

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 27th MAY, 2021

Welcome

President, Tony Pearson, welcomed everyone to the May 2021 meeting.

New members present: Kathleen Famularo, John McArthur.

Visitors: Nil

Tony voiced a WARNING addendum:

“If like Vivienne and I you have received your 1st Covid-19 jab and are scheduled for your second, it DOES NOT mean you no longer have to log in when shopping – the whole country remains vulnerable until HERD immunity is achieved with 90% of us being vaccinated - ?? when”.

- **Clipboard Information**

Clip boards were sent around for those who wished to participate in this year’s mid-winter lunch at the Waimea Club, Richmond to so indicate.

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

No admissions today!

Except that Barbara Loveridge had just turned 90! She voiced her appreciation of all that the Club membership had meant to her over many years, particularly the fellowship of the walks and club meetings, and the variety and antics of “away trips” in the “old days”.

- **Almoner’s Report**

Norah reported that:

- Anne Dorne’s wrist is much improved;
- a card of condolence was sent to Pat Harvey’s family;
- Ron Sharp is (due to be) in Christchurch for radio-treatment;
- Helen Clausen was not in a good way and is possibly also due for radio-treatment.

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 Ruth and Lindsay.

- **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Tony asked that the April 29th minutes, available on the website, be taken as read, and asked that it be moved that these Minutes be a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: David Lucas

Seconded: Tom Macartney

Carried.

Tony signed a copy of the April 29th minutes.

Matters arising:

Nil.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Dick reported on the month's finances to April 21st. The **Club account** stood at a balance of **\$3908** and the **Save-and-Win account** at **\$1997**.

\$600 had been set aside in the Club account to fund the Debit card made available to the Club by Westpac.

He then proposed the adoption of the report.

Seconded: Tony Pearson

Approved.

Tony confirmed with Dick that the two new (spare) radio batteries had been purchased from the club current account.

Membership (27 May 21)

Apart from Tony's introduction of new members, Secretary Ian reported:

Deaths: Pat Harvey

Resignations: Wendy O'Connor; Merle Glanville; Liz Griffith; Averil Leydon

Current Statistics

Total membership: 203, incl

Honorary (80+): 44 (21%)

Godwits: 6

Ian reminded members that the new financial year started 1st April, