

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 25th FEBRUARY, 2021

- **Welcome**

President, Tony Pearson opened with a reminder for all to 'zap' the RSA QR code or sign in, then welcomed everyone to the February 2021 meeting.

New members present: Bill Agnew, Malcolm Beech. Not present: Dolf van Eldyk

Visitors: Nil

- **Clipboard Information**

Nil

- **80th Birthdays, Anniversaries, Significant Events**

Congratulations to Sandra Ingram (80) – presented with a card & voucher by Tony on behalf of the group (*applause*).

No other admissions today!

- **Almoner's Report**

Norah reported a quiet month.

A card and best wishes forwarded to President Tony after his op a couple of weeks ago. Tony acknowledged his extensive journey and thanked all who had sent various messages of support and paid special tribute to 'Nurse Vivienne' for all her ministrations.

Thank you to those continue to keep in touch with members who are ill or that could do with a phone call or seeing a friendly face!

Please do keep Norah up to date with member's significant status.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Tony thanked today's team of Trish E and Peter B.

- **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Tony asked that the January 28th minutes, available on the website, be taken as read, and asked that these Minutes be moved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Tony Pearson

Seconded: Judy Simpson

Carried.

Tony signed a copy of the January 28th minutes.

Matters arising:

Text notifications

Tony referred to investigations as to whether a (mobile phone) text notification could be instituted for short notice notifications, eg. walk cancellations. This would mean loading all members mobile numbers into those phones which it is anticipated would send these messages, eg. Walk Coordinators. The answer is “No, too cumbersome, and some members do not have mobile phones.” Another method would be sought.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Dick B stated that the Pelorous Bus Trip cost was \$1334. \$630 was collected from participants, and the Club would subsidise the outstanding \$704.

He then spoke to his financial report for January 2021 (Bank=\$4001.10, Save&Win=\$1957.26) and requested that the report be accepted.

Seconded: Heather A

Approved.

Membership (10 Feb 21)

Ian reminded members that the new financial year starts 1st April, with subs continuing at \$15 pa for other than Honorary members.

- **Correspondence**

Inward –

Ian noted that, apart from numerous emails dealing with normal group business of walks information, leader/TEC requests, meetings, Google security issues and new member inquires, there was nothing unusual for the month.

Outward –

Interaction / responses to the foregoing as applicable.

- Reports from the previous month's walks/events

Jan 28

After meeting event: BYO picnic, Little Kaiteriteri

Elaine reported good but non-swimmable weather for the 27 participants who sat under the central trees enjoying a great variety of food.

Attendees requested this continue as an annual event.

Feb 04

Bus trip to Pelorous. 60 participants on 2 buses; thanks to Pete S driving the second.

Walk 1: Dalton's track plus Trig K circuit (one way) (M3)

This walk of approx. 7.5km for each part was deemed to be a little too demanding and could be altered should there be a 'next time'.

Walk 2: Dalton's track (one way) (E3)

23 potential fence-styles were a daunting prospect for some of the 30+ walkers, however 'Rescue' Gary worked out how to manage electric fences/gates on this enjoyable walk.

Walk 3: Pelorous Loop Nature Walk (E1)

Report by Gwen B (TEC). Richard led 20 walkers out on a circular walk of a wheelchair grade track to the bridge over the Rai river. Four turned back at this point and the track became rougher. Not much birdsong until near the beautiful Te Hoiere (Pelorous river). The track is part of the Te Araroa Trail.

Two more track excursions after lunch, a trickling waterfall, group photos and back to ice cream, tea and coffee at the campsite. A well lead walk!

0930 Gp: Several regulars joined Walk 3 above.

Feb 11

Walk 1: Baton River (Loveridge Creek) (M3)

No report.

