

Minutes of Taupo Ski Club Annual General Meeting

Held Sunday 11th December 2011 at Waterside Restaurant (upstairs) at 11am

Welcome: Marty Staines welcomed everyone.

Present: Marty Staines, Maggie McCaughan, Harry Keys, Karen Williams, Marion & Greg Fournier, Jim & Julie Norris, Thomas Schwarz, Anne Battersby, Ian Chamberlain, Stu Hutchings, Stu McClellan, Athol & Kathleen Lonsdale, Keith & Helen Manning, David Veitch, Brent McClellan, Rod MacFarlane, Simone MacFarlane, Maggie Slight, Ali Mazey, Julie Forsyth.

Apologies: Helen Spencer, Vicki and Anthony Moss, Rod Staines, Gillian Chamberlain, Nicole and Jackson MacFarlane, Julie (Manning) Thompson, Matthew Manning, Kevin & Sian Manning, Stan Lonsdale, Veronica & Greg Bennett, Greta Donaldson, Paul Slight, Gaelyn Douglas, Sam Hutchings, Sarah and Amee Fournier.

Chair moved that the apologies be accepted

CARRIED

Minutes of 2010 AGM:

Moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Stu/Brent

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

- Tar sealing carpark outside the lodge: Due to RAL having other things taking higher priority this will not happen in the near future. Basic maintenance only will be achieved and main expenditure will be on the ski field areas – that talked about new express chair would be great.
- Building Project and its aims will be dealt with by Ian Chamberlain in the Works Officers report.
- Turoa clubs accommodation: Cost to our members plus lead in time – 8 weeks at one club. It was decided that with the commercially available accommodation in Ohakune – ranging from Hostel type to Luxury Lodge it is just as easy for our members to organise themselves. If anybody wishes to buy a lodge or chalet in Ohakune and make it available to our members for a reasonable rate, let us know.
- Have arranged contra accommodation deal with Tukino Alpine Club www.tukinoalpinesportsclub.org.nz
- Confirm Incorporated Society Office has been updated with Constitution and Club Officer change and minutes of AGM 2010 have been uploaded to website. Thanks to our Secretary.

Presidents Report:

The Presidents report for 2011 was presented (copy attached).

Moved that the Presidents Report be received

Ali Mazey/Maggie Slight **CARRIED**

Financial Statements:

The report for 2011 was presented by Marion Fournier:

2011 Accountants Report – Reviewed by Stretton and Co Ltd (copy attached)

Moved that Financial Reports be accepted

Harry Keys/Stu Hutchings **CARRIED**

Works Officer Report:

The report for 2011 was presented by Ian Chamberlain:

- **Plumbing** and taps. Trialing new ceramic taps. Need feedback. Changed filters – lg downstairs. New filter upstairs too. Spare filters on hand. Probably have to change twice a season. Had leak problem which has been addressed.
- We ran out of water this season but were supplied 10,000 lts for approx \$400. Surprised at the relatively low cost. Caused by higher usage and lower rain fall. Other clubs experienced much higher costs for their supplies because of inaccessibility.
- Mindful that low member participation in workpartys will lead to large increases in costs to employ tradesmen.
- Current focus is on building project. Holding off replacing other windows.
- **Building Project** sub-committee (Brent, Vicki, Leanne, Marty and Ian) have presented concept dwgs. These were available to view at the lodge. Will obtain digital copies for a newsletter and website. Next steps are to progress to working dwgs and obtain permission from DOC and Council.
Project aims: Phase 1: To achieve maximum allowable number and optimum usability bed/room configuration. We're licenced for up to 32 – currently have 28. Adjust rooms to mostly 4/ bed. Reconfigure to get rid of 7/bed rooms (too cramped). Build additional rooms above the existing 2 x 4/bed rooms. Convert top floor shower into an additional toilet. Will likely prefab a lot of the building and then transport to site to reduce on-site costs. Estimate cost \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Will not go ahead until funds sorted. Will apply for funding as we did for the kitchen upgrade. Would like to do the built at the end of next season – if everything else falls into place. Ian happy to take questions on project, or any issues in the hut.

