

## **Expedition Climbers' Club (ECC) AGM 2019**

**Thursday 15 August 2019 at 6pm Queenstown Events Centre, Frankton**

*Meeting began: 6.03 pm*

### **Agenda:**

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Annual Report (Ben Dare)
3. Treasurer's Report (Daniel Joll)
4. NZAT Subcommittee Report (Steven Fortune)
5. Festival & Events Subcommittee Report (Rose Pearson)
6. Publications Subcommittee Report (Alastair McDowell)
7. Election of positions for 2019-2019
8. General Business
  - Proposed ECC trips for 2020 - vote on which ones shall be presented at RIMF
  - Constitutional Amendments proposed - special motion from floor

**In attendance:** Daniel Joll, Ben Dare, Steven Fortune, Richard Measures, Rose Pearson, Alastair McDowell, Jaz Morris, Gemma Wilson, Matthew Scholes, Kim Ladiges, Sooji Clarkson, Jacob Doornbosch, Karl (Merry) Schimanski, Peter Harris, Tim McCartney-Snape, Lionel Clay, Allan Uren, Jono Clarke, Jerdej Jablonski, Jane Ellis, John Price, Gavin Lang, David Chen, Craig Jeffries, Erik Bradshaw, Tom Brownlie, Peter Harris, Elliott Smith, Jude O'Neill, Dan Fruehauf, Jean-Paul Knight, Sam Van Brecht, Allie Rood, Dom Channon, Imogen Van Pierce, David Skelton, Hope Gaze, Lewis Miles, Riley Smith, Petrouchka Steiner-Grierson, Robert Laurenson, James Miekle, Morgan Scully, Miranda Fittock, Dorian Tsai, Shaun Chang, Quinn Hornblow, Ben Mangan, James Hobson, Sam Waetford

In the absence of the Secretary the Vice President Jaz Morris took minutes as acting Secretary.

**Apologies:** Kester Brown, Pete Harris

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Ben raised a motion that the minutes from the 2018 AGM, including the financial report, be accepted in their entirety. *Seconded by Daniel Joll, passed unanimously.*

### **2. Annual Report – Ben Dare**

Ben's report covered the team's key activities in the 2018-2019 year. Notably, this included mention of Caleb Jennings' death. Ben also discussed team trips, and other expeditions or achievements by team members. This included multiple trips to Yosemite, an expedition to the Alaska (supported by the ECC Capital fund), Sheila Face of Mt Cook, South West Face of Percy Smith, Muztagh Ata, Garwhal Himalaya, ice climbing in the Canadian Rockies, climbing in Chamonix. Several trips with club members were long-listed for the Piolet D'Or, including Ben's ascent of Percy Smith, Rose (with Brette) on Mt Blane, Rose and Sam on Cook, and Caleb and Kim on Cook. Ben raised a motion that the minutes from the

2018 AGM, including the financial report, be accepted in their entirety. *Seconded by Daniel Joll, passed unanimously.*

*Motion to accept president's report moved by Jaz Morris, seconded by Alastair McDowell – passed unanimously.*

### **3. Treasurer's Report – Daniel Joll**

Daniel presented the club's financial position from a separate report, that will be attached to these minutes and marked Appendix A. Generally, Daniel noted the financial position of the Club remained healthy, with the festival (by way of its members and their membership fees) being the main revenue stream. One property in the club's portfolio of shares in syndicated property is due to be sold during 2019-2020 which is likely to realise a good capital gain for the club (the funds will be immediately reinvested in a similar asset). It was noted that the major annual expense of providing beer (etc.) at the festival was considered worthwhile for the character of the event.

Finally, Daniel noted an accounting error, yet again (two years running?), which had left a small discrepancy in the accounts, but was irreconcilable, and he proposed to simply accept the discrepancy if passed by the AGM.

