

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at 7 Rona Street, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt

MINUTES OF THE RUAPEHU COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024 AT 165 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, WELLINGTON.

PRESENT: Kate Brownsword (Chairman)
David Biegel
Sheldon Bruce
Bruce Miller
Ian McIlraith
Russell Oliver
Brendan Quirke
John Simes

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ian McIlraith
Alison Newbald
Robert Thompson

3. Minutes

Considered:

The minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2024.

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 7 May 2024.

MOVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2024 were a true and accurate record.

Kate Brownsword/John Simes CARRIED

4. Correspondence

4.1 Correspondence In

- (i) 13 May notification from Whakapapa of the limited time available to purchase season passes online. Circulated to all club members by Kate Brownsword.
- (ii) 13 May email from Secretary RMCA accompanying RMCA May 2024 newsletter. Circulated to committee members.
- (iii) 13 May notification from Secretary RMCA of RAL approach about the possibility of securing long-term accommodation for some of their staff for the upcoming season. Circulated to all committee members for information only.
- (iv) 18 May notification from Secretary RMCA of RAL Whakapapa has confirmation of the junior race dates. Circulated to all committee members.
- (v) 31 May notification from RMCA of Annual General Meeting. Circulated to all committee members.
- (vi) 31 May RMCA council nomination form. Circulated to all committee members. David Biegel to be nominated and attend AGM.
- (vii) RMCA Annual Subscription much reduced from previous years, lessening hardship on clubs

4.2 Correspondence Out

None

5. Financial Report

5.1 Considered:

The Treasurer's end of year Report dated 31 May 2024, together with occupancy statistics for 2023-2024 and bed nights for 15 previous years.

MOVED

That the payments, transfers and reinvestments as listed in the Treasurer's report of 31 May 2024 be approved;

John Simes/Kate Brownsword

CARRIED

5.2 Noted:

- (i) The largest term deposits had been cashed in order to pay for food and insurance;
- (ii) Lodge fee income was \$10,000 greater than previous year;
- (iii) Non-member numbers were high, approaching 15% of total;
- (iv) On 31 May 2024 the total bank funds were \$69,719.31;

6. Mt Ruapehu/Ruapehu Alpine Lifts

6.1 Received:

An oral update from David Biegel.

6.2 Noted:

- (i) Several items/articles/updates have been shared with the committee since the last meeting
- (ii) Little new to update with general acceptance of RAL/MBIE/Calibre Partners running Whakapapa for 2024 season
- (iii) No update on Expressions of Interest for Whakapapa
- (iv) Six monthly liquidator report due end of June and receiver report due end of July
- (v) Several DoC OIA requests released, including agreeing a Deed of Novation (used in business to securely switch one party for another in a contract) for DoC concessions as early as October 2022. This was not revealed at the June 2023 watershed meeting

7. Lodge Bookings.

7.1 Considered:

An oral report from the Booking Officer.

7.2 Noted:

- (i) Tihoi had already been in occupancy on .2 weekends and intended to return in June, providing \$3,000 in income;
- (ii) The Thompson family had booked a week;
- (iii) Sheldon had received enquiries from Andrew Fisher and Nick McBride about climbing and skiing trips;
- (iv) Abigail Brownsword will lead the Young Professionals weekend;
- (v) Rachel Bruce is leading the Vets week.

8. Insurance

8.1 Considered:

An oral report from the Treasurer.

8.2 Noted:

John reported that he had been talking to Jason Kelly from Frank Risk Management and was expecting a quote very soon. It would seem that many of the lodges on the mountain are anxious about what insurance they might be able to afford in the coming season due to the trying circumstances. John reported that the options of Replacement Value and Indemnity only were on offer. The option of "Demolition only" cover as required by our license agreement is not on offer. We expect to make the final decision on insurance at our next meeting.

9. Information Sheet

Agreed:

Bruce Miller will further update the information sheet to include the committee's decisions and Sheldon Bruce will print copies to take to the Lodge on the work party.

10. Fire Drill

10.01 Considered

- (i) The Fire Drill and Evacuation Plan circulated by Kate on 21 May;
- (ii) Robert Thompson's email of 4 June together with the suggestions he made of the plan

10.02 Agreed:

Kate will update the Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan to incorporate the suggestions put forward by Robert Thompson and discussed at the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at Kate Brownsword's, 7 Rona Street, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt

The meeting closed at 9:55 pm.

Chairperson Date