- **Phase 2:** Revamp bathrooms and store room on main level. Dig out the basement to gain space for children's area.
- Question re checking water levels: is difficult – manhole covers very heavy. No easy way to gauge. Have to check the tank on the deck rather than outside the kitchen. Same day water supply from Taupo.
- Harry expressed confidence in the building project plan. Good fund and revenue stream. (powerpoint presentation).

Moved that the Club Captains Report be accepted
Thomas Schwarz/Marion Fournier

Club Captains Report:

The report for 2011 was presented by Club Captain Jim Norris (copy attached).

Moved that the Club Captains Report be accepted

Simone Macfarlane/Anne Battersby

Appointment of Reviewer:

Chair ***moved*** that Stretton and Co remain the annual account reviewer for 2012.

Stu Hutchings/Marion Fournier CARRIED

Committee Nominations:

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Works Officer and Booking Officer and committee members Harry Keys and Brent McLellan are retaining their positions

Due to the 2 resignations we have vacancies on the Committee and would like to take nominations from the floor.

Election of Officers:

Patron:	Rod MacFarlane		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
President/Catering:	Marty Staines		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
Vice President:		Committee Decision	
Secretary:	Maggie M ^c Caughan		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
Treasurer:	Marion Fournier		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
Club Captain:	Jim Norris		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
Immediate Past President:	Stu Hutchings		
Committee			
Works Officer	Ian Chamberlain		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
Booking Officer	Vicki Moss		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
	Harry Keys		<i>ACCEPTED</i>
	Brent McLellan		<i>ACCEPTED</i>

Nominated

Maggie Slight

Simone MacFarlane

Move that Maggie Slight and Simone MacFarlane be accepted onto committee –

Ali Mazey/Anne Battersby

Ian Chamberlain/Harry Keys

CARRIED

Presentations - by Rod MacFarlane:

Thanks to Stu Hutchings who is standing down from Committee, though he retains the ex-officio position of Immediate Past President.

Thanks to Anne Battersby for your commitment to the committee. We'll miss your contributions and humour.

"A short meeting is a good meeting" will not be forgotten

Thanks to Thomas Schwarz thank you for your enthusiasm and can-do attitude on the Committee.

You're still our IT guy!

Thanks to Julie Forsyth our wonderful custodian – your contribution to the smooth running of the club and increasing our mid week bed nights is very much appreciated.

General Business:

- Harry presented The Vision plus "Hidden Agenda Vision" (winning lots of trophies). Powerpoint analysis of the year with comparisons showing how we are tracking (attached).
In summary: Total membership is reducing, achieved a \$22,500 surplus, more non-member than member bed nights,
- Discussion about how to increase our membership:
Harry commented that we don't need to panic, but we need to think about increasing our numbers, possibly

through opening up the membership. Thomas suggested targeting school families that are skiing already. Anne commented that reduced race programmes on the mountain are impacting. Ali commented that the proposed change No. 4 (halving entry fee for returning members) will result in some gains.

Carol Lonsdale – suggested pushing our summer usage. (Was identified in the strategic plan some years ago. It was put on the back burner while we pursued the Custodian option to increase mid-week and non-member usage.) Summer membership? Is there a demand?

Julie Norris and Ian Chamberlain suggested a limited number of memberships with no affiliation to Taupo could be made available.

Committee to discuss further and investigate options for presentation to next year's AGM as a change such as this would necessitate Constitutional change. Consider impact and reasons that the "Taupo only" limitation was put on – the rule came in approx 1960's.

- Athol Lonsdale – Visitors books in the lodge have been defaced. Ask parents to supervise – place in a higher place. Also commented that the lodge is in excellent order and he appreciates the work involved. His 6 non members guests on a recent stay/tramping trip were very impressed. Called on other members to take non members to stay at the lodge - even once can generate interest in membership while providing the club with extra income.
- Jim Norris – As club captain thanked Marty and Maggie for their tireless works.

