

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 30th JANUARY, 2020

- **Welcome**

President Trevor M welcomed everyone (although low in numbers) to the January 2020 monthly meeting, noting that 1 of 12 months has seemed to have flashed by already, but hoped that all had enjoyed the festive season.

He noted Jane Drew as a new member.

- **80th Birthdays, Anniversaries**

No one present admitted to having had an 80th birthday, or other celebration, this month, but **Jenny Askew** was congratulated as having reached a significant **90 years**.

- **Almoner's Report**

Helen C reported two accidents to members: Muriel Hope (dog bite) and Carole Michell (bicycle accident). A card was sent to Muriel, who was reported to be doing well, and Carole mending well.

Trevor followed this report with an amusing SATNAV joke.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Trevor thanked today's team of Lee M and Frances H.

- **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 November 28th minutes be taken as read, and asked that these Minutes be moved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Tom Macartney

Seconded: Judy Fisher

Carried.

Trevor signed a copy of the minutes.

- **Matters Arising...**

There were no matters arising from the November 28th minutes.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Dick presented his monthly report and proposed that it be accepted.

Seconded: Anita Lasenby

Passed.

- **Correspondence**

Ian noted the following correspondence:

Inward –

Elizabeth Sheehan (07 Dec): Name badges on their way. Difficult to get some longer names on standard badge size. *[If you are not wearing/haven't got a wooden name badge (for pack and hat/person) Please check with Maureen @ badge table]*

Viv Diack (NCC) (19-20 Dec): Nelson area track information/closures - disseminated.

Mickey & Michelle (23 Dec): Musical Tour information – disseminated.

Vector Free Marlborough Limited (VFML) (30 Dec): Kahurangi National Park Predator Control Update – disseminated.

Kevin Burden & Anna Munro (13 Jan): Resignation.

NCC (17 & 20 Jan): Increasing fire risk (around Nelson) as dry spell continues – disseminated to walks committee.

Walking NZ (22 Jan): Inspiring walks in the Manawatu 6-8 March – see me if interested.

Huia Rugby Club (23 Jan): Letter of support request.

World Travellers (Jeremy M) (28 Jan): Great deals on European Walks – see me if interested.

Susan & Paul Schiff (NY) (29 Jan): Enquiring re walking with us.

Out -

Kevin Burden and Anna Munro (15 Jan): Acceptance of resignation, with our best wishes.

Mickey & Michelle (15 Jan): Musical Tour concert start time correction – disseminated.

Huia Rugby Club (29 Jan): NFI.

Susan & Paul Schiff (NY) (29 Jan): Info sent.

- **Reports from the previous month's walks/events:**

Dec 05

Canaan Xovers and Harwoods Hole: Cancelled due recent bad weather

Dec 12

All groups/club: Christmas Pot-Luck lunch – Little Kaiteriteri 1130

Attendance appeared to be down, but an enjoyable time in good weather.

Dec 19

Group 1: Kina Beach to Ruby Bay via Peninsula fm Talley house

No report available.

Group 2: Kina Beach to Ruby Bay fm Talley house

Tony reported that the group decided to push on to the toilets; not a good idea due to the distance, and an even worse idea to return via the roads.

Group 3: Kina Beach to McKee Domain fm Kina Campsite

Ron reported a good walk for 7 members, but “nothing extraordinary”.

09.30 gp: No report available.

Dec 26

NO Meeting at the RSA.

Nobody reported doing any ad hoc group walks.

Jan 02

Red group: Dun Mountain Trail - Third House/Fringed Hill - Fizz/Geoff

Ian read Bob's report - 5 walkers; huffs and puffs at times; a good many bikers; 15.7km, 851m of climb.

Blue group: Dun MT - Four Corners/Cummins Spur/Bullock Spur - Ian/Lynn

Ian read a lengthy report – 5 walkers including a new member; maps vs reality when track not previously reced; M1/2 track became H1 on descent with grazes sustained by new walker; nonetheless enjoyable outing.

Green group: Brook Sanctuary walk - Faye/Polly

Peg reported - less than 10 walkers; maps; well-maintained steepish Koru track to Ferny Flat lunch; more challenging return on W side – concentration required - slippery stream crossings and sometimes steep drop offs; enjoyable but caution required in less than optimum conditions.

09.30 gp: No walk.

Jan 09

Birds-Canaan Xover (**N > S**): Bob/ Reinstated fm Dec

No report available.

