

**Expedition Climbers Club AGM 2020**  
**Thursday 13 August 2020**  
**5.00pm NZST**

*Held at Queenstown Events Centre, Frankton*

*Meeting started 5.07pm*

Attendees: Jaz Morris, Rose Pearson, Ben Dare (online), Lionel Clay (online), Steve Fortune, Pete Harris (online), Alastair McDowell, Petrouchka Steiner-Grierson, Daniel Joll, Reg Measures, Maddy Whittaker, James Hobson, Ben Mangan, Jono Clarke, Sam Stephenson, Craig Jeffries, Tom Hadley, Owen Lee, Rob Frost, Gavin Lang, John Webster, Ross Lawrence, Allan Uren, Jane Dudley, Alex Callister, Julie Gavillet, Penzy Dinsdale, Andrew Jordan, Sooji Clarkson, Robert Zalac, Bryce Wood (including other attendees appearing online).

Apologies: Matt Wilkinson, Tim McCartney-Snape

**1. President's Report – Ben Dare**

Ben sends apologies – has just had a child and attending by phone from the hospital.

Ben conveys his thanks for everyone attending the AGM. Also notes and thanks Jaz and Rose for facilitating the AGM and Pete for taking the minutes.

President's report: Notes impact of COVID-19 on the club, and primarily the travel restrictions and fact that trips like the ECC annual expedition to Baffin Island had to be postponed/called off.

However, flipside is that there have been a huge number of climbs done during the recent months by dedicated and strong climbers within NZ.

Kicked off 2019-2020 years with the 8<sup>th</sup> RIMF (2019) – great event. Notes that next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> RIMF!

2019-2020 ECC Expedition was to Baffin Island, but unfortunately due to COVID, this was not able to proceed. Further discussion is needed on this, with the former attendees, in due course.

NZAT – Second intake concluded their term in 2019. New Team has been taken onboard in 2019, which involves Ben Mangan, Sooji Clarkson & James Hobson.

Ben notes that at the start of 2020, there was an inquest in Queenstown into the deaths of Conor & Sarwan.

2020 really defined for Ben by the ascents which have happened locally in the recent months. Key ascents include:

- First repeat of Pilgrim on Shelia Face of Mt Cook – Rose Pearson & Reg Measures
- During summer – new routes in Milford – especially at Copper Point.
- Daniel Joll also pursuing new route on Milford Sound, Airport Wall.

- New Route in Malte Brun by Gavin Lang & Ruari McFarlane
- Sefton, Cook, Aspiring speed ascents over summer.
- First Winter ascent by Torres-Tasman from roadend by Gavin Lang & Ruari McFarlane.
- New Route on Hardinger by Petrouchka and team
- New Route on Mt Joffre by Jaz, Ruari and Maddy Whitaker
- New routes on SF on Mt Aspiring
- First ascent of South Face of Temple by Ben Dare
- 1 or 2 new routes on Vampire by Ruari and teams

Not an exhaustive list, but gives an indication of the strong climbing that has been occurring in NZ.

Wishes everyone well for the festival.

Jaz conveys congratulations.

*Steve Fortune moves motion to accept president's report, Rose Pearson seconds. Motion passes unanimously.*

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

ECC having returns of about \$7000 on investments alone.

Investments generally did okay during COVID period. Slight dip, but not too much of a loss in capital investment or ROI/cash returns.

Club funds performing well.

*Gavin Lang moves motion to accept treasurer's report. Petrouchka Steiner-Grierson seconds. Motion passes unanimously.*

## **3. Festival & Events Subcommittee Report - Rose Pearson**

Everything was going smoothly to last year. Normally around 120-150 people at the festival. However, will have lower numbers at the festival due to going into COVID-19 level 2 restrictions.

Some new faces in instructors, but many returning instructors – thanks given to all.

Mix of in-person instruction, virtual evenings, as well as limited capacity for in-person attendance at the evenings as well. Jaz and Rose planned this new schedule earlier this week.

## **4. Publications Subcommittee Report – Alastair McDowell**

Not much advertising needed for the Festival.

Sharing content about the festival and the club on Instagram, Youtube, Facebook. Good interest for the festival and other activities. Website could be easier to navigate. Happy to take comments on signing up for the festival on the website, Alastair will take them later.

## **5. Election of positions**

President: 3 year term – Ben Dare remains until 2022

Vice-President: Jaz Morris (incumbent & lone nominee)

Secretary: Peter Harris (incumbent & lone nominee)

Events: Rose Pearson (incumbent & lone nominee)

Publications: Alastair McDowell (incumbent & lone nominee)

*Unanimous approval from those in attendance to adopt the current positions and carry over the incumbents for next year.*

## **6. General Business**

Constitutional Amendments – no issues with those, as voted on at the 2019 AGM, so they will be lodged with the Incorporated Societies for change to the constitution before 2021 AGM.

Allocation of ECC Funding – 1 x \$1000 grant and 2 x \$500 grant for young persons (under 25) to complete trips within NZ, with club members. There will not be a trip overseas, in light of COVID.

2 trips currently proposed:

- Maddy Whittaker – traverse of Southern Alps. Trip already being planned. Would benefit from funding for drops. 2 members of the club are signed up for this.
- Riley Smith – proposing trip to Pioneer Hut – suggested trip for first time at Pioneer and do whatever is in condition around the hut.

Will accept late nominations if sent through the Facebook page.

If no other nominations, would likely have 2x\$1000 grants. Still expect explanation and details on the trips.

Will take this as read for ECC Fund for 2020. To be voted on at the RIMF.

No other general business raised.

*ECC 2020 AGM concluded at 5.35pm.*