

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 31st OCTOBER 2019

1. Welcome

President Trevor M welcomed everyone to the October 2019 monthly meeting. He introduced and welcomed 3 new members – Pat(ricia) MacKean, Gary Stevens, and Martin Thompson.

2. 80th Birthdays, Anniversaries

Tim Rich was congratulated on becoming an Octogenarian, and presented with a card and voucher. There were no others present admitting to having had an 80th birthday, or other celebration, this month.

3. Almoner's Report

Helen reported having sent cards and well wishes to Margaret Besier and Judy Fisher. She also sent a card of condolence to Pat Harvey.

4. Morning Tea Roster

Trevor thanked today's team of Gary B, Peter B and Trish E.

As an addendum, Trevor gave some interesting examples of how words and phrases (often associated with food) had very different meanings today from those when they were first used.

5. Minutes of Last Month's Meeting

Trevor noted that last month's Meeting Minutes were on the Motueka 50plus website, as well as a copy on the Secretary's table.

He asked that the September 26th Minutes be taken as read, and asked that these Minutes be moved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Anita L

Seconded: Tom M

Carried.

Trevor signed a copy of the September 26th Minutes.

6. Matters Arising...

There were no matters arising from the September 26th Minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report

Dick B presented his monthly report. It was noted that an extra \$20 had since been added to the Sales Table total, that the Gifts/Donations included \$300 for the Rescue Helicopter Trust, and that Function expenditure (\$770) included an RSA luncheon.

Dick proposed that the report be accepted.

Seconded: Anita L

Passed.

8. Correspondence

Ian noted the following correspondence:

Inward

Margaret Besier (28 Oct): Thanks for message of support during recent illness and surgery.

Jane Drew (19 Oct): Walks enquiry – email correspondence

Yvonne Hope (16 Oct): Email appreciation for letter of thanks for family's website work.

Paula Muddle, NMRHT (11 Oct): Acknowledgement of our thanks for Daphne H's rescue

Emma/Gary Stevens (07 Oct): Walk and membership enquiry – email correspondence

Viv Diack, NCC (03 Oct): Harvesting Codgers delayed – Gp email

Jeanette Douglas, RDA (02 Oct): Rqst for plants for Open Day – Gp email & reply

Outward

Hope family (15 Oct): Letter of thanks by President Trevor, on behalf of the Club, for their work done on the website.

9. Reports from the previous month's walks/events:

Oct 03

Group 1: Blue Hills – Summit – a brief report by Ross McD for the 12 walkers

Group 2: Blue Hills - Bay View lookout – Tony P reported on an enjoyable 15km, 500m ascent walk for 20 members

Group 3: Blue Hills – Skywire café – Lee M reported on a panoramic 8km, 305m ascent walk for 9 walkers.

Oct 10

Group 1: Canaan – Wainui Hut via Pishgah and Murray Peak (loop) }

Group 2: Canaan – Wainui Hut via Wainui Saddle and return } *Cancelled*

Group 3: Canaan – Wainui Saddle circuit. } *due rain*

09.30: }

Oct 17

ATNP Boat Trip

Group 1: Gp A - Medlands Beach to Awaroa – Brian B reported on this walk for 9 people

Group 2: Gp B - Tonga Quarry to Awaroa – Vivienne P reported on this relaxed walk for 23 members

Group 3: Gp C/D - Awaroa beach exploration – Heather A reported that 4 people enjoyed Tim's knowledge of the area

Oct 24

Group 1: Atawhai Ridge loop fm Miyazu Gardens incl CoNZ - an informative report by Joy B on a varied walk for 6 walkers

Group 2: Atawhai Ridge loop fm Miyazu Gardens – Karen L reported on an excellent day for 10 walkers, a bit less than 10km and 2 ascents totalling 370m.

