



Christiania Ski Club Annual General Meeting 2023

Thursday 23 November at 6:00pm

Venue: McMeekan Centre, Ruakura Research Centre, Hamilton

Members are welcome from 5.30pm. Prize-giving to follow AGM

MINUTES

In attendance: Steve, Rom, Olive & Elle McLennan, Doug Downs, David Glenn, Vivian Oskam, Bart van der Bijl, Julie McKenzie, Matt Holcroft, Andrew Hart, Shane Clements, Bryan Clements, Mark Young, David Glenn, Tony Hancock, Gary Verberne

Welcome: Steve McLennan

Apologies: Rachel Ward, Danielle Rogers, Ross & Jenny Muir, Mark Farrell, Nick Plant, Ella Buckley and Hamish Paris, Rodney Lewis, Sam and Sean McKenzie

Confirmation of 2022 AGM minutes

Moved: Gary Verberne Seconded: Bryan Clements CARRIED

Adoption of President's report

Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Gary Verberne CARRIED

Adoption of Treasurer's report and club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2023

Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Mark Young CARRIED

David Glenn commented that it could be argued that the \$20k loss could be reduced to approx. \$10k if you take into account the stored provisions currently in the lodge plus the scaffolding asset.

Subscriptions and fees for 2024:

- Annual sub for Senior members: (currently \$190) – propose an increase to \$200
- Annual sub for Tertiary members: (currently \$190) – propose an increase to \$200
- Annual sub for Veteran members: (currently \$95) – propose an increase to \$100
- Annual sub for Junior members: (currently \$50) – propose an increase to \$55
- Annual sub for Associate members: (currently \$35 – Senior associates only) - propose an increase to \$40
- Work party levy: (currently \$190 - applies to senior and life-subscription members if the member does not attend a work party or equivalent committee-approved event) – propose an increase to \$200
- 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)

Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Mark Young CARRIED

Appointment of Financial Reviewer of Club accounts year ending 31 October 2023 – Graham Haines

Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Mark Young CARRIED

Appointment of Club Solicitor for 2024 – Rodney Lewis

Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Rom McLennan CARRIED

Election of Officers – nominations received to date:

- President: Steve McLennan
- Vice President: Mark Young
- Secretary: Danielle Rogers
- Treasurer: Kerry Jones
- Club Captain: Vivian Oskam
- Deputy Club Captain:

- General Committee: Gary Verberne, Rik Fisk, Shane Clements, Nick Plant, Rachel Ward, Tony Hancock
Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Bryan Clements CARRIED

General Business:

- Ella Buckley asked that the following message be read at the AGM regarding Bob Buckley, her father and a long time and much-loved Christie member:

“The Buckley and Williams Family would like to thank the clubbies for your messages of support for Dad over the past couple of months. We are happy to say that dad is now home beside the sea with Diane. Despite Bob's memories slowly being lost to the mists of time, his stories and memories of the club and Mt Ruapehu are still strong and a great source of enjoyment for us. Thank you all again.”

- Former club President and Life Member David Glenn has a 40 year career in the finance sector in NZ and the UK in investment banking, company restructuring, private equity etc. He is associated with, and has been advising, the Ruapehu Skifields Stakeholders Association (RSSA) through the last year and gave us his thoughts on what has been going on with RAL pre and through the voluntary administration and, now, liquidation process. David gave a comprehensive history and overview of the current situation, [a summary of key points is available here](#). Key takeaway: “I’ve never seen anything like this ...”

Resolution: To make a donation of \$1000 to RSSA

Moved: Steve McLennan Seconded: Gary Verberne CARRIED

Meeting closed: 7:30

Prizegiving

Rachel Ward, our acting Club Captain asked that the following be read at this year’s prizegiving:

“Apologies that I cannot make this AGM.

As you all know, at the start of the winter season there was a lot of uncertainty about whether or not there would be a ski a 2023 Ski Season at Mt Ruapehu. When we finally got the green light it was too close to the chosen race date for the Annual Christiania Derby. RAL didn't have any staff in its Race Department nor a working timekeeping system. Meanwhile I was communicating with Club Captains from other clubs. These clubs also had cancelled their races. Christiania, Ruapehu Ski Club and Rangatira Ski Club decided to keep the Interclub spirit alive and we held the WHAKAPAPA COMBINED SKI & SNOWBOAD RACE later in the season. There were many online meetings and emails to organize this race.

Held on a spectacular bluebird day this event was a fabulous success. There was a big turnout for the race and the snow conditions were perfect for racing in the Pinnacle Valley. The Prizegiving was lots of fun at RSC and there was lots of dancing later at the Rangatira Ski Club.

The MENS FEW DAYS and the LADIES FEW DAYS went ahead and there was great skiing and lots of fun had too.

The JUNIOR WEEKEND also sounded like a blast with fun and games on the mountain and also in the Club.”

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

- Senior Lodgemanship: Mark Young (aka Frog)