Canaan-Birds Xover (**S > N**): Tony/Ian Reinstated fm Dec

Viv reported – 9 walkers; great day; bush and birds; water crossing after Wainui Hut not difficult; met 11 of N > S xover group making good time; sunny riverbed boulders for lunch; circumvented steep climb and descent off river by crossing 60m downstream; uphill to saddle – fallen trees and roots; delight at finish with great views over rural land.

Canaan-Wainui Hut via Saddle group: Kevin/Polly

No report available.

Canaan-Wainui Saddle Circuit group: Ron/Peg

Ron reported – 7 walkers, abt 8km; Bev T sprained ankle; decision as to what to do - able to continue; leaders need to be conscious of potential problems with aging groups.

09.30 gp: No walk.

Jan 16

Red Group: Braeburn shorter - Viv/Norah

Viv reported – 7 walkers; warm day; good pastoral/rural views; 8km, 226m of climbing.

Blue Group: Braeburn longer - Tony/Brian

Neville reported – as abv, 26 walkers on rural/pastoral land; 11km, 320m of climbing.

09.30 gp: No report available.

Jan 23

0730 Mt Arthur slower group: Brian S/Peter B

Ian read Brian S report – blue day at Rec Ctr became cloudy, windy, misty/wet and cool on climb; passed twice by faster group; windy, no view at top; lunch below in sheltered gully; 3 first-timers – well done, sorry about the view; very hot on return to cars

0800 Mt Arthur faster group: John W/Dean C

John reported - 7 walkers; as above, conditions not ideal but group well prepared; a good walk.

0900 Hut and Ridge group: Karen L/Neville B

Marja-Mia reported – 8 walkers; deteriorating conditions; met early by tarn group member who decided on slower pace; lunch at Mt Arthur Hut due drizzle; return with coats on; rapid temp rise as aftn improved – 18 > 32 deg!

0900 Hut and Tarn group: Polly D/Bob W

Polly reported – 4 walkers (see abv); deteriorating weather 10 min above Hut – turned back; enjoyed rest of day with Ridge group.

09.30 gp: No report available.

- **Instructions for the coming month's walks:**

Kevin gave information and instructions for the February walks

Feb 06 (Waitangi Day)

Group 1: Takaka Hill walkway (anticlockwise) – No leader - **cancelled**

Group 2: Takaka Hill walkway (anticlockwise) – M1

Group 3: Takaka Hill walkway (anticlockwise), shorter loop – E2

09.30 Gp: Riuwaka ramble

Feb 13

Previous Maitai/Tantragee walks cancelled due increasing fire risk

Now

Longer walk: Falcon Ridge Estate – M2

Shorter walk: Falcon Ridge Estate – M1

09.30 Gp: Motueka Estuary

Feb 20

Bus trip to St Arnaud

Walk 1: Tophouse and ridge > Parachute Rock > Kerr Bay – H2??

Walk 2: Parachute Rock fm Kerr Bay – M3
Walk 3: Forest Loop and Lakeside – E3
Walk 4: Brunner Peninsula Nature Walk – M1
09.30 Gp: Washbourn Gardens and Begonia House

Feb 27

Meeting at the RSA 10.00. Morning tea 09.30
After meeting **BBQ** at Baigent's Reserve, Kina

Kevin will be most pleased to receive names for Leaders and TECs for any of the walks in the quarterly programme as early as possible.

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.

- **Walks and Steering Committee**
 - Tony P reminded folk going on the **away trip to Marlborough** of a **meeting** at the **RSA, 09.30 next Tues 04 Feb.**
- **Health and Safety Matters**
 - In light of a couple of minor incidents, Ian reminded walkers to honestly assess their fitness for the day and to select an appropriate walk. Tony reminded all of the current trial (thru to March) of not labelling walks according to the usual grouping, the walks being otherwise identified.
- **General Business**
 - Website photos
There are some interesting photos of the Mt Arthur walks.
 - Wooden badges
There are still many pack and hat badges to be picked up. It would be much appreciated if you would do so if you haven't already uplifted yours.
- **Sales Table**

Marja-mia said that \$32 had been received today, with books and plums still available.

- **Today's Walk**

Rabbit Island fm Mapua Wharf.

Neville reiterated the ferry time of 12.00pm and 3.00pm return time.

Fare \$10 return. Koha \$5

- **Meeting Closed**

Trevor closed the meeting at 11.07am.