

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HELD AT KIAMA LODGE THREDBO ON
SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015

- PRESENT:** Alan Fredericks, Graeme Holloway, Randy Wieman, Anne Collet, Toni Sarri, Maureen Roberts, Christina Webb, Frank Pihoda, Ben Rushton, Ed Denny Jerry Krejzar, Penny Krejzar, Chas Skinner, Lynne McDonald, Ray Temperley, Chas Skinner, Peter Cocker, Acacia Rose, Heinz Reichinger
- APOLOGIES** Marion Murri, Ian Boxsell, Ron Finneran, Roger Andrew, Lindsay Sidwell, David Hume, Alan Rydge, Georgina Ward, Edie Swift, Phoebe Hoy, Phil & Pam Woodman, Paul Harrison, Rick Walkom, Liz Wynn
- FOUNDATION MEETING** GH outlined the origins of THS from 30 March 1995. It is proposed to recognise those who have been continuous members for 20 and 15 years and also to recognised those who were founding members. GH and AF to liaise re Certificates.
- ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** Minutes of AGM 20/11/14.
One correction re the names listed in the Good Weekend magazine was 25 and not 100. This will be noted on the master copy.
Proposed that Minutes be accepted with above change. Moved by Frank Pihoda seconded Jerry Krejzar. Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** No business arising from Minutes.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT** President read his report which has been circulated electronically to members.
- AUDITORS FINANCIAL REPORTS** This has also been circulated electronically to members. The bottom line reveals THS was just above break even point for the financial year 14/15. Income was \$21,462 – Expenses \$9,293 Operating expenses \$14,420.
Treasurer went over the key figures for the meeting and reported that after backing out donations to the Ski Museum Development fund, operating profit was \$440.
Motion that the Financial Report prepared by the Auditors for 2014/15 be accepted.
Proposed Ed Denny, seconded Graeme Holloway. Carried
- ELECTION OF COMMITTEE** Two resignations have been received. Ian Boxsell and Frank Pihoda.
President Alan thanked Frank for his outstanding volunteering, commitment and support, service and Ambassadorial role to the society as well as being a source of wisdom. Frank responded. The meeting gave a standing ovation to Frank.

Nominations: Chas Skinner was nominated by Alan F, for one vacancy, seconded by Anne C. Carried

The 2nd position will remain vacant at this time to allow further time to canvass members.

The meeting was also advised that Ben Rushton is to stand down as Treasurer, but will stay on until next Committee meeting in Feb 2016. AF and GH are currently looking for a suitably qualified person to take up this role however if unsuccessful may have to seek out a local professional on a modest retainer.

All office bearers vacated their positions.

Toni Sarri took the chair and nominated Alan Fredericks as President. Alan was unopposed. C Webb nominated this be accepted, F Prihoda seconded. Carried.

Position of Vice President – we have two positions.

Graeme Holloway, nominated by Jerry Krejzar - carried

Ed Denny nominated by Ray Temperley - carried

Position of Secretary: Maureen Roberts was nominated by Chrissi Webb - carried

Position of Treasurer; Ben Rushton was nominated by Graeme H, seconded Randy W - carried

Membership officer: Anne Collet was nominated by Chrissi W, seconded Ben R, - carried

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER

Christina Webb is currently the public officer. Christina was nominated to continue in this role by Randy Wieman seconded by Lynne McDonald. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT & FEES

Anne Collet reported that membership is currently 173 and there are few un financial members. Clubs memberships are slow. We have now moved to emailing subscription notices and most correspondence and this appears to be well received. However this may have contributed to some members overlooking or loosing their electronic subscription notices .

Ed D has volunteered to door knock those clubs who remain unfinancial as their contacts change regularly. He offered to seek seek out potential clubs as new members.

Clubs that are members should make it known to their members that they are charged ‘member rates’ at social functions.

