

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
HELD AT THE DENMAN THREDBO ON  
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2017

- PRESENT:** Alan Fredericks, Randy Wieman, Ed Denny, Marion Murri, ,  
Maureen Roberts, Christina Webb, Frank Prihoda, Jerry Krejzar,  
Penny Krejzar, Chas Skinner, Lynne McIntyre, Heinz Reichinger,  
Michelle Reichinger, Trevor Harrison, Margot Stuart, Chas Keys,  
Margaret & Bruce Piggott, Victoria Incani, Paul & Lorna Kelly
- APOLOGIES** Graeme Holloway, Anne Collet, Toni Sarri, Alan Rydge, Roger  
Andrew, Georgina Ward, Cees Koeman, Hi Noon Ski Club, Liz  
Wynn, Peter Cocker, Acacia Rose, Simon & Susanna Lang, David  
Hume, Walter Costanzo, Kerri Koczanowski, Peta Strong-Henley,  
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- WELCOME** Alan Fredericks welcomed all attendees to the AGM, and thank  
you to Ed and Judy Denny for hosting the meeting at The Denman.
- MINUTES OF LAST  
AGM** Moved that the Minutes of the AGM held on 26/11/16 be accepted  
as a true and correct record.
- BUSINESS ARISING** JK raised the issue that the item ‘Who are We’ hasn’t been  
addressed. Chair advised that Committee have determined to  
change the name from Thredbo Ski Museum to Thredbo Alpine  
Museum and a logo has been agreed upon and has been  
progressively used.  
New Letterhead was designed by Kaye Flavell, but it has not been  
finalised.  
Suggested that the committee should investigate the branding of  
the museum by June. March 2017 Committee Meeting resolved to  
refer to the Museum as the “Thredbo Alpine Museum” replacing  
the “Thredbo Ski Museum”.  
Debate on how we should position ourselves. Thredbo Alpine  
Museum could be the primary brand and Thredbo Historical  
Society the secondary brand at the bottom of the letterhead. This  
should be discussed further at the next 2018 committee meeting.  
Victoria Incani: The current design by Kaye is balanced, which  
should be considered. Question about the need to use the KT logo.  
AF advised that Kim Clifford gave approval for THS to use the  
KT logo as we see fit. It certainly identifies with Thredbo.
- After these points of clarification; Moved that the Minutes be  
adopted. Moved by Trevor Harrison seconded by Randy Wieman  
Carried.
- PRESIDENT’S  
REPORT** AF read from the President’s Report which has been circulated to  
all members.
- AUDITORS  
FINANCIALS** AF advised All our costs of producing the Book have been  
included in the past financial year (2016/17).

## REPORT

This has resulted in our Financial accounts showing an operating loss of \$14,114. We are grateful that KT P/L in 2015, agreed to make a contribution of \$20,000 towards underwriting of the THS book project to mark Thredbo 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year – 2017. NPWS and Snowy Hydro were both approached but declined. KT was able to claim GST, where THS could not. THS paid the final publishers Invoice of \$12,419. WE incurred an additional cost of \$7000 to the author of the agreed fee plus a further \$1000 in costs associated with photography and other specific costs. This made the total overall costs of the project including K Ts contribution to \$40,419. It was felt that THS, through the project, had contributed significantly towards the costs of celebrating and publicising Thredbo Resorts 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.

There were no further questions regarding the financial reports. Motion to accept the financial report of 16/17. Moved by Ed Denny seconded by Paul Kelly. Carried.

We will skip Agenda items 5, 6 and 7 and come back to them.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Anne Collet has advised that there are 121 financial members. 86 singles, 35 families (counted as 2 = 70), 27 unfinancial members. 2 corporate memberships, KT and NPWS.

Honorary memberships: RAHS, DWS and Kiandra Pioneer Ski Club.

Records show 14 clubs are members but 10 are un financial at present.

In total 215 (180). 40 unfinancial.

Sending renewals via email has its pros and cons. People discard emails too readily, but it's a cost saving exercise for the Society.

## MUSEUM ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

CW read out her report. A special thanks to the Volunteers who manned the museum through the winter and summer weekends. The KT community volunteer program is running well. This was necessary to implement when Frank Pihoda resigned from volunteering. Our thanks to KT for recognising THS in this way. Local Volunteers receive a 365 pass if they volunteer 10 days in the museum.

Victoria Incani told the meeting she was willing to step up and manage the local Thredbo volunteers and the rostering. AF gratefully accepted Victoria's interest. Victoria indicated she has others in the village who are willing to do the 10 days required and she would train them as well.

## ORAL HISTORIES

Jerry Krejzar reported that the September Newsletter sets out what's happening.

Honor Auchinlechs oral history has been transcribed and has been sent to her for proofing.

Nan Adler's is back and has been printed.

We need to ensure all the oral histories are on the website. AF advised the committee ratified the position of Oral Histories Manager and Jerry Krejzar will continue in this role for the next 2 years.

Question was raised 'where do we draw the line on identities and contributors'. No one has come back to Jerry on this so it is up to his discretion.

Chas Keys: It is a matter of judgement. Keep it going and get people of note. Some will be more notable than others.

Victoria I: Club lodges should be asked to nominate their club legend. She believes each club has one person who stands out more than others and is regarded by that club as their 'legend'.

Chrissi W: It is important that we get the essence of the time from that person, not only their history. 'Reflections of Thredbo' from their time.

JK will manage all of this.

## BOOK PROJECT

Chas Keys reported that he marketed the book in various ways. ABC South East Radio was very good, he did 2 long interviews with them.

Sales are very good in Thredbo and Jindabyne, not so good elsewhere. Jindy Newsagency is very good, but other book shops slower. Total of 700 (Including Halstead 110) have been sold so far.