Changes to Constitution: (details attached)

Moved/adopted

Moved to accept proposed change No. 1

Stu Hutchings/Anne Battersby ACCEPTED Unanimous

Moved to accept proposed change No. 2

Stu Hutchings/Harry Keys ACCEPTED Unanimous

Moved to accept proposed change No. 3

Ian Chamberlain/Maggie Slight ACCEPTED Unanimous

Moved to accept proposed change No. 4

Accepted with following definition of "Voluntary resignation":

"Auto resigned" or "kicked out" are not voluntary resignations and they are not entitled to the privilege to rejoin at 50%.

Thomas Schwarz/Ian Chamberlain ACCEPTED Unanimous

Meeting closed 12.28pm

Attachments:

Presidents Report

Club Captains Report

PowerPoint presentation to AGM

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

PRESIDENTS REPORT : AGM 2011

What a wonderful season we have just had. Great snow, those blue sky days showing us what we can enjoy and good company at our lodge.

Club usage was up – consistent with good weather and snow, allowing us a positive outcome for our reserves and anticipated building improvements.

Our annual thanks to our very able midweek manager/custodian. Julie Forsyth has done a fabulous job for us again. Having her on board with us certainly helps us in the day to day operation of our club. We will welcome her back next season after she is well rested from skiing overseas.

Our booking system:

Continual improvement with tweaks and adjustments by Vicki Moss and Thomas Schwarz see the online system working well.

A fantastic job's being done between Vicki and Julie – balancing beds with requests.

Work Partys:

End of season and the early pre-season workpartys have proved difficult to get good numbers of attendees for a variety of reasons.

We will be trying to improve this by giving as much notice as possible. Dates for May and November 2012 will be in your Information Handbook .

Information such as work required to be done will be advised in your newsletter so you can bring appropriate clothing such as "painting clothes" etc . Our members participation these keeps our repairs and maintenance costs down.

Thanks to those who attended our November party.

Our 2012 firewood is stacked away - a big thanks to Ian and his hardworking helpers.

Our Works Officer Ian Chamberlain: Ian Chamberlain Builders has done another fantastic job of keeping our club up and running in the conditions that prevail. His knowledge and skill in this role is a great asset to us which we value greatly.

Our other Committee members deserve a big thanks for the smooth running of the club this season.

Marion Fournier as Treasurer running our accounts and giving us ongoing financial reports between Mizuno ½ marathons and elections and her other "real" job.

Maggie McCaughan - doing a fantastic job as Secretary maintaining databases and handling communications. These two put in a lot of work in the background and it is very much appreciated by all.

Jim Norris – our Club Captain:

What a great organizer. Making sure our trophy wall is added to and our club champs days are a success.

Brent McLellan – Keen committee member with great ideas. He and Vicki Moss have put extra energy and focus on developing children's programs.

Harry Keys – Fantastic support as always and his extensive knowledge is invaluable to the club.

Unfortunately we are losing Anne Battersby and Thomas Schwarz this year as their other commitments take priority. These won't keep them from the mountain so look forward to their company next year.

Anne has been a committee member for more years than she cares to remember. She's brought insight and common sense with humour to every curly question we've faced.

Thomas is still our IT man at OK Computers so he's not going to escape completely. He's been a keen contributor always with an eye to improve anything from IT to plumbing.

Stu Hutchings as Immediate Past President – has been generous with his rare "spare" time and assists with his business sense, historical knowledge and analytical thinking. He along with Harry have given the club a strong business reporting system.

Stretton and Co. – thanks again to Robert Veitch at Strettons for our Annual Financials completed free of charge. Well done.

Taupo Ski Club Captains Report 2011

Afternoon everyone. For me the highlights of the 2011 snow season, were the interclub racing, and all its silverware, and men's week. Club champs would have been right up there as well, if it were not for the weather!

Other activities that I was not involved in were Ladies Escape, (the best day on the mountain in years), Toddler's week, and Brent and Vicki organized some race training for our up and coming juniors.

About 25 members of all ages competed in the 3 big interclub races. Organization this year was simplified by all 3 Saturdays being pretty much bluebird days.

In the Christiania, men's open The Mossy's came 2nd. Team, James Norris, Aaron, Nick and Anthony Moss

Masters. 3rd. Team Greg Fournier, Baz Hayden, Don Shanks and Anne Battersby

The team achieved this, without Karen and Harry, who were still away on their big OE.

