



**Downhill Ski Club**  
**2015 Annual General Meeting**  
**22nd November 2014, 4.30pm**  
**Held at the Piha Room, Literacy Waitakere**  
**3055 Great North Rd, New Lynn, Auckland**

The meeting was chaired by Mac McKay and opened at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Adrian Dorrington, Belinda Dorrington, Catherine Crooks, John Hallwright, Jane Gilmour, Brenda Clune, Edith Chaney, Kevin Frost, Steve Chaney, Helen Simpson, Dave Simpson, Adrienne Simpson, Bernie Prendergast, Mac McKay, Mike Fitzmaurice, Chris Fotherby, Liz Macfarlan, Ross Sutherland, and by Skype, Brian Cruse and Dion Cruse

Apologies were received from: James chambers, Prue Fry, Lisa Arthur, Margaret Willoughby, Markus Dipper, Hazel Phillips, Blair & Sue Sinclair

#### **Description**

##### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous AGM were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes as true and correct was made by Mike Fitzmaurice, seconded by John Hallwright and all present voted in favour.

##### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

RAL Renewal of Licence application: a submission in favour was sent by the committee to DOC.

##### **Committee Report**

The committee report was presented and read by Jane Gilmour.

##### **Treasurers Reports**

The Treasurer's report and Financial Statements for the end of October 2015 were presented by Belinda Dorrington. The new reports generated by the Xero accounting system are clear and comprehensive.

A motion to accept the 2015 Financial Statements and treasurer's report was moved by John Hallwright, seconded by Steve Chaney and all present voted in favour.

##### **Booking Officers Report**

The booking officer's report was presented by Dion Cruse. Figures were also presented to show the separated income and expenditure for each lodge for the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

A motion to accept the booking officer's report was moved by Mike Fitzmaurice, seconded by Kevin Frost and all present voted in favour.

Mike Fitzmaurice asked the question: "How much did we raise from the working bee levy?" The exact answer was not available. The committee could find out and respond later.

### **Election of the Committee**

The following committee members have agreed to continue:

Treasurer – Belinda Dorrington

Secretary – Jane Gilmour

Booking Officer (including membership role) – Dion Cruse

General Committee – Kevin Frost and Ross Sutherland

Nominations or volunteers for committee were called from the floor. Dave Simpson agreed to join the committee.

The following roles are still to be filled:

President: leadership role – chairing meetings, liaising with outside parties, eg DOC, RMCA, making some decisions, working with Club Captain to stimulate membership.

Club Captain: organizing events, website, newsletter, promotions and marketing

Adrian Dorrington agreed to continue with website maintenance alongside the committee. He was thanked for his contribution.

### **Appointment of Financial Reviewer**

Mac explained that the review of the 2014 accounts had taken some time.

It was suggested that John Cregten, who is still a member, be approached to continue as financial reviewer. Dave Simpson to talk to him.

The 2014 annual accounts and review now need to be posted on the charities website.

### **General Business**

#### **RMCA AGM Feedback**

Ross Sutherland had attended the RMCA AGM in October and provided a summary  
DOC Paul Carr is the new person in charge of things on our side of the mountain. Ross recommends Karen Mitchell as the person to deal with.

The Lines Co – offering free audits, want to put in smart meters

Lines charges for Ruapehu hut - \$340 per month

For National Park Hut - \$670 per month - a huge drain on the club's finances – need an audit

RAL licenses with DOC waiting for final approval – no investment in lifts for 2 years after licence renewal. Dave Maisey & RAL came under criticism.

Anyone interested in the full meeting minutes from this meeting can email

[secretary@skiclub.org.nz](mailto:secretary@skiclub.org.nz).

#### **Mt Ruapehu Lodge – issues of concern**

##### **Removal of the redundant diesel tanks:**

This job has been flagged for several years, but since the RAL diesel spill, DOC's pressure has come on the clubs. The heat seems to have gone out of DOC and they are willing to help us.

Mac asked Ross the estimated cost of removing the diesel tanks.

The job entails: applying to the iwi and the council for a resource consent, taking out the 2 tanks by helicopter, digging out soil samples and having them tested, reinstating the site.

Working bee to do the initial work (when the contractor who is removing the national chair is already there) in November or December. Dave Simpson offered to go down with Ross to help.

**Ongoing fixed costs:**

There was discussion as to how heating and electrical modifications to National Park could be made to save electricity. Water heating with gas, drying room, replacing the windows, under floor insulation, water heating, time of use meter. The aim is to reduce the peaks. It is possible to apply for funding grants for work to reduce the electricity costs.

A discussion paper was tabled by Jane Gilmour and figures presented by Dion and Brian Cruse were also tabled, in order to enable the meeting to consider the fate of the Ruapehu Lodge which is becoming unaffordable. Proposed new lifts do not appear to bring any positive effect.

It was moved that the committee be tasked to actively explore options for the disposal of the Ruapehu Lodge. The motion was moved by Jane Gilmour and seconded by Steve Chaney and all present were in favour.

**Setting of Subscriptions**

It was proposed that the subscriptions be amended to include the maintenance fee because of the administrative difficulties posed by last year's subscriptions:

- a. That the annual subscription comprising of membership fee and maintenance fee will be \$190 for a single and \$380 for a family membership.
- b. That the annual maintenance fee of \$50 for a single and \$100 for a family be waived on attendance at a 2016 working bee (two adult family members for a family discount).
- c. That where the annual subscription is received from any existing member on or before March 31st 2016, a 10% prompt payment discount on the on the membership fee will apply.
- d. That there is no joining fee for 2015.

The motion was moved by Ross Sutherland, seconded by Steve Chaney and all present voted in favour.

**Children of Family Members**

It was questioned whether the upper limit of 20years of a child of a family member is counterproductive and discourages them to join on their own account.

It was proposed that the upper limit of children of family members be reinstated to 25 years. The motion was moved by Ross Sutherland, seconded by Mike Fitzmaurice and all present voted in favour.

When the children of members reach the age of 25 years, they should be sent an invitation to join.

The meeting was closed at 7.00p.m. by Mac McKay