Anne C reminded all to pass on to her any changes to personal details so records could be maintained.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Anne C recommended current fees remain unchanged, and that we should continue policy to charge more for social events for non-members

Moved that current rates of \$45 single, \$60 family and \$220 club should remain unchanged for 2016/17. Moved by Randy W seconded Anne C. Carried

Acacia R recommended a ‘trip adviser’ style sticker be looked into for those clubs who are members of THS to adhere to their front door.

ED raised the prospect of having a ‘commercial’ membership for

those businesses, i.e. Bernti's, The Denman etc. It was agreed that the committee should follow up on these initiatives.

MUSEUM REPORT

Chrissi Webb's report had been circulated electronically. The museum had 5912 visitors in 14/15, 3367 were in the 2nd half of the year.

CW outlined purchases were made at the Neville Locker clearance auction which included cost sharing selected items with Perisher Hist Soc and Mt Buller museum.

The Museum layout is to be revamped. This was discussed at Committee level and agreed to. CW agreed with the proposals.

Discussion re charging fees. Alan F noted that Berry museum started to charge and their visitation dropped dramatically.

Toni S suggested the removal of the sign 'free entry' at the front and replace with 'gold coin donation would be appreciated'. It was agreed by all.

Acacia R, suggested approaching the main accommodation camps for schools to let them know the museum is available. Manning at their required times could be an issue.

There are grants available for volunteers. AF to look into this.

Plan of Management is up for renewal in 2016 and submissions are being canvassed. AF to look into this.

SCHOOLS

Alan F and Graeme H met with JCS Vice Principal, Steve Cooper, to discuss how we could fit in with their curriculum.

One suggestion is a project for students to dress a mannequin as a snowboarder, that can be displayed. Others were could we assist in their year 10 work experience programs, also their educational tours to Thredbo on local history topics of the Monaro.

ED has offered to approach Cooma North and Cooma Central primary schools along the same lines.

In the winter, Interschools organisers could also possibly provide information about the Museum to the participating schools.

Heinz Reichinger put forward some suggestions about making the museum more visible. They are good ideas but would depend on what KT would permit under our licence agreement.

Toni Sarri suggested we make a formal approach to KT to lease the coach captains' lounge, as usage by this group appears to be limited.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

24 May Sydney Cocktails. Perisher Hist Soc will choose the guest speaker this year.

Sat 18 June, Snowfall Cocktails in Thredbo – Suitable speakers to be sought.

Mid-winter dinner: TBC – depends on date of Masters Race, Wed. 20 July or Wed 27 July.

20th ANNIVERSARY

There are approximately 15 people who have 20 years membership and 15 who have 15 years membership. These people will be informed & recognised at one of the above events of their choice. .

There will be an honourable mention for the foundation members.

INTERN

Alan F and Graeme H have both met with a student who is completing her double degree in Marketing and Design at University of Wollongong. She is going to look at our overall marketing strategy, website etc. She and her partner are both keen skiers.

FACES OF
THREDBO

Alan F received a letter from Flora Elliott donating Tony Sponar's award back to the Museum. CW will find a suitable place to display.

Sub committee reported back. Randy W will send out email to members similar to last year asking them for max of 3 names of those they believe fit the criteria. 5 Panel Selectors still responsible for final selections.

GENERAL
BUSINESS

Frank Prihoda raised the problem of storage. GH to look at more shelving which will assist. Cost of current storage is around \$2500 per annum. THS doesn't want to lease further premises so better use of existing is essential.

Financial

Ben Rushton raised the problem of ongoing expenses which can be considered for reduction. Hotel now has free wifi, so THS can utilise this once proven and cancel its current expenditure for internet. Also the cost of the fixed phone line can be removed by the purchase of a pre paid mobile, at \$30 per annum. Potential saving could be as much as \$1,050.

BR also advised cheques can only be deposited through our bank, Westpac. He suggested THS open a CBA account solely for the purpose of banking cheques which can then be done at a post office.

- Ski Patrol m'ship

Jerry K has asked Thredbo SPA for a list of their members to send out newsletter and hopefully gain more members for THS.

CLOSE

President Alan Fredericks thanked all present for attending. Meeting then proceeded to a bbq lunch prepared by Anne C. Meeting closed at 1.45pm