In the Haensli seniors open, 2nd again. Team, Nick, Aaron, Nick Staines, Simone Mac Farlane and Emily Cunningham.

Masters 3rd. Team, Anthony, Baz, Karen, Greg Fourier and Anne.

In The Ngauruhoe seniors open, again 2nd, Team The Mossy's, made up of Aaron Nick, Anthony, Nick Staines and Karen.

So, 5 new trophies for the wall. We may have to extend the club in the near future, to fit in some more.

My only disappointment this year was that for various reasons we did not have a female to enter a junior team, except for the Ngauruhoe Cup, where unfortunately they missed out on a podium finish by 1 second.

So as you can see Taupo Ski Club members are a competitive bunch, and all this was achieved without our rag doll expert, Greg Bennett, who hopefully will be finished his renovating by next winter.

As you can see a big contributor are the Moss's. Thanks guys for making the effort. I think Nick and Aarons drive, comes from the will to beat each other.

Also thank you very much Vicki for all the help you gave me putting all the teams together. You just kept coming up with more names, complete with age and phone number.

Club Champs held on the last weekend of September had a great turnout. 53 skiers and boarders competed, once again on the shortened K road coarse, in rather murky conditions. It was great to be able to take over the old Knoll Ridge Café for lunch. Thanks to all of you who helped with the lunch and a special thanks must go to the person who separated the cups from the rum and coke for the duration of the racing. Rum has never enhanced my skiing, so I may well of missed out on my podium finish, (on count back), had it not been for the misplaced cups.

Thanks very much to Gordon's Outdoors, for all the spot prizes, and to the Mizuno Half Marathon for all the chocolate fish. Also thanks Harry for all your help easing me into the roll of Club Captain this year, but especially all your help on the day,

Men's Madness week just gets better and better. And like previous years great weather, great company, more Black Magic, and lots and lots of laughs. We even had a full hut 1 night.

Jim Norris

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION – for consideration at the 2011 AGM

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 1

Include an honorarium for Works Officer

Honorariums are currently paid to Treasurer, Secretary, Catering and Booking Officers. We feel that the huge importance of Works Officer to the club needs to be recognised and this is to rectify what we see as an anomaly.

Proposed change to Clauses 6.7 and 7.12 to read:

- 6.7 The Annual General Meeting shall transact the following business.....
- (e) The honorarium of the Secretary and Treasurer or the Secretary/Treasurer if the positions are combined, and the Catering, Works and Booking Officers.
- 7.12 The honorariums of the Secretary and Treasurer, or the Secretary/Treasurer if those positions are combined, and of the Catering, Works and Booking Officers shall from time to time be fixed for the new financial year by the Club at the Annual General Meeting after recommendation by the Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 2

In keeping with the change made last year to include Intermediate family members in the Family annual subscription category. Amend 4.6.3 to reflect this accepted change.

Proposed change to Clause 4.6.3 to read:

- 4.6.3 In the event that the parties to such marriage have a Family Membership including any Junior or Intermediate child members, the partners to such marriage shall advise which parent is to retain Family Annual Subscription category (or move to One Parent One Junior or Intermediate category – as appropriate) and which parent is to move to Senior Annual Subscription category.

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 3

In keeping with the change made at 2008 AGM to delete fee amounts from the Constitution.

Proposed change to Clause 4.3.7 to read:

- 4.3.7 Leave of absence shall be required (upon being granted LOA) to pay an annual retainer per person, and shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights and privileges of that membership.

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 4

To make it more attractive for former members to rejoin the club, we propose that if a member has voluntarily resigned they be entitled to rejoin at 50% of current joining fee.