Feedback has been generally positive. Criticisms relate to things such as relatives not covered, or not covered enough.

AF to send a copy to Royal Aust. Historical Society for their library. Also one should be sent to the Munch... library in Austria.

HR asked if there was ongoing promotion. AF advised we don't have a budget for this. Steve Cuff and Kirsten Siever were both at the book signing in Jindabyne on Friday.

We have not got an "outlet" in the Canberra market. We need one. AF is planning a Film / Book signing event in Canberra next year. PK suggested having a stall or something next weekend at LeTap Bullocks Flat. CW advised it's too late, need DA & costs apply.

## ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

AF spoke about the need for a succession plan, we need to look for new blood on the committee. Applicants need to be nominated and accepted. This year we have 13 nominees for 12 Committee positions. Our rules state we can have 12 committee members but the constitution also states the number can be increased or decreased at an AGM. Two years ago it was raised from 10 to 12. So we can increase to 13 if we so wish. Can't change executive though. So we have 3 nominates there for 2 positions as vice president.

GH has circulated a memo to the committee suggesting that from 2018 the number of years a committee member can stand be limited to 10 years and that after a 3 yr break they can re-nominate for the committee. Also suggests that after 2018 the last 4 stand aside.

**Elections:**

Alan Fredericks has been nominated unopposed for the position of President. MR asked AF if he would accept the nomination and he answered in the affirmative. Carried.

Vice President

As there are 3 nominations for 2 positions, Ed Denny, Jerry Krejzar and Trevor Harrison, a secret ballot was held. Paul Kelly and Chas Keys acted as returning officers.

All 3 gave the meeting a brief summary of their credentials.

Vice Presidents elected are Ed Denny and Trevor Harrison. .

Committee:

Motion that the Executive Committee as nominated be accepted.

Moved by Heinz Reichinger seconded by AF. Carried.

Executive is: Alan Fredericks, Ed Denny, Trevor Harrison, Maureen Roberts (Secretary), Peter Strong-Henley (Treasurer)

Public Officer: Chrissi Webb will continue in this role. Carried

Membership Officer: Anne Collet will continue in this role.

Carried

Oral Histories Manager: Jerry Krejzar is appointed. Carried

Committee:

Marion Murri tendered her resignation from the committee. The number of committee shall remain at 12.

Thank you to Marion for her commitment to THS for the last 21yrs.

Motion that the committee of Anne Collet, Jerry Krejzar , Chrissi Webb Graeme Holloway, Randy Wieman, Victoria Incani and Kerry Koczanowski be accepted. Moved Paul Kelly, seconded Lynne McIntyre. Carried.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Book signing at Larry Adler's Collaroy next Friday 1/12/17. Thanks to Nan for holding this event. Nan has taken 4 boxes of books. Jindabyne Newsagency took another box yesterday.

AASHA Conference will be held in Perisher on 5 May 2018 Sydney Cocktails; Randy Wieman will be guest speaker, date hasn't been set as will depend on History House availability.

Canberra event: Prior to the season – possibly a film night.

Saturday 16th June Welcome Winter cocktails and launch the museum display, featuring Ski Patrol 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary..

Mid-winter dinner last Wednesday in July 2018.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

JK wants the Committee to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting prior to mid-winter dinner 2018, to consider the suggestion by GH that a committee member can not serve more than 10yrs.

Also to remove from the constitution 'goal of developing a snow sports museum'.

Initiate steps to use Thredbo Alpine Museum and utilise that name.

Discussion from the floor regarding the 10yr limit. Need for regeneration of younger new members. Lots younger people were born and raised in the village need to find ways to interest them to be part of TAM.

- AF: The reference to 'Historical Society' is a consideration not just for our Society name but for all historical societies. The Facebook page relating to the 70's and 80's staff is very popular with many 'friends' accessing it, mainly posting photos. Chas K commented that all historical societies are demographically 'old'. Move to a museum based name is good. AF advised that we obtain 2 yearly Leases on the Museum. Working period to give more thought. ED suggests we keep THS (which is the registered business name) in the background and make Thredbo Alpine Museum more prominent
- Name Change:
- Motion: JK proposed the following: Committee comes up with an action plan by the 2018 AGM for a viable strategy to ensure more concentration of the brand and to come up with a viable plan to increase membership. Motion by JK seconded by MM. Carried
- TH advised that the name Thredbo Alpine Museum has already been decided and it is being used increasingly. ED commented that if you are promoting a brand name you don't need anything around it.
- Video: Frank P raised the issue that in the video, Charles Anton, The Main Range and Thredbo 1950-1962, he felt comments by the voice over, (Phillip Lewis) were very unflattering to Tony Sponar. Frank agreed it is a good video except for the comments made about the role of Tony Sponar in founding Thredbo in some sections of the film. Frank recommended that the video should not be shown by the Museum at any function.
- AF commented that he is against removing the video from the Museum, that it goes with the territory that we operate in. We all have to swallow hard but he was of the view that the Society cannot be an editor of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party film.
- MM commented that the film was not shown to the committee (or those present at the book signing) until just before it was shown. Discussion regarding editing the film, but it is not our film. In future, if we are showing this at a gathering, we can make comment prior to and after the viewing regarding comments made in the film narrative. TAM can either show it or not. C Webb advised we have some copies. They were not put out for a couple of years. NPWS (Kerry) asked if they could purchase a copy for display. Everyone has opinions. AF has watched it many times. He commented that it is what history is all about – peoples opinions on past history. Agreed that if and when we play that video there should be a remark about what it contains. ED questioned if there are any legal ramifications for the Society. AF advised it was made by the son of Charles Anton. But all the

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comments are noted.  
Meeting Closed at 2.05 PM