



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 24th November, 2009

At Rosie O'Grady's Pub, 205 James St. Northbridge (Broderick room)

Meeting Opened at: 7.40 pm

Present: Terry Mahoney (Western Walking Club President), Jackie Furby (Treasurer), Edith Thomas (Western Walking Club), Nick Cox (Hiking Club of WA. President), Ian McDonald (President), Hecate Jay (Perth Bushwalkers), **Ralph Ditton** (Secretary), Jerome Da Costa (Hiking Club of WA), Vince Piper (Action Outdoors), John Lang (Action Outdoors).
(Attendees in **bold** did not have voting rights)

Apologies: Graham Barnes (Bushwalkers of WA), Melvyn Lintern (WA Family Bushwalking), Peter Hegarty (Insurance Officer)

Minutes of Previous meeting: Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of 18th November, 2008 were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Ian McDonald

Seconded: Jackie Furby

Business arising from previous Annual General Meeting

The question was asked if the club levy should be increased from \$1.

The motion "That the levy remains at \$1 for the next twelve months"

Moved: Jackie Furby

Seconded: Hecate Jay

It was agreed unanimously that the levy remain unchanged for the coming year.

Correspondence In/Out as per the Agenda.

There was one correction. Item 8. Hecate Jay sought reimbursement for \$11, not \$200 as listed in the Agenda.

The 11 items Inwards and 4 items Outwards were accepted.

Reports

President

This report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The main thrust of the report dealt with growing the Federation, our involvement with the State Trails Reference Panel, meeting with the Minister for Sport and Recreation, submission to the State Government's Caravan Park and Camping Area inquiry, our stand at MainPeak's expo, map sub-committee under the auspices of John Lang, our affiliation with Bushwalking Australia and the very big undertaking of submissions by numerous individuals, clubs and the Federation regarding the review of Policy 13. i.e. bushwalking in public drinking water catchments.

The President also wants clubs to start recording "people kilometres". This is the total distance walked by the people on the event. Eg. 10 people walk 15 kilometres gives a total of 150 kilometres. This is a useful tool when negotiating with land managers and fund providers.

President's report was accepted.

Treasurer

This report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The accounts have been audited by Robin M Halbert, Chartered Accountant. A signed statement by Robin Halbert accompanied the Statement of Financial Performance.

The Federation from 1st July, 2008 to 30 th June, 2009 had an income of \$11,422.09 and an expenditure of \$10,778.34 giving a surplus of \$643.75

The bank balance as at 17th November, 2009 was credit \$2,029.64

The following motion was passed:

"The President is to write a covering letter for an invoice of \$300 to Paddy Pallin, Main Peak and Mountain Designs confirming their agreement to continue to sponsor the Federation"

Moved: Hecate Jay

Seconded: John Lang

The Treasurer's report was received and approved.

Moved: Terry Mahoney

Seconded: Hecate Jay

Insurance Report

This report was circulated prior to the meeting as Peter Hegarty was unable to attend.

The thrust of the report was that all 9 member clubs took out Public Liability Insurance and 7 of those clubs took out Personal Accident Insurance.

Public Liability insurance per member was \$4.10 p.a.

Personal Accident insurance per member was \$5.22 p.a.

All member clubs were advised of changes to the Acknowledgment of Risk waiver requirements.

The Insurance Officer is still waiting on Bushwalkers Australia for advice on the issue of Risk Management for the Federation and member clubs. Member clubs are urged to review their risk management policies and plans.

Report was accepted.

Map Sub-Committee

John Lang gave a demonstration of a scanned map done in J Peg then overlaid on Google Earth. His sub-committee has scanned 4 maps owned by the Western Walkers Club. They are Kelmscott, Jarrahdale, Mundaring and Avon Valley.

They were the 1989 versions as they capture the rock outcrops and old road names.

The cost of each scan was \$30. This was met by the WWC.

The clubs were advised not to scan current scale maps of 1 : 25,000 and 1 : 50,000 as they already exist commercially on CD.

It was agreed that the best use of the scanned maps was to utilize them with Google Earth as they would show terrain, roads and tracks.

As most of the clubs walk within close proximity to Perth a motion was put forward.

"Up to six maps of the scale of 1 : 50,000 and dated 1989 are to be selected for scanning by the clubs at their expense and given to the map sub-committee for overlaying on Google Earth that are adjacent to the four scanned maps"

Moved: Ralph Ditton

Seconded: Edith Thomas

Motion accepted.

It takes about an hour to geo reference the four co-ordinates as they have moved by 200 metres.

Conservation Report

As the Federation does not have a Conservation Officer and are no longer a member of the Conservation Council, there was no report.

Policy 13 submission

The Federation has submitted a detailed document titled "Inquiry into Recreation Activities within Public Drinking Water Source Areas.

A big thank you to Mel Lintern and Carl Erbrich for their hard work in preparing this document.

The Standing Committee on Public Administration has called for information from the public and has extended the closing date.

The Standing Committee have appointed a group of consultants to gauge public opinion on recreation in catchments, and it is expected that all those clubs that made submissions to the Standing Committee will get an invitation to attend a meeting on December 12th, 2009. However, numbers are capped at 14. Ian McDonald, President will attend on behalf of the Federation.

The Dept of Sport & Recreation are certainly on our side with the review of Policy 13, however they are on the side of a lot of other people as well, and we cannot leave it to them to look after our own interest. We must work on our own behalf.

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Our peak walking season is winter when it is cool and wet.

Club Reports

The following club reports were circulated prior to the meeting:

Perth Bushwalkers

Western Walking Club

Action Outdoors

Hiking Club of WA

Bushwalkers of WA

No reports were received from:

Family Bushwalking Club

Albany Bushwalkers

Bunbury Adventure Pursuits Club

Great Walk Network

President Ian McDonald wants a consistent format.

Ian will re issue a memo stating what he wants and will include "person kilometres".

General Business

1) It was agreed to maintain our membership of Outdoors Western Australia.

Peter Hegarty has nominated to be on the board.

Accepted by the Federation.

2) The President recommended that the Federation should join the WA Sports Federation and the Federation should qualify as a full member. A "Full Member" must be engaged in the conduct, administration, promotion and development of sport/active recreation and be the representative body in Western Australia.

The Federation would be entitled to one delegate.

Cost is \$99 per year.

Motion " It is agreed that the Federation of Western Australian Bushwalkers Inc join the WA Sports Federation"

Moved: Jackie Furby

Seconded: Edith Thomas

Passed unanimously

3) The President wants to grow the Federation and needed a delegate to undertake the duties of chasing up potential member clubs.

Jerome Da Costa has nominated but wants further information from the President as to what is required.

4) A motion was moved by Hecate Jay and seconded by Jackie Furby that the Federation join the

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Conservation Council.

The Secretary is to ask Brian Mubaraki of the Perth Bushwalkers to be the delegate as he is the current Conservation Council delegate for the Perth Bushwalkers.

This request was moved by Hecate Jay and seconded by John Lang.
Passed unanimously.

Elections

The following people were elected unopposed:

President: Ian McDonald

Secretary: Ralph Ditton

Treasurer: Jackie Furby

BAI Delegates: Ian McDonald, Hecate Jay

Insurance Representative: Peter Hegarty

Map Sub-committee: John Lang

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 16th February, 2010 at Rosie O'Grady's Pub, 205 James St. Northbridge (Broderick room) at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed

9.34 pm