Group 3: Miyazu Gardens – Wakapuaka – Neville B reported windy, cool weather played its part in this otherwise enjoyable outing for 4 members

10. Instructions for the coming month's walks:

Wayne C gave information and instructions for the November walks

Nov 07

Group 1: Lodestone, anti-clockwise fm Mt Arthur carpark, H1

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Group 3: Toward Gridiron, from Mt Arthur carpark via Flora Hut, M1

09.30: Bus trip – Dovedale > Wakefield > Gardens of the World, plus...

Nov 14

Group 1: Waitui Hut with Gorge extension, H1

Group 2: Waitui Hut, M3

Group 3: "Brightwater Ramble" (3.5 – 4 hrs), M1

09.30: TBA - (alternative bus trip day)

Nov 21

Group 1: Cable Bay walkway from Glenduan via Sentinel Hill, M3

Group 2: Cable Bay walkway from Glenduan, M2

Group 3: Glenduan to Boulder Bank and return, M1

09.30: Isel Park and Marsden Valley

Nov 28

After meeting: Riuwaka River, South branch, E1

The walks programme may be found on the 50+ website,

<https://www.motueka50pluswalkers.org.nz/>. Information about walks, and any updates, will be disseminated in the week before the applicable walk.

11. Walks and Steering Committee

- Tony P spoke about the 13km Canaan – Bird's Clearing crossover walk on Dec 05, where 2 groups of walkers start from opposite ends, and exchange car keys at a crossover point. A clipboard was passed around to obtain names of drivers willing to be part of the vehicle exchange. Any other potential drivers having missed the clipboard should **contact Tony** asap so that the planning can proceed.
- Tony P showed the meeting an Epi-Pen (\$110 / 1 yr) for emergency adrenaline administration, as well as a certified alternative for 30 cents / 2 yrs, suggested at a recent First Aid course. The club will look at providing one for each walking group.
- Tony P asked for a show of hands to indicate preference for a February bus trip option. Pelorous / Canvastown area was preferred over Nelson Lakes area, with trip details to be announced later.
- Leader / TEC buddy system
Trevor M spoke again of the difficulty in getting names for Leader and TEC for several walks. Perhaps this was because of a perception of how difficult/complicated these roles might be, or that people might think they were ill-equipped. He invited those that might consider a role to talk to him (or members of the Walks Committee)

about ‘buddying up’ with a leader or TEC who could explain the roles over a walk or two, such that the club could build up a reserve of such members.

12. General Business

- **Wooden Name Badges**

Ian M indicated that there are a good number of wooden name badges yet to be uplifted. The club encourages walkers to attach these to their packs and hats so that newcomers will become familiar with whom they are talking with, or that lost/misplaced gear might be returned to owners.

- **Email Housekeeping**

Ian M explained that the Microsoft automatic email database had not loaded accurately, and that approximately 2.5 dozen names/emails were not recorded accurately. As this could not be remedied manually, he requested member’s indulgence if they received an email in the next week or two asking them to ‘re-join the club’ so that the email system could load the correct information properly.

- **10.00am Esturian Group**

Trevor M promoted this group of often up to 12 members who regularly walk the inner estuary area via a suitable coffee shop.

- **Rescue Helicopter Trust Rebate**

Anne D queried whether the club donation to the Trust could be tax deductible. It was explained that this was a club donation and as such was not deductible.

However, in the past, there had been additional collections and donations, and people had submitted these as personal donations and could, therefore, claim a rebate and, as desired, donate the refund back to the club or resubmit this rebate to the Trust for a further rebate, etc.

13. Sales Table

Marja-mia said that \$57 had been received today.

14. Today’s Walk

Norah described the starting point and this week’s walk: > Dicker’s Ridge – Williams Road loop.

15. Distribution of new Policy and Guidelines booklets

Anita L has completed a marvellous job at meetings and on walks, making sure all members had received a copy of the revised Policy and Guidelines booklet (August 2019).

Any further copies can be obtained from the Secretary, Ian M.

16. Meeting Closed

Trevor closed the meeting at 11.13am.

