

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
HELD AT KIAMA LODGE THREDBO ON  
12 noon SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016

- PRESENT:** Alan Fredericks, Randy Wieman, Anne Collet, Marion Murri, Toni Sarri, Maureen Roberts, Christina Webb, Frank Prihoda, Jerry Krejzar, Chas Skinner, Peter Cocker, Acacia Rose, Heinz Reichinger, Michelle Reichinger, Trevor Harrison, Margot Stuart, Chas Keys, Margaret & Bruce Piggott, Dell Fisher, Victoria Incani (Happy Wanderer's Club manager)
- APOLOGIES** Ed Denny Graeme Holloway, Caz Simmons, Roger Andrew, Liz Wynn( Kiama Lodge) Lynne McDonald, Ray Temperley, Georgina Ward, Lou Gibson, Ski Club of Aust., Cees & Ann Koeman, Hi Noon Ski Club, Lynne McIntyre, Ian Curlewis.
- WELCOME** President, Alan Fredericks, welcomed all and advised he had a call from member Ian Curlewis saying that this weekend 60 yrs ago, (1956) was very auspicious as it was this weekend when he was present, that the group including Hughes, Reid, Nicol, Anton and Sponar, confirmed the present site of Thredbo Village.
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** Acceptance of Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> AGM 14/11/15 be accepted.  
Business Arising Moved R Wieman Seconded C Webb. Carried  
No business arising
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT** President's report has been electronically circulated. AF read his report.
- MUSEUM REPORT** Christina Webb has circulated the Museum Report electronically.
- AUDITOR'S REPORTS** This 2015-16 Financial Report has been summarised in the President's report. Operating income/expenditure has been fairly consistent \$25K in and \$25k out - over a number of years – excluding Grants.  
Foundation Fund is separate where specific donations are banked.  
Motion to accept the Auditors Report moved by T Harrison seconded by C Skinner. Carried
- ELECTION OF COMMITTEE** All committee members are prepared to stand again. No new nominations have been received  
Motion that all existing committee members be re-elected.  
Moved R Wieman seconded Margaret Piggott. Carried
- RE ELECTION** President, 2 Vice Presidents, secretary and Treasurer. Alan Fredericks vacated the chair and Frank Prihoda called for nominations for President. AF was nominated by MR, seconded by JK. Carried. Alan resumed the chair. Thank you Frank.  
Vice Presidents, Ed Denny and Graeme Holloway. Nominated by MR seconded by CW. Carried  
Secretary, Maureen Roberts: Nominated by CW seconded by JK.

	Carried
	Treasurer: Caroline Simmons. Nominated by RW seconded C Keys. Carried.
PUBLIC OFFICER	Christina Webb was nominated for Public Officer by Alan Fredericks, seconded by TH. Carried.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT	<p>Up to 20/11/16, there were 124 single financial members, 7 ski clubs, 2 Corporate and 11 complimentary. Total of 160 which includes family memberships. There were a further 10 members who were still unfinancial who will again be followed up.</p> <p>AF has been following up unfinancial members. Anne has cleaned up the data base. Our Income from Membership has averaged 45% of Total Income over the last 4 years – highlighting once again the importance of memberships to the society.</p> <p>AF has looked at other societies to compare memberships and membership fees and distributed this to the meeting. THS is strong compared to other historical societies surveyed.</p> <p>Membership by Club lodges has declined slightly and some have not renewed for a few years.</p>
LIFE MEMBER	<p>There has been a nomination by Graeme Holloway, seconded by Roger Andrew that Christina Webb be made a life member of the Society. Her Bio had already been circulated and was read to the meeting by Chas Keys. Motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Chrissi Webb thanked the meeting for this award.</p>
MODEL CONSTITUTION	<p>When THS was formed it adopted the standard constitution for associations under the Dept of Fair Trading model of 1984. This model was amended in 2009 and again in 2016. There are some subtle changes in the 2016 model mainly to do with the electronic world.</p> <p>AF outlined these changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Postal or electronic ballots, it has to be either/ or, can't be both. A combination of a general meeting vote and an electronic vote is not allowed. Proxy votes are no longer allowed.</li> <li>2. Use of technology at AGM's. An AGM can be held at two or more locations using any technology that the Committee approves. This to facilitate members participation at a general meeting.</li> <li>3. Distribution of assets &amp; property on winding up of Association . This sets out provision for any surplus funds or assets to be transferred to a like (Not for Profit) association –</li> </ol>
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	<p>Nothing to add to what was in the last newsletter. Book launch will be in Sydney and at the July Mid Winter Dinner in Thredbo. Thredbo cocktails planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June.</p>
BOOK PROJECT	<p>Author Chas Keys took the floor to update members on the status of the Thredbo 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book project. It is due at the printers in 19 days, Chas is just finishing off first draft.</p> <p>As it is a coffee table quality book, photos are important. J Krejzar, AF and C Keys are choosing and confirming photos from many generous contributions, this isn't finished yet.</p>

Thanks to all who have contributed and provided helpful insight. Book has 36 chapters, most are short, 2 pages with photos. Book is in two sections. First section deals with Pioneers, Legends etc. and the final 15 chapters is to do with community, institutions and lodges.

KT has underwritten the cost, therefore the financial risk has been taken out. Printing 1500 books and we are hoping to sell all within a few years and make a healthy profit, and be able to repay KT.

Books are scheduled for delivery at end of May 2017. There is a sales and marketing plan. We will take orders in advance and will include gift vouchers as a means to pre sell the book.

## WHO ARE WE?

Discussion about how we market ourselves throughout the next decade.

Jerry Krejzar lead the discussion. He considered that the term 'historical society' is a dying term to attract visitors to the museum and members to our society. Although we are incorporated as Thredbo Historical Society, it does not mean we cannot adopt another name to promote ourselves and the Museum to the public at large, whilst keep THS as our corporate name. The President commented that he had not received such negative feedback in his 8 years in the role and accepted that the over 600 Historical Societies in NSW are made up of a senior demographic. After attending many seminars and conferences for the sector he had not observed any move to change.

Jerry and others propose that the name of the museum should be Thredbo Alpine Museum, as this encapsulates all aspects of Thredbo, rather than just 'skiing'. President agreed there was always the opportunity to review how we name and promote what is currently the Thredbo Ski Museum.

Discussion continued regarding 'Friends of Thredbo'. Letterhead is confusing, should make it simple. JK has drafted a design for a new logo, possibly using the 'friends' caption, and 'Thredbo Alpine Museum'.

It was agreed that the Thredbo logo should remain on any letterhead we choose to adopt.

It was proposed to remove 'Friends of Thredbo' from any future letterhead.

Marion Murri raised the point we need to look at the social image. We need to be more proactive in this area and make us appealing to younger people. Snowboard event in June was very successful and well received by the younger set.

JK is happy to facilitate this discussion further through the committee.

Recommendation that committee should investigate the branding of the museum and do it by June. Moved JK seconded H R. Carried.

## Memberships

Marion Murri raised the issue of memberships. Many clubs are members, but their members are not members of THS in their own right.

AF pointed out it was hard to canvass clubs as often their committee changed regularly and contact is lost.

Victoria Incani (Happy Wanderers) suggested contact be made through managers where possible as they are 'on the ground'.

## Faces of Thredbo

Thank you to members who provided nominations. We now have a healthy list of around 40. We will not be canvassing members for nominations in future years as the selection panel is tasked with the role of "Selectors".

## CLOSE

Meeting closed at 1.45pm

Thank you to Anne Collet who has catered for the lunch following the meeting.