

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC
HELD AT THE DENMAN ON SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 12 NOON

PRESENT: Alan Fredericks, Maureen Roberts, Ed Denny, Randy Wieman, Del Fisher, Kate Fredericks, Penny Krejzar, Jerry Krejzar, Anne Collet, Frank Pihoda, Chrissi Webb, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ron Finneran, Lisa Finneran, Brian Farmer, Acacia Rose, Raylene Jarvis, Ray Temperley, Michelle Reichinger, Heinz Reichinger

APOLOGIES: Arthur & Rhonda, Maltby, Andrew Horsley, Kerri and Andrew Koczanowski, Alan Rydge, Chas Keys, Graeme Holloway, Lou Gibson, Bruce & Marg Piggott, Michelle Palmer, Roger Andrew, Trevor Harrison, Edie Swift, Irene Ashburn, Errol Hanlon, Southern Alpine Ski Club, Kiama Alpine Club, Ski Club of Australia

PRESENTATION Alan Fredericks had notified the members in his President's Report that he would be standing down as President. On behalf of the Committee and members, Ed Denny presented Alan with a framed certificate, signed by him and Wayne Kirkpatrick (as Vice Presidents) acknowledging his 12 years as President and giving him a Life Membership to the Society.

Alan responded thanking all.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Alan had found the first Newsletter of the Society (1997) and read a section noting the first committee members. This is the 25th AGM of the Society.

Moved by Chrissi Webb seconded by Anne Collet, that the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted. Carried

Business Arising: There was no business arising from these Minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report has been circulated to all members. Alan did re-read. We remember 3 members who have passed this year: Dr. Nick Crombie, Ian Curlewis and Helen Malcher (past member) following shortly after the passing of husband Harry.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alan introduced Raylene Jarvis, even though she has been Treasurer for the last 12 months, she lives in Sydney and hasn't been able to be at meetings (although she was present at a Zoom committee meeting held during the year).

The Profit and Loss report and Balance sheet has been circulated to members.

Raylene advised that the Society has done extremely well. One thing she has fixed is the depreciation which hadn't been done for 3 years. It is now up to date and will be done yearly.

Also, if memberships are paid in advance, previously the money received was included in the year received. This will now be reported correctly in the year to which it correlates.

WK asked if 'notes' could be included. Raylene agreed and will do so in future.

WK also raised the issue of storage, as this is a big expense. Discussion regarding how to cull, if appropriate, possibility of selling on E-Bay or similar items which we can cull.

The meeting was also advised that Jane and Jeff Strainey are considering moving. We have a storage container on their property which will need to find another home.

Chrissi Webb has suggested that we should not accept any further items which do not have an Australian connection.

Treasurer's report – moved by Wayne K, seconded by Randy W – carried.

ORAL HISTORIES

Jerry K is passing the baton to Michelle Reichinger. However, Jerry has completed Rod Coleman's oral history. Geoff Sawyer was to come to Thredbo this year, but lives in Qld so couldn't attend. Chrissi Webb will do Jeff's OH as she is more familiar due to the recent Snowboard exhibition.

Jerry has completed 32 OH's during his time as Manager.

Leah Foster has agreed to take on the Instagram account. Randy is digitizing all films and Instagram is the best platform to present these.

JK will remain on the Social media sub-committee.

There are 3 oral histories that need to be finalized. Christine Davy (Michelle will do this), Barry May (deceased), his family has been contacted and are happy to help, Edie Swift will do that one. The last is Wayne Stinson. Chrissi Webb says it is complete, just waiting for Wayne to proofread and provide photos. Maureen to follow this up.

JK also advised that 80% of the Facebook followers are Sydney based.

Michelle believes that with Randy's assistance, a lot of the OH's can be videoed. It is important to have written as well, as researchers will look at written material rather than a video.

Alan congratulated Jerry on his contribution to the Oral Histories portfolio.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

Very quiet getting new members. Anne is still having problem with Stripe payments. We need to chase up unfinancial members.

