

MOTUEKA 50Plus WALKING GROUP
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL (electronic) AGM
distributed 11 May, 2020 via email

1. CONTEXT

Our 2020 AGM, like that of a great many other organisation's activities around the world, has been hijacked by the arrival of the COVID-19 virus into New Zealand during March. There were no procedures available to the 50+ Walking Group at the time of writing (Lockdown Level 3) that would allow members to gather as a group for a 2020 AGM within the short term, or indeed probably the medium term. In discussion with all those that would be deemed to be in the Executive Group, past and pending, it was decided that an '**abbreviated and extraordinary online (Virtual) AGM**' would be held. More accurately, it would be the distribution via email (and post as necessary for non-email members) of an abbreviated summary of the likely AGM agenda items, primarily the President and Treasurer reports, and the election of officers and supporting roles for the coming year to March, 2021.

2. WELCOME

Ian Mason, as Secretary and only Executive member retaining an elected office at this time, bids all members "Welcome", with the thought and trust that all members have been keeping safe and feeling cared for during these unprecedented times, particularly those for whom 'lockdown' has meant solitary isolation. In the absence of other knowledge, I trust that all physical, mental, spiritual, financial and medical supports have been able to be accessed during this time and will continue to be able to be met as we slowly climb out of this pandemic. As has often been indicated through this time, there is NO shame in asking for help; please make your needs known to those best able to assist!

3. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received in this context!

4. MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 28 March 2019 at RSA High Street

The Minutes of the 2019 AGM are available on the group's website and were also sent out via email.

The 2019 Minutes are deemed to be accepted as read, and a true and correct record.

Seconded: Tony Pearson

Trevor, as Past President, will ultimately sign a hard copy of the March 2019 AGM Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters brought to the attention of the Secretary.

6. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Trevor's report for the past 2019/20 year is attached to this email. A hard copy will be attached to the Minutes in the Group's file.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

An abbreviated annual financial report is attached to this email. Covid-19 restrictions have meant that the auditing of our books has not been finalised, but it is anticipated that this will occur as soon as we are at Level 2. A report will be made available to members in due course. A hard copy of an audited report will ultimately be attached to the Minutes in the Group's file.

Dick proposes the adoption of the report via this medium.

Seconded: Ian Mason

If there are any matters arising from the Treasurer's report, please bring these to the attention of the Secretary and/or Treasurer, and the Executive will deal with them in an appropriate manner.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There is no correspondence pertinent to the AGM.

9. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Except for the Secretary, **Officers and Committee members**, as indicated below, **are hereby deemed elected** for a term of one year or until the next AGM.

- **President:**

The usual formality is for the past year's Vice President to take over the Presidency at the AGM. Therefore, **Tony Pearson** is now the President of the Motueka 50Plus Walking Group.

- **Vice President:**

Brian Bell is our new Vice-President.

- **Treasurer:**

Dick Bensemman is our Treasurer.

- **Secretary:**

This is the only two-year term. The benefits of office term stagger and overlap have been admirably demonstrated during Covid-19.

Ian Mason will continue as Secretary at least until October this year. He will assess his position over the next few months and a decision whether to continue with the Motueka Walking Group or resign and transfer to, e.g. the Nelson walking group, notified to the group in due course. If any member would like to become an understudy for Secretary, please contact Ian (*it's as onerous as you want to make it!*).

- **Almoner:**

Norah Morris is our new almoner.

- **WALKS ORGANISATION:**

- a. **Walks Organisers**

Kevin Piper (Lead) with **Neville Bibby**, **Wayne Chisnall**, **Ross McDonald** and **Polly Dyson** are our Walks Coordinators. Ross and Kevin will produce our weekly maps.

- b. **9.30 Walks Planner**

Frances Neumann will continue to plan the 9.30am walks.

- c. **10.00 Walks Planner**

Barbara Loveridge will continue in this role.

- d. **Tiger's Walks Planner**

Bob White will continue to oversee these adventures.

- e. **Four Year Walks planning**

Ross McDonald will be responsible for planning the 4-yearly walk cycles in liaison with the Walks Committee.

f. **Walks grading**

Mike Tooker and **Ross McDonald** will be responsible for grading the walks.

g. **Landowner Contact**

John Wells will continue to liaise with landowners.

h. **Quarterly Walks Programme**

Anita Lasenby will continue to issue the quarterly walks programme.

i. **Webmaster**

Yvonne Hope will continue to be responsible for loading material to the website.

j. **Photographs for the website**

Petrea Carroll will now upload your photographs to the website.

k. **Radios and beacons**

Steve Gately will continue to oversee the maintenance and safe keeping of these.

10. **WALKS COMMITTEE**

The Walks Committee, chaired by the President, meets quarterly to finalise programmes and to discuss issues and ideas. This committee is open to all members of the Group who feel they have a constructive contribution to make to its discussions.

Thank you to those who have attended regularly; we trust you will continue to support the Group in this way. A date for the next meeting will be advertised when Covid-19 restrictions lessen to the extent that it is deemed safe for group meetings.

11. **STEERING COMMITTEE**

A Steering Committee is not formally elected, but by convention is made up of the Executive Officers, Walks Organisers and a representative from the 9.30am Walks Group.

12. **MORNING TEA /IN HOUSE ORGANISATION**

Trish Ellis and **Peter Beaumont** will continue oversight of the monthly morning tea roster.

Bevan Cook will set up the RSA meeting area and ensure it is restored again post-meeting.

13. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Elaine Taggart will continue to coordinate social events, assisted by a team of:

Francis Harris, Gary Brown, Angela Janes, Faye Green and Dean and Petreah Carroll.

Elaine and the team would welcome any other volunteers and social ideas.

14. SALES TABLE

Marja-Mia Brusse will continue with the sales table, assisted by **Judy Fisher** and **Ruth Cattermole**.

15. NAME BADGES FOR MEETINGS AND WALKS

Maureen Harris, assisted by **Sandra Ingram**, will continue oversight of the meeting name badges.

Liz Sheehan will continue producing the wooden walking badges, however, now that she is spending most of her time away from the area, she is open to being relieved of this fun. Please let her or the Secretary know if you or another have or would be willing to learn this important engraving skill.

16. THANKS

As can be seen from the above listing, it is no small matter for a club to continue to operate.

THANK YOU to all members who have taken on or will continue their roles and responsibilities for 2020/21. Likewise, **THANK YOU** to those members who have given service in 2019/20 and are stepping aside for various reasons. We value your contribution. It is only as many members put their hand up for various roles that the group can function effectively and efficiently.

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. We are in unprecedented times. The way ahead for society, and our 50Plus Walking Group in particular, is far from clear. There is no doubt that we are a group which is eager to get back into the outdoors and to enjoy the natural world as we find it in New Zealand. A time will come when we can return to walking, but it will likely be in stages which will require some form of social distancing or other Health & Safety guidelines. And regardless, there will be those of us who, for one reason or another, will not be able or comfortable to join in again, particularly at the early stages. The Executive and Walks Committee are keenly aware of the need for caution and will be assessing the latest information continually with a view to start some form of walking at the

earliest responsible time. This could be some months away as we transition down through the Covid-19 levels, but we will keep you posted with our thoughts and decisions. In the meantime, if any members have pertinent views, please make them known to the Secretary, other Executive member/s or Walks Committee.

- b. Graham Ingram-Monk made the point that, although there is a quarterly programme issued, there is not a regular posting of the 09.30 walk for each week. Members could turn up to the Rec Centre and find that the walk is not to their interest.
The 09.30 walk will be advertised weekly along with the main body of walks.
- c. A reminder that Membership/Subs payment (\$15 pm) is now overdue for those who are yet to pay them. Subs should, if at all possible, be deposited via online bank transfer in accordance with instructions below. If this is not possible, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary for deferment to the next meeting, whenever that might be!

Please ensure that all online deposit fields are filled out so that the deposit can be recorded against your name.

Account name: **50 Plus Group**

Account number: **03-0693-0119919-00**

In Payee section -

Particulars: **Your name**

Code: **Your name overflow, if needed**

Reference: **Subs**

Membership cards will be available whenever we are able to resume monthly meetings.

- d. No other general business has been notified but should there be matters pertaining to the organisational function and conduct of the club as might be presented at an AGM, please communicate these to the Secretary or another Executive member.

18. MEETING CLOSURE

This concludes the virtual minutes of the 50Plus Walking Group AGM for 2020.

The Executive and Walks Committee wish you continued wellness, improved friendships, and sanity! as we eagerly anticipate Level 2 in the coming week as the nation transitions down through the Covid-19 levels.

Stay Safe, and Stay 50+ Fit (within the Govt guidelines)!