Walk 2: Baton River (Gorge) (M2)

Ian M read Muriel M amusing report of cold, wet boots from an early ford crossing in a lush green and moist bushy area, punctuated by the restfulness of a pool lined (trout?) river to the confluence of the White and Baton rivers. Just talk was often punctuated by helpful hints and offers of a steady hand, along with lunchtime rocks and bumblebees, a watchful Kereru and little other life on a 10.3km "very good day out." Faye G leading and Elsa L as TEC.

Walk 3: Baton River (Bridge) (M1)

Peg P presented her report of good leadership: Norah, with Marja-Mia as TEC. Much the same conditions as for the other groups, except that they had permission to use a private bridge across the river, thus keeping their feet dry but walking another 0.5 km. 10km, 150m ascent.

0930 Gp: Great Taste Trail near Jester House.

Feb 18

Walk 1: Mt Arthur summit (faster) (H3+)

No report.

Walk 2: Mt Arthur summit (slower) (H3+)

Once again Jim S prepared an excellent report, with an eye for the natural environment as well as the quirkiness of human-kind, full of appreciation for being able

to undertake such a walk on a brilliant day, subtle humour, and poorly read by Ian M. Well done Ann on your “patient, considerate and expert leadership!”

Walk 3: Mt Arthur Hut and ridge beyond

Neville leading, Polly D TEC and Lee M reporting, 10km, ascent 390m reaching 1350m AMSL. Perfect weather and vistas, with highlights of a DoC lizard counter, and a number of birds seen or heard – riflemen, tomtits, keas, long-tailed cuckoo and the inevitable weka.

0930 Gp: Ngawhatu Valley.

Heather A gave a verbal account of multiple modern-day housing beginning to transgress into the area formerly occupied by the Ngawhatu St Mary's Orphanage (1886-1919) area, industrial school and Psychiatric Hospital (1922- 2000) in Stoke. A beautiful day with paragliders landing at the Ngawhatu Reserve, followed by a marvellous lunch for 8 put on by nearby residents Lynn & Ian M.

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

Wayne C briefed the meeting on the following, for which there are still spaces available for leaders and TECs:

Mar 04 \$32

Nelson Lakes

Walk 1: Mt Robert carpark to above old ski-field (H1)

Geoff McB / Janet H - 11.8km, 790m

Walk 2: Mt Robert (M2)

?? / Vicky S – 9.4km, 627m

Or, if visibility poor, Speargrass Hut - 14km, 770m

Walk 3: St Arnaud nature walk (E2)

?? / ?? – 5km, 90m

0930 Gp: Isel Park & Lower Marsden Valley.

Mar 11 \$6

Walk 1: ATNP Observation Beach (HT 0937) (M2)

Brian B / Bob W – 18.3km, 314m

Walk 2: ATNP Akerston Bay (M1)

Polly D / Peter B – 15.8km, 234m

Walk 3: ATNP Apple Tree Bay (E3)

Norah M / ?? – 11.2km, 153m

0930 Gp: TBA

Mar 18 \$28 / 30 / 17

Walk 1: Beeby's Knob via bush track (H2)
Ross M / Bob W – 15km, 960m

Walk 2: Beeby's Knob via 4WD track (H1)
?? / ?? – 12km, 700m

Walk 3: Tapawera-Kohatu GT bike track (E2)
Tony P / Viv P – 15.7km (rtn; perhaps make 1-way trip), 76m

0930 Gp: Snowden's Bush, Brightwater

Mar 25

Meeting at RSA. Morning tea 09.30

AGM followed by

Regular monthly meeting.

After meeting BBQ at Sanctuary Ponds, Old Wharf Road.

An email will be circulated re catering, etc.

- **Walks and Steering Committee**

Tony P spoke briefly about the following:

1. **New Walks Email System**

WEF tomorrow (26 Feb) walks information, maps, etc will be disseminated as necessary to the group members from one of the four monthly Walks Coordinators (Kevin P, Wayne C, Neville B, Polly D) using the Google Groups email system. This information will *normally* be disseminated by Sunday evening at the latest.

