

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELD AT THE DENMAN
THREDBO ON SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 2.10pm

- PRESENT: Alan Fredericks, Ed Denny, Maureen Roberts, Frank Pihoda, Jerry Krejzar, Errol Hanlon, Elsa Hanlon, Christina Webb, Ray Temperley, Kerri Koczanowski, Lynne McIntyre, Penny Krejzar, Marion Murri, Rachael Haydon, Kate Fredericks, Margaret Piggott, Bruce Piggott, Andrew Koczanowski,
- APOLOGIES: Graeme Holloway, Trevor Harrison, Randy Wieman, Anne Collet, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Alan Rydge, Margot Stuart, Julie Deakins, Roger Andrew, Heinz Reichinger, Michelle Reichinger, Georgina Ward, Paul Kelly, Susannah Long, Lou Gibson.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of 24/11/18 was moved by C Webb that they be accepted and seconded by Frank Pihoda. Carried

2. Business Arising: Comments arose in those Minutes regarding the financial report and that the Committee look at these reports further. Alan Fredericks and Graeme Holloway clarified the outstanding issues and the subsequent committee meeting was updated and accepted the financial reports as presented.

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The financial year in review has seen a continuing trend of progress for the society on a number of fronts. Our AGM of last year saw Graeme Holloway step down from his executive & committee roles after 22 years of continuous passionate service, 11 of them as President. We welcomed onto the committee, Thredbo local Errol Hanlon. In this past year we have also welcomed the Dulmison Ski Club and the Munjarra Ski Club who have taken club memberships in support of the society. Nine people also took single or family memberships.

ISHA SKADE BOOK AWARD: The International Ski History Association (ISHA) announced at their annual conference in Park City, USA that the society's book "THREDBO PIONEERS, LEGENDS, COMMUNITY" by Chas Keys had been selected for their Skade Award - "presented for an outstanding work published in book form that is focused in part on ski history". We were pleased to have member Randy Wieman present to accept the award.

MUSEUM: In 2018/19 we featured the anniversaries of the Thredbo Ski Patrol Association (60th) and the formation of the Disabled Winter Sport organisation at Thredbo in 1978, which were well received by the public. At a function in Thredbo in June 2019 we launched the 2019/20 exhibition featuring Thredbo securing and staging the 1989 Ski World Cup. We also recognised Malcolm Milne's 1969 Val d'Isere win of the World Cup downhill event, the first ever by an Australian. Earlier this year we had applied to Museums and Galleries NSW, for a Grant of

\$1927.00 for the purchase of a Touch Screen and associated hardware for the museum. This will be used to display short films on Australian Ski History and Thredbo's development to the public. We were most grateful to receive a confirmation letter from Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of the State and Minister for the Arts.

FACES OF THREDBO AWARDS: In 2019 we announced two new Faces of Thredbo Awards. Firstly Ludwig Rabina, for his services to the ski patrol, mountain management, race program management and public relations. The 2nd to Wayne Kirkpatrick, where as GM he oversaw the development of the \$40M Mountain Master Plan of the 1980s and also the bid to secure and stage the 1989 Ski World Cup in Thredbo. We now have made 19 Awards in the 6 years since the program's inception.

THANKS: Our thanks go to our members and other volunteers who have assisted with organising and conducting 3 major social events through the year. Also thanks to our many Museum volunteers whose support has allowed us to achieve consistently high numbers of visitors to the Museum, with only a handful of days when the museum remained closed. In closing I must thank all members for their ongoing support through continuing their membership of the society, as it is this support that underpins our activities and helps meet our broad goals and objectives.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Towards the end of the last financial year and we have been transitioning to a new Treasurer, Raelene Jarvis, who has a vast experience in accounting for not for profit organizations, and also has experience in using the accounting package Xero that THS uses. We have been most grateful for Peta Strong-Henleys "community service" as our Treasurer for the last 2 years.

The previous balance sheet and profit and loss statement did not accurately reflect that the unsold Thredbo Legends Books should have been an asset. This has since been rectified which shows the P&L at a loss of approx. \$2300 for the year to June 2019. This is also partly due to the fact that although KT was reimbursed for its loan of \$20,000 in the previous financial year (June 2018), the cheque was not banked until July 2019, so it was reflected in this year's P&L statement.

We have sold \$33K worth of books. Stock on hand is valued at \$13.5k which has now been brought into the balance sheet.

As at 30/11/19 our operating account stands at \$42,000 and our Foundation Fund has a balance of \$29,000.

Motion to accept the Financial Report in principle pending further clarification by the committee as to the \$2300 loss. Moved by Jerry Krejzar seconded Errol Hanlon.
Carried

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Alan Fredericks nominated for President. Unopposed. Alan has agreed to remain as President for one more year.

Trevor Harrison has resigned as vice president citing work commitments. We thank Trevor for his support

Ed Denny and Wayne Kirkpatrick were nominated for the two roles of vice president. Moved by Alan Frederick that they be accepted, seconded by Jerry Krejzar. Carried
Maureen Roberts nominated for Secretary. Unopposed
Raelene Jarvis nominated for Treasurer. Unopposed

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERSHIP OFFICER AND MGR ORAL HISTORIES

The following nominated for Committee and were unopposed:
Anne Collet (Membership Officer); Jerry Krejzar (Mgr Oral Histories); Chrissi Webb, Randy Wieman, Kerri Koczanowski, Errol Hanlon

Victoria Incani did not re-nominate for a committee position. It was agreed to leave this position vacant for the time being.