AF reported he looked at memberships in 2010 compared to today, and we have 220 (counting family membership as 2), which is 20 more than 2010 (21 members have passed away in that time)

MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Chrissi's report has been circulated to members. Thank you to volunteers who kept the museum open during a difficult year. Jude Vandwan our 13 yr old assistant has an incredible knowledge of all things relating to the Museum and even opened the museum when he was able, supervised by his Grandmother – all from Canberra.

It is interesting to note that visitors don't watch videos, they like to look and feel, read for themselves. The mechanical Gondola traversing the wall is very popular.

Chrissi is currently accessing Tony Sponar's diaries, very time consuming, and not very much

Society related.

Donations: How to get donations by visitors, to be considered by new Committee.

Roger Andrew thanked Chrissi for her ongoing work as he knows personally what's involved.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Only one Nomination for each of the positions of President, Vice President (2 positions), Secretary and Treasurer were received. Therefore, as per the Constitution no election was necessary.

President: Graeme Holloway

Vice Presidents: Ed Denny and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Secretary: Maureen Roberts

Treasurer: Raylene Jarvis

COMMITTEE

7 nominations were received for the 7 committee positions. As the Constitution states if the nominations equal the number of positions, no election is necessary.

Committee: Jerry Krejzar, Michelle Reichinger, Randy Wieman, Errol Hanlon, Alan Fredericks, Kerri Koczanowski, Chrissi Webb.

Marion Murri raised the issue that Anne Collet was nominated and then un-nominated and was not aware of this until after the closing date.

AF advised the meeting that he had a conversation with Anne on 30 Oct. when she advised she was ambivalent about this and that she was now working 5 days a week.

Marion wanted it noted in the Minutes that she felt Anne's nomination was hidden until it was too late to re-nominate.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER

Chrissi Webb is happy to continue as Public Officer. Moved by Brian Farmer, seconded by Kate Fredericks. Carried

MEMBERSHIP FEES

There are no plans to increase membership fees for the 2021/22 financial year. Single membership \$45, family \$60, Club \$220.

REVIEW OF MUSEUM WORKSHOP AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee attended a workshop held in the museum on 17 September. This was conducted by a professional exhibition company based in Queanbeyan, Thylacine. They have prepared a detailed report which gives us ideas for the future. Two stages, the existing Museum and the second stage for new premises. This will be for the new committee going forward.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

History House looks like renovations may begin in 2021, therefore the May event in Sydney may not be held.

Thredbo Welcome in June, the Czech Embassy could be sharing this event with us as we were unable to hold their event this year.

Mid-Winter – same as previous years. Week of Masters, no racing events have been posted by KT at present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Frank Pihoda told the meeting of his experiences with Tony Sponar, Karel Nekvapil and Sasha Nekvapil in St Anton/St Christoph. Tony with their assistance rigging up the first portable ski lift in that area in 1949 and dismantled after the season. However, because it was introduced by Czech citizens, this has not been recognized by St Anton historical society.

JK has now had contact over a year or so with a Cultural academic who is also part of the St Anton historical society and they want to collaborate with Thredbo on the Czech connection. The new Committee to look to continue with this collaboration.

Business Model:

JK reported that a sub-committee met on 6 August to look at the business model going forward. Then in September we had the Thylacine workshop, which looked at the 2-pronged approach, current and a space of around 200sq m.

Both Wayne K and Graeme H have had positive discussions with Stuart Diver regarding space. GH has advised that there should be some news within the next 6 months regarding space. Robin Dyke has agreed to design the museum free of charge.

Equal Access provisions:

Ron Finneran asked the committee to pressure the Events Board to provide more equal access ramps etc. In new buildings anything over 3 levels needs to have a lift.

Thank you to Ed and Judy Denny for their kind hospitality in hosting the Meeting and providing a light lunch.

Meeting closed at 1.40pm