*Motion to accept the treasurer's report (as attached to these minutes) moved by Ben Dare, seconded by Ben Mangan – passed unanimously.*

### **4. NZAT Subcommittee Report – Steven Fortune**

As a point of order, it was discussed by the acting Secretary that an NZAT subcommittee was no longer needed, since the New Zealand Alpine Team was now a separate entity (the Alpine Team of New Zealand Incorporated). Further discussion was reserved until the discussion of constitutional amendments during the General Business part of the meeting.

### **5. Festival & Events Subcommittee Report – Rose Pearson**

Rose highlighted the aspects of the RIMF 2018 and upcoming RIMF 2019. This included some instructor changes, and the forecast for the future in terms of instructors, and the ongoing need for a deep instructor pool to call upon in future years.

*Festival and events subcommittee report moved by David Chen, seconded by Ben Dare, passed unanimously.*

### **6. Publications subcommittee report – Alastair McDowell**

Alastair briefly noted the continued health of the club's various websites (often allied with NZAT websites) as one of the primary mediums for getting information out about trips, expeditions, advice and reviews. He also was commended by Daniel for the improvements made over the past year to the ECC and RIMF websites, with them facilitating easier registration and information about the club, its structure, and key dates, events and information.

*Publication subcommittee report moved by Sooji Clarkson, seconded by Rose Pearson – passed unanimously.*

## **7. Election of positions for 2019-2020 year**

**President** Ben Dare's three year term expired in 2019, but he stood unopposed again.

**Vice-President:** Jaz Morris standing unopposed

**Treasurer:** Daniel Joll standing unopposed

**Secretary:** Peter Harris standing unopposed

**Alpine Team Subcommittee Chair:** withheld

**Festival & Events Subcommittee Chair:** Rose Pearson standing unopposed

**Publications Subcommittee Chair:** Alastair McDowell standing unopposed

## **8. General Business**

a) Matter of trips to be voted on for the 2019 ECC Expedition Capital Fund Grant: General overview of the trips that were to be presented at the festival for a vote on receipt of the 2018 grant. One trip was proposed and the AGM assessed whether they were eligible for the grant:

(i) Dan Joll et al. - trip to Changabang, in the Himalaya

The trips was accepted to meet the eligibility criteria for presentation at the Festival.

[addendum: immediately after the meeting, Petrouchka Steiner-Grierson indicated that she had been confused by this process and thus had not submitted her trip proposal for an expedition to Baffin Island. The acting Secretary discussed the matter with a small cohort of committee members and there was no objection to including Petrouchka's trip as a legitimate proposal to the Festival, especially in consideration of the altered timetable of the AGM.]

b) Constitutional amendments. The acting Secretary had discussed with the Secretary (absent) prior to the meeting about the need to make some operative changes to the ECC constitution, owing to practical concerns. Namely, there was no longer a need for an NZAT subcommittee, and this could be struck from the rules, and also that it was proving problematic to achieve a quorum of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the club membership at the AGM, since membership now exceeds 100+ persons annually. The acting Secretary outlined this concern to the AGM and noted that changes to the Constitution require a notice period, which had not been followed. It was proposed by the Chairperson that a wholly unanimous vote on whether to accept the discussion, followed by a requirement for a unanimous vote on any motions arising might satisfy the spirit if not the letter of the rules. Jaz Morris moved that a discussion be held, which was seconded by Sooji Clarkson. After the Chair again invited any dissent from the floor, none was heard, and the motion was carried unanimously. After further discussion around the practical concerns that led to the rule change proposal, Jaz Morris offered two motions: *"That reference to the NZAT Subcommittee and the NZAT Subcommittee chairperson position on the club exec be struck from the rules, along with any edits for clarity in ancillary areas of the rules affected by these deletions"* and *"that the quorum for general meetings be dropped from  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the club membership to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ."* Both motions were seconded by Alastair McDowell and carried unanimously. The acting Secretary thanked the

assembled members for their patience in the matter and it was discussed that the AGM should ordinarily be held at 6pm so that early attendees at the Remarkables Festival may attend without having to leave work early.

No other matters were arising.

*Meeting closed at 6:35pm*

