  
John Nankervis (Wellington)  
Dave Bamford (Wellington)  
James Broadbent (Canterbury/Westland)  
Neil Pilbrow (Canterbury/Westland)  
Nick Shearer (North Otago)

**3. Introduction:**

The President welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting, and to the debate following the formal meeting entitled, "Where are climbing expeditions going in the next 10 years?"

**4. Presentation of Life Memberships:**

Life memberships were presented by Peter Cammell to Geoff Spearpoint and Lindsay Main.

**5. President's Report:**

Peter Cammell presented his report which pointed to the successes of the Unwin Lodge rebuild and the intermediate instruction courses now offered by NZAC, along with a caution to members about the importance of Access issues for the future. He finished his speech by thanking Ollie Clifton for his 5 years of excellent service to the Club and presented him with a gift, which was in turn reciprocated by Ollie.

Peter Cammell then handed the meeting over to the new President, Stu Gray.

**6. Confirmation of Minutes:**

It was moved: **"That the minutes of the 2010 AGM of the Club be accepted as a true and accurate record."**

Peter Cammell/Phil Tree CARRIED

**7. Obituaries:**

Stu Gray read out a list of Club members known to have died during the past year and a minute's silence was observed by the meeting.

**8. Financial Report:**

Ollie Clifton presented the statement of financial position.

There was some discussion on the paying back of loans – Stu Gray emphasized the future importance to the Club's finances of Unwin Lodge usage and membership retention, to which events was added by Peter Cammell.

It was moved: **"That the financial report for the 2010 – 2011 year be adopted."**

Stu Gray/Ross Cullen CARRIED

**9. Election of Officers**

The following nominations for office bearers were received:

Honorary Secretary – Helen Wilton  
Honorary Treasurer – Gillian Crombie  
Publications Convenor – Richard Thomson  
Accommodation Convenor – Richard Wesley  
Executive Subcommittee Convenor – Geoff Gabites

Helen and Gillian made it clear that they would be unable to continue in their roles beyond May 2012 because of other commitments.

It was moved **“That all the nominations be elected”**

Stu Gray/Phil Tree CARRIED

#### **10. Appointment of Auditors**

It was moved: **“That the existing auditors Ashton, Wheelans and Hegan be appointed for the coming year.”**

Stu Gray/Chris North CARRIED

#### **11. NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award**

The ice axe trophy and certificate were awarded this year to Grant Piper (Grubbie) of the Canterbury/Westland Section for his many contributions to the Club, in particular an enormous amount of recent work on the climbNZ website. The award was presented by Ollie Clifton.

#### **12. General Business:**

There was no general business, apart from a jocular proposal for a Club tie from Peter Cammell, allegedly supported enthusiastically by John Nankervis.

#### **13. Panel Discussion:**

After a pause for refreshments the panel discussion began, entitled "Where are climbing expeditions going in the next 10 years?"

Panellists were:

- Yvonne Pfluger- mountaineer, expeditioner and explorer of China
- Jamie Vinton-Boot - leading kiwi climber
- Graham Charles - seasoned expeditioner and member of Adventure Philosophy team
- Marty Schmidt - NZ's leading 8000m climber
- Chris North - Canterbury University lecturer and Leave No Trace guru
- Richard Wesley - backcountry huts fanatic and aspiring Green Party candidate for Wigram.

The debate was lively and humorous, with many using photo and video to back their arguments.

Some interesting points to consider were raised:

- We should be psyched about the possibilities in NZ climbing
- Make sure you keep hold of your ethics (conquest = consumption)
- Exploration of the greater world is in all of us
- Overseas expeditions, while not without difficulties, are “character-building”
- Expeditions have been described as “Inconvenience well-considered”.
- To push attitudes go overseas
- NZ climbing produces great generalists

The meeting was closed at 10.05pm.