

RUAHINE WHITE WATER CLUB 2021 AGM MEETING

Date: Saturday 7 August

Venue: MUSA Lounge, Massey University

Time: 6:08 pm

Present: John Henry, Ruth Fleeson, Melz Grant, Max Grant, Margaret Grant, Iain Campbell, Jan Schmid, Greg Saywer, Bryan Whiteaker, Kev Payne, Wayne Gedye, Beki Wurster, Darryn Welham, Dave Duncan, Ramola Duncan, Fernando Avemdano (non-member).

Apologies: India McJarrow-Keller, Carl Massarotto, Martin Straka, Steph Straka.

Motion to accept apologies:

Moved: Max Second: Ruth Carried

Previous minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true and correct record.

Motion to accept previous minutes:

Moved: Dave Second: Darryn Carried

Matters arising:

- Future of little-awarded cups and trophies still being reviewed. However, the Oke Cup was passed to the Palmerston North Canoe Club and was awarded to the winner of the annual Rangitikei River Race.

Motion to accept matters arising:

Moved: John Second: Melz Carried

Treasurer's report: Attached by Iain

- Jan asked about value of shares. Still showing as \$4,000 in report.
 - Iain confirmed that actual value = \$11,200
 - Jan noted this means the Club accounts are therefore \$7,200 better off than reported.

Iain noted that the accounts balance within the report but modifications to the equipment costs and capitation levies are required

Motion to accept Treasurer's report (subject to modifications noted above):

Moved: Iain Second: Greg Carried

Discussion about the need for financial review.

- Kev noted an independent review is only needed if it is written into the constitution.
 - Can send own report to the Companies Office otherwise.
 - Could just use an accountant for proper review every 2-3 years otherwise.

It will be checked if next year, an accountant's review is required.

Iain noted difficulty in getting statements from Lending Crowd.

Dave asked who bank signatories are.

- They are: Iain, Melz, and Greg.

Membership fees:

Melz noted that there used to be a \$100 School membership: two teachers plus students but not the parents of students.

- Melz: Manawatu College has inquired about membership for gear hireage as well as coming on RWWC trips.
- Greg: RWWC would be covered for liability (as an incorporated society) if a school came on club trips, but that schools would have their own robust safety plans.
- Jan noted we aren't obligated to hire gear or allow people to join trips if we aren't comfortable at any point.
- Kev noted we have an obligation to upskilling potential paddlers.

Motion that the School membership be reinstated, and the \$20 Junior/Student, \$40 Senior, \$50 Family memberships to remain the same (review at next AGM):

Moved: Melz

Second: Kev

Carried

Club subsidy/scholarship rule review

RWWC awards scholarships and has course subsidies available. These are for improving the skills of club members in kayaking and/or river safety.

To be eligible for any scholarships or subsidies, the awardee/applicant should normally have been a paid member for one year and be a regular attendee on Club trips, but Committee discretion applies.

Subsidies will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee after consideration of a written application. RWWC will match the successful applicant's contribution dollar for dollar up to a maximum club contribution of \$400.

For scholarships awarded, RWWC will make a minimum contribution of \$200 or pay the total course cost (whichever is lower) and will otherwise match the awardee's contribution dollar for dollar up to a maximum club contribution of \$400.

Total Club contributions to be capped at \$2000 per year.

Discussion of the word 'normally' in the rule after Melz suggested removing it.

- Decided in discussion that the rule will stand as is.
- Greg noted we should promote the scholarships more (particularly as weather warms up in spring.
 - Jan suggested putting on Facebook occasionally, so more members are aware.

The rule will be reviewed at the next AGM.

Motion that the Club subsidy/scholarship rule remain as is:

Moved: Melz

Second: Iain

Carried

President's report: Attached by Melz

Motion to accept President's report:

Moved: Dave

Second: Ruth

Carried

Trophies and awards:

Terry Weeks Cup. Services to the Club: Iain Campbell and Ruth Fleeson

- Iain for his outstanding organisation of sorting hire gear for Club trips, and for his long service as Club treasurer.
- Ruth for running many beginner trips, and for introducing new members to RWWC.