Proposed change to Clause 1 by adding subclause 1.1.4 to read:

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Subject to Rule 4.2 membership of the Club shall be limited to those residing within the boundaries of the Taupo District as administered by the Taupo District Council or its successors or to ratepayers of the Taupo District who do not permanently reside in the area or to others who can prove close affiliation with Taupo District such as residing there previously. This is subject to annual review.
- 1.1.1 That members who had resigned from the Club and their families be eligible to rejoin the Club, irrespective of where they reside.
- 1.1.2 Existing members may nominate immediate family members irrespective of where they reside. This is to be reviewed annually.
- 1.1.3 Those joining under the Midweek membership category (Rule 4.3.8) shall be eligible to join irrespective of where they reside.
- 1.1.4 **Members who have voluntarily resigned are entitled to rejoin at 50% of the current joining fee.**

Outline of Powerpoint presentation to AGM:

- *Taupo Ski Club AGM 2011*
 - *Taupo*
 - *Sunday 11th December*
 - *Agenda*
 - *Welcome*
 - *Apologies*
 - *Minutes Last AGM 2010*
 - *Matters arising from last meeting*
 - *President's Report: Marty Staines*
 - *Financial Report: Marion Fournier*
 - *Work Officer's report: Ian Chamberlain*
 - *Club Captain's Report: Jim Norris*
 - *Appointment of Reviewer: Strettons*
 - *Election of Officers*
 - *General Business*
 - *Financial & membership summaries re strategic report*
 - *Motions of Change to constitution*
 - *Other General Business*
 - *Meeting Close*
 - *Lunch*
 - *Agenda*
 - *Minutes last meeting:*
 - *Matters Arising*
 - *Reports*
 - *President's Report*
 - *Marty Staines*
 - *Treasurer's Report: Financial Statements*
 - *Marion Fournier*
 - *Works Officer's Report*
 - *Ian Chamberlain*
 - *Club Captain's Report*
 - *Jim Norris*
 - *Financial reviewer*
 - *Recommend previous reviewer*
 - *Motion: That Strettons be appointed the accounts reviewer for the 2011 year.*
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- *Election of Officers*
 - *President: Marty Staines*
 - *Treasurer: Nominated Marion Fournier*
 - *Secretary: Nominated Maggie McCaughan*
 - *Club Captain: Jim Norris*
 - *Committee: Re-standing or nominated*
 - *Vicki Moss: Booking Officer*
 - *Ian Chamberlain: Works Officer*
 - *Harry Keys*
 - *Brent McClellan*
 - *One to three more committee members are needed*
 - *Thanks to committee members standing down from roles*
 - *Anne Battersby*
 - *Thomas Schwarz*
 - *Stu Hutchings remains as Past President*
 - *Patron*
 - *Rod MacFarlane*
 - *General Business*
 - *Financial and membership summaries – how are we doing?*
 - *Marty Staines & Harry Keys*
 - *Constitutional Changes*
 - *Other Business*
 - *Taupo Ski Club 2011 Strategic Report*
 - *Marty Staines and Harry Keys*
 - *Review Strategy*
 - *Membership Trends*
 - *Bed Night Use*

- Financial performance
- The Vision

To provide year round family club participation in all alpine sport and recreation and to provide affordable accommodation facilities & benefits for all club members

- TSC Strategy
 - Increasing Revenue
- **Improve numbers of Bed Nights & efficiency**
- **Aim to maintain surplus above \$10K per year to build reserve and allow improvements to lodge**
- Membership Numbers
- 310 Members (down from 327)
- 29 resignations (2nd largest annual number: “moved away”, “no longer active”, “auto resignation”, “alternative accommodation”, no reason)
 - 14 Life members
 - 2 Associate members
 - 188 Senior members
 - 55 Junior members
 - 25 Intermediate members
 - = 296 ordinary full paying members
 - 25 Senior + 3 Intermediate LOA (up 7 from last year)
- Membership Trends
 - Total 310, lowest in recent decades
 - Increase in LOAs may mask an accelerating trend
- Use of Lodge
- Bed use percentage 52% up from average of 48% over last 3 years
- Generally increasing trend consistent with custodian
- 3.4% increase in bed nights
- More non member use than last year (and huge increase from pre-custodian days)
- Lodge fee increases at 2010 AGM
- Overall result was \$10,000 higher lodge income
- Financial Trends
- Lodge and Admin Accounts
- Constitutional Changes
- **PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 1**
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- Other General Business
- LUNCH