



# Christiania Ski Club Annual General Meeting 2024

Thursday 21 November at 6:00pm

Venue: McMeekan Centre, Ruakura Research Centre, Hamilton

## MINUTES

**In attendance:** Steve, Rom, Olive & Elle McLennan, Doug Downs, Bart van der Bijl, Matt Holcroft, Andrew Hart, Bryan Clements, Georgia Clements, Mark Young, Tony Hancock, Ross & Jenny Muir, Gary Verberne

**Proxy voting granted by:** Mark Farrell, Vivian Oskam, Bram Oomens, Rob Gerring, David Glenn, Nick Plant, Sophie Hancock, Sean Young, Kerry Jones, Tracey Jones

**Welcome:** Steve McLennan

**Apologies:** David Glenn

### Confirmation of 2023 AGM minutes

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Bryan Clements      **CARRIED**

### Adoption of President's report

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Mark Young      **CARRIED**

### Adoption of Treasurer's report and club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2024

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Gary Verberne      **CARRIED**

Mark Young acknowledged the work done by Steve McLennan around Insurance this year. This led to a discussion about the committee's decision, given the poor forecast for 2024, to reduce our insurance from full cover to indemnity, saving approx. \$15,000 on our annual premium (full cover for 2024 was approx. \$36,000). Ross Muir strongly believes we should revert to full cover. Steve explained the differences between the levels of cover, the fact that DoC will not confirm if, in the event of a catastrophe, we would be allowed to rebuild on the same site, and pointed out the risk of summer stays while we are at reduced cover. It was acknowledged that we can revert to full cover at anytime. The committee will keep this issue on its radar.

### Subscriptions and fees for 2025:

- Annual sub for Senior members: (currently \$200)
- Annual sub for Tertiary members: (currently \$0)
- Annual sub for Veteran members: (currently \$100)
- Annual sub for Junior members: (currently \$55)
- Annual sub for Associate members: (currently \$40 – Senior associates only)
- Work party levy: (currently \$200 - applies to senior and life-subscription members if the member does not attend a work party or equivalent committee-approved event or work)
- Committee is given the discretion to set or waive joining fee, and set or waive early payment discount for subs or apply a late payment levy

*(Note: nightly accommodation rates are set by committee at the beginning of each season)*

### Motion: No change to Subscription fees for the 2025 season

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Bryan Clements      **CARRIED**

Ross Muir suggested implementing an instalment option for the payment of annual subs, possibly with an incentive for full or early payment. Agreed to consider this at the 2025 Planning Meeting.

### Appointment of Financial Reviewer of Club accounts year ending 31 October 2025 – Graham Haines

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Gary Verberne      **CARRIED**

### Appointment of Club Solicitor for 2025 – Rodney Lewis

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Rom McLennan      **CARRIED**

**Election of Officers** – nominations received to date:

- President: Steve McLennan
- Vice President:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer: Kerry Jones
- Club Captain: Vivian Oskam
- Deputy Club Captain:
- General Committee: Mark Young, Gary Verberne, Rik Fisk, Shane Clements, Nick Plant, Tony Hancock

**Moved:** Steve McLennan      **Seconded:** Mark Young      **CARRIED**

### General Business:

- **Changes to the Christiania Ski Club Constitution** – Tony Hancock gave an overview of the proposed changes, and why they are required - to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. He pointed out an incorrect paragraph reference in the draft document that will be corrected if the changes are accepted. He also indicated that a Register of Interests will need to be created for Officers of the club. This will be actioned at the 2025 Planning Meeting.  
Included in the changes is a definition of “Officers” of the club (i.e. committee members). Mark Young pointed out that this may have liability implications. Consensus is that this is covered by existing procedures such as Health and Safety Policy etc.  
Bryan Clements thanked Tony for the large amount of work these changes required.

**Motion: That the changes to the Christiania Ski Club Constitution, as detailed in the document “Christiania Ski Club Constitution (Draft Update 2024) V4”, be accepted**

**Moved:** Tony Hancock      **Seconded:** Steve McLennan      **CARRIED**

- **Insurance review** – Ross Muir asked that, given the earlier discussion around insurance cover and premiums etc., has a thorough review of our insurance policy been carried out? A long discussion followed. Steve spoke at length about our current cover, some details of indemnity cover, and changes to operations on the mountain, e.g. the requirement to use helicopters for cartage to and from the lodge etc. The club is professionally valued every 3 years for insurance purposes – current full replacement value is \$4,300,000.
- **Promoting group stays at the lodge** – Bryan Clements hosted 24 members of the Waikato Regional Council Social Club at the lodge in September. Georgia Clements, who is also a member of this club, said how successful this visit was and that it generated significant income for, and interest in, Christiania. She encourages other members to promote the club in this way. Agreed!  
This led to a discussion about the importance of school group visits to the club. Jenny Muir highlighted the importance of club members promoting the club to their children’s schools.
- **Project Tongariro** - “Enjoy, discover, know and care for Tongariro / Taupo / Central Plateau” - Doug Downs spoke about the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Project Tongariro, created after a 5 x fatal helicopter crash on Ruapehu in 1982. He was “astounded” at the growth of this organisation over the years. It is well supported and does a huge amount of work in re-greening, education and sustainable development of the region. Are there any opportunities for Christiania to support this organisation? Financial assistance may not be possible at this time, but the club is happy to look at ways to raise awareness, e.g. inclusion in a Bunkum.
- The club would like to acknowledge the passing of **Sandy Fortescue, 1928 – 2023**. “Sandy was a Te Kuiti Sheep farmer, a keen Skier in the early club days, and a family man. A candlelight ceremony was held on February 1 in the Summerset Rototuna Chapel to commemorate his life of 95 years. His wife had died 2 months earlier.”

**Meeting closed: 7:15**

### Prizegiving:

Due to no Derby or Club Races being run this year, only one prize was awarded:

- Lodgemanship: Zoe Jones