Thank you to all who have nominated to be on the Committee.

7. PUBLIC OFFICER & SIGNATORY ON GOVT. DOCUMENTS

Chrissi Webb has agreed to continue in this role.

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

It was agreed that the current membership fees remain the same. Moved by Alan Fredericks, seconded by Lynne McDonald. Carried

9. MUSEUM REPORT

Report was circulated. Maureen Roberts raised the issue of doubling up on items. Chrissi explained that very few memorabilia items are doubles, however, we have double and triple copies of books that are too valuable to give away. Marion Murri reminded the meeting that at the AASHA conference it was agreed that we should swap between Alpine Museums if that can be organized. Also local museums should also be approached.

Alan Fredericks advised that Mt Buller has a de-accessioning committee to try to downsize their collections. Perhaps this is something TAM should consider.

Chrissi Webb has now catalogued all the Magazines and they need to be stored at Leesville and the Films held at Leesville should be relocated to TAM to protect their integrity.

10. ORAL HISTORIES

A number of personal issues to do with bushfires, drought and a death all relate to the lack of progress on the remaining three 'legendary' Oral Histories prior to their finalization. Although recent information suggests these could well be completed by year end.

Once these OH are finally completed the time will be ripe to phase in the second generation of individual Thredbo 'legends' into the OH program. Though should the offspring of a first-generation pioneer be willing to contribute with an interview about a family member we will be happy to oblige. Rod Collman, the son of Danny Collman is one such example.

I feel that the time has come to recruit one of our members, or perhaps the son or daughter of a member. Hopefully within the next winter season, or the latest by the

2021 season; whereby it would be timely for me to step aside. This allows us quite a lengthy time-span which should give us ample opportunity to introduce and mentor a younger member to our ranks, to take on the Oral History Program. One who is more familiar with the next generation of Thredbo identities, someone keenly motivated to document their contribution. Ideally we seek to recruit a candidate from the world of media, journalism or marketing to take on the position.

Should you or anybody you know be interested in such a role please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

11. REPORT ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK.

Total sales of \$33,330 has been achieved. 844 books have been sold to date and there remains 656 still to be sold at a retail value of \$13,000.

We have two bad debts, one by the previous owner of Jindabyne Newsagency, although Bruce Marshall kindly paid for the 10 books which remained in stock when he took control of the agency.

12. 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19 May – Sydney Cocktails, to be confirmed at History House

13 June – Thredbo Cocktails

22 July – Mid Winter Dinner & Faces (to be confirmed regarding Masters Race)

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Andrew Koczanowski was introduced to the meeting. He has kindly taken over the role of web master from Graeme Holloway.

Marion Murri noted that even though both social events in Thredbo were well attended, there was little visible advertising in the Village for these events. We could attract more attendees if we could secure space for advertising of our events, and even advertising for the Museum itself.

Errol Hanlon and Jerry Krejzar have undertaken to seek a meeting with the recently appointed Director of Brand and Marketing for KT, Caroline Brauer, to see if our events can be added to the KT list of upcoming events on their website.

It may be possible to make a video of TAM and have it on the KT website so we are constantly on its feed.

ROSTERS need to be kept up to date so that doubling up does not occur when opening the Museum. Could this be added to the TAM website?

Oral Histories: Jerry would like to see photos of each person on the website. Andrew K and Randy W acknowledge that the pictorial gallery is lacking, they are working on this. Andrew just needs the photos.

Elsa Hanlon raised the issue of lack of women being recognized for Faces of Thredbo. This has been acknowledged by the committee of Faces who were present. Frank explained that members were asked to nominate those who should be recognised some years ago, and the committee is still considering those who are on that list. We need to look at the future and perhaps include some younger contributors in the not too distant future.

Chrissi Webb asked what the current number of members stood at. It has remained static at around 220 for many years. Chrissi noted that we need to expand our membership and suggested personal contact and word of mouth. Jerry believes that now we have re-branded ourselves as Thredbo Alpine Museum, we should all refer to that as our name, instead of 'historical'. This is believed to be a deterrent to attract new members, particularly the younger snowsports community.

Marion noted that we do not charge enough for non-members who attend our functions. Perisher charge a higher fee to non-members who attend their functions. Perhaps this could encourage those non-members who attend to join TAM.

Jerry noted that with Wayne K now on the Committee it is a good time to look at our business model and the options available.

We would like to explore expanding the Museum premises. A sub-committee has been formed to discuss this with KT, and develop a plan that wouldn't affect their business. Randy W, Errol H, Chrissi W plus Wayne K and Kerri K have been tasked to take this forward.

Alan expressed his thanks to Ed & Judy Denny for supporting TAM and for supporting our Thredbo functions (including providing food and drinks). All functions were well supported and made a profit.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.40pm

An afternoon tea followed.