SHOULD ANY MEMBER NOT RECEIVE AN ANTICIPATED EMAIL(S) BY MONDAY OF THE WEEK, OR HAVE A WALKING QUERY, PLEASE CONTACT THE WALK COORDINATOR FOR THE MONTH, not the Group Secretary. Future quarterly walk programmes will list the coordinator for each month.

2. **Regular emails in Spam box/Junk folder, or missing**

It has come to our notice that, over the last month or so, a number of members have had 50+group emails turn up in their Spam box / Junk folder, or not received them at all. The cause of this is yet a mystery and we are working to resolve the issue.

3. **PLB alert system**

Should SAR authorities receive a PLB alert believed to come from our 50+Group, they will check with 1. David Lucas, 2. Tim Rich, for probable veracity of the alert before activating search and rescue resources. The Coppins contact is no longer available (but the discounts still are).

4. Next committee meeting

The next meeting will be at the **RSA, Mon 01 Mar, 09.30.**

All constructive input and member attendance welcomed.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

First Aid Course

25 members have registered for the popular First Aid course. A further call will be made for members interested in due course. A Group subsidy will probably be able to be applied, making this a very cost-effective course.

- **General Business**

1. Away Trip 2021

Tony reported that 32 members have registered for the shorter ‘overnight mini’ trip to Mt Lunar (Collingwood area) for 14-15 April. There will be one walk at Group 2 pace: 5-6 hr, M3-H1. Those going will need to arrange their own accommodation in/near Collingwood ready for a 0900 departure (or leave Motueka area very early!). More details closer to the date.

2. AGM Office Nominations

Most office holders have agreed to stand another term, which is laudable and appreciated. However, there has been no nominations received yet for the Group Secretary position, which terminates after two years at the end of September. As reported above, the new walks information dissemination system should see a marked reduction in workload for the Secretary, ie. to more of a monthly admin type job. Should this now make the position more attractive to any member (particularly with Word and Excel skills), please contact Ian M or Tony P before the AGM next month. Full training will be available in the 6-month cross-over period. If the position is not filled, monthly meetings will cease from October 2021. An email explaining this further will be sent out later today.

3. Submission to TDC re Motueka Community Swimming Pool

The Group (President) has been asked to give support to “the idea of a community swimming pool (with a good number of ‘bells and whistles’) in the TDC Long Term Plan, to be situated at Sports Park Motueka, adjacent to the Motueka High School swimming pool. Judy S indicated the High School collaboration (on Maori lease land) is apparently a non-starter, and the TDC would appear to only want to contribute if it had some say in ownership, particularly of the land. Likewise, any other major contributor, eg. Lotto, might want similar assurances.

See Good Sports Motueka fundraising and information website <http://www.motuekaswimmingpool.nz/> N.B. not a secure site!

It was agreed that Tony would write to the TDC, giving the meeting's assent to the new initiative.

- **Sales Table Report**

Marja-Mia reported that \$45 had been received today, with a number of items still available.

- **Other Business**

1. 80+ Luncheon

Anne Dorne clarified a misperception that was apparently present, stating that "spouses of Honorary members, whether members or not and whether of honorary age or not, are most welcome to register with her for the luncheon at the Riuwaka Hotel, Tuesday 16 March." A discussion was held as to whether this event could be subsidised by the club. The nett result was that it was not, but, on Brian B's notice, such as the First Aid course could well be.

2. Group QR Code

Graham I-M asked whether the group had considered have a QR code as a login device for walk participants. The idea had merit, and as he was using such with another sports group, he volunteered to develop the initiative. Graham will liaise with Bob White to generate several copies of the scanning sheet which will be available at the Rec Centre walks gatherings.

- **After meeting walk**

No after meeting walk (Dominion flats) today – rained out (again!).

- **Meeting Closed**

Tony thanked members for their attendance.

The meeting was closed at 11.23am.