

# **Edelweiss Ski Club of Australia**

**Registration No 17955 S**

**Club Meeting**

**Tuesday November 21, 2017**

**270 Bluff Rd, Sandringham**

## **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Peri Macdonald - President (HF)  
John Guise (phone)  
George McCowan  
Bill & Ingrid Mitton  
Peter Twoomey (phone)  
Hamish Farrow

**Apologies:** Alan & Jan Banfield  
Chris Politz  
Sandy Clark  
Andrew Gray  
Fran Macdonald  
Cheryl Preston & Tarryn Lloyd  
Dashiel Gantner - proxy given to Peri Macdonald  
Jo Smith - proxy given to George McCowan  
Liz Laws  
Bill Farrow

The meeting was declared open at 19:15hrs.

### 1. Opening and welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all attendees for their attendance.

### 2. Matters arising from last Meeting

- Minutes from previous meeting were read through and accepted
  - George - proposed, Bill - seconded
- New heater installed, but still some problems with low gas supply pressure
- Bad smell in the back room fixed (a rat nest was found in the duct in the back room causing the bad smell).

### 3. Financial Report 2016 / 2017

Year	bookings	interest	subs	MHRMB	Insurance	bill	TOTAL
2017-18	\$ 4,083.00	\$3.40	\$6,490.5 9	\$4,244.9 9	0	\$1,938.5 3	\$4,393.4 7
2016-17	\$8,655.0 0	\$10.4 0	\$2,750.0 0	\$16,563. 57	- \$4,706.53	\$6,286.4 9	\$16,141. 19

- 2016 / 2017 saw a net loss, but this is mainly due to subs being sent out late and the majority of payments coming in for the 2017 / 2018 financial year
- Bookings were strong for 2016 /2017
- Bills were higher than usual due to heater repairs
- Balance at start of 2016/2017 was \$113,198.84
- Balance at end of 2016/2017 was \$95,697.69
- Current balance is \$100,091.16

### 4. Cabin manager's report

- Bearers under deck fixed, but need to be replaced
- Timber doors in room fitted
- New heater(installed under warranty). Still some issues with gas supply pressure issues, such that heater will turn off frequently.
- ACTION: Need to get final report from Heater manufacturer to help understand the issue.
- duct in back room replaced (rats nest removed too)
- new baits set out
- fire survey / grass cutting to be done by MHRMB in December

- Structural assessment (\$7000) needed for lease renewal. Decision made to hold off on assessment until Board decision has been communicated (January).
  - Proposed Peri, Seconded George
- Ingrid - Need new pillows
- Need to remove double bunks and replace with 2 single bunks
  - Proposed Peri, Seconded Bill

## **5. AGM**

For committee positions:

Peri McDonald - President (HF)  
 Joanna Jackson - Secretary  
 George McCowan - Treasurer  
 Chris Mitton - Cabin Manager  
 Bill Farrow - IT Manager

All committee positions remain unchanged.

- Sub amounts were reviewed. No change proposed, but amount will be reviewed post Board decision in January
  - Proposed George, Seconded Peri
- No requirement to pay subs until post Board decision in January
  - Proposed George, Seconded Peri

## **6. Redevelopment**

- Club's position has changed within the last 12months
- MHRMB sent a letter (July - will be placed on the club website) indicating that they were not in a position to renew the lease and were going to terminate the lease 31st October 2017. They made it clear that for the lease to be renewed the sewer had to be connected, and that they needed to see a formal business plan which showed that significant capital was going to be spent at the site.
- Working committee then got together and wrote a formal Business Plan - submitted Oct 2017. The full plan will be placed on the club website. The basis of the plan is:
  - upgrade existing building as soon as possible to attract new members - aiming for 3-5 new families every 5 years
  - increase lodge usage from 300 to 500 beds being used each year (which will be possible after building upgrades)
  - important that the club can secure it's future and is able to celebrate centennial milestone at current site with existing membership & building

- keep costs down as much as possible to allow current membership to continue - no \$8-10k member 'buy-in' has been included in the financials.
- Business Plan includes significant spend at the site every 5 years, but does assume MHRMB will pay for sewer connection
- research was also done on environmental septic systems - info was included in the plan
- MHRMB has indicated that we will get a formal response to the Lease renewal after the Jan 12th meeting.
- Until then the Club is allowed to stay at the site on a monthly basis, as advised by the MHRMB in Oct 2017 (letter will be posted on the Club website).

## 7. General Business

- An inquiry was made to see if Kerry Harry's Life Membership could be given to his son Flint as Kerry's health is not good. Some time ago, Flint was a Child Member, but did not opt to become a Full Member when turning 18.
  - It was discussed that Life Memberships are awarded to an individual, not a family, and as such are not able to be passed on.
  - It was also agreed that if Flint would like to re-join the club, he is welcome to do so, and that an exception can be made to allow him to buy in at the cheaper Child --> Full member rate, as opposed to buying in from scratch.
  - Proposed Peri, Seconded George
- An inquiry was made if Katrina Mitton and James Mitton could swap memberships. Both were Child Members, and both have previously paid to become Full members. Sometime ago Katrina left the club after moving interstate, while James has remained a Full Member, but as he is living overseas he pays minimal subs and doesn't visit the lodge. Katrina is now keen to renew her membership, while James is happy to give his up. As both have previously paid to become full members, the decision was made to allow the swap.
  - Proposed Hamish, Seconded Peter

## 8. Actions

Minute #	Action	Owner
1	Get final report for heater problem	C Mitton

## 9. Next meeting

To be held at Peri's house **Tuesday February 13th 2018.**

This meeting will be to update the club on the MHRMB January decision.

**10. Close**

The meeting was closed at 20:30hrs.