Skinner Cup. Foxtan Loop Race, Fastest Member: Max Grant

Most Improved Paddler Scholarship: Bryan Whiteaker

Video competition winner: Greg Sawyer

Photo competition winner: Jan Schmid

Hardest Beginner: Sunita Patel

Trophies not awarded

Steven Grant Memorial Trophy

RWWC Carlton Fogg Memorial Trophy. Excellence

Grant Junior Club Trophy - Secondary Schools Cup

Dave Herrington Memorial, Excellence in Sea kayaking, winner Foxtan Loop Race

Norman Webb Trophy Balance to Ashhurst Race

Ski Trophy

Election of Officers

Melz had previously signalled her decision to stand down as president.

John had previously signalled his decision to stand down as secretary.

President – Nominees:

Dave (nominated by John)

John (nominated by Greg)—but John declined

Dave was elected

Vice President – Nominees:

Kev (nominated by John)

Kev was elected

Treasurer – Nominees:

Iain (nominated by Ruth)

Iain was re-elected

Secretary – Nominees:

Ramola (nominated by Max)

Ramola was elected

Committee –

Ruth, Carl, Melz, John, Max, Greg

Limit of 10 people (note vote people who will be at 80% of meetings)

Motion to accept executive positions and committee members:

Moved: Max

Second: Ruth

Carried

Motion to thank Melz and John for their work as President and Secretary respectively:

Moved: Max

Second: Greg

Carried

Nominations for Chocolate Fish Award:

- Darryn (nominated by Ruth) for his two swims on the Blue Pool section of the Tongariro River.
- Melz (nominated by Ruth) for swimming a flat section of the (grade 2) Rangitikei River after failing to roll Wayne's canoe.

Voted 2021 recipient: Darryn

Nominations for Wally Award:

- Melz (nominated by Jan) for continuing to paddle with a dodgy elbow, and not letting it rest.
- Jan and Greg (nominated by Melz) for needing Coastguard involvement when kayaks washed out of the Foxton estuary during a beginner sea kayak trip.

Voted 2021 recipients: Jan and Greg

General business:

Update on Massey University White Water Club (MUWWC).

- Fernando:
 - Started with 15–16 members.
 - Quite a number of dropouts.
 - Some attendees at pool sessions weren't suitable to take on the river.
 - Now few replies to Facebook and email.
 - MUWWC is now affiliated with Massey University Students' Association (MUSA).
 - Can access funding/grants for equipment and/or pool sessions but requires guidance on what is needed.
- Jan asked whether a separate club is preferable to just supporting MUAC (alpine club).
- Ramola stated that MUAC has too many commitments (tramping, climbing, etc.) to push WW kayaking. That RWWC would be a 'guiding service' for MUAC members.
- Ruth stated that funding for pool sessions would be valuable.
- John noted that some Massey padders had said they weren't keen to join MUAC.
- Jan said it would be good for RWWC members to be a part of MUWWC
- Ramola and Fernando said only president, treasurer, and secretary need to be Massey students.
- Kev noted it would be good to get people into MUWWC that later join RWWC.
- Dave said for Fernando to let him know when the next MUWWC meeting is so he/we can support.
- John suggested wetsuits (and Dave added booties) could be a good purchased if they can't be borrowed.

Darryn wanted to check if RWWC membership renewal reminders are sent out automatically. He hadn't seen his as expected, and he wasn't sure his membership was current.

- Iain said they are automatically sent but would check. Said COVID had slowed things down and it was likely due to arrive soon.

Kev asked how many current active members.

- Iain said should be 34 (was 39 at capititation).

Meeting Closed at 7:38 pm

***Note that any changes to the rules of the club constitution will need to be amended/changed at a previous meeting > 6 weeks before AGM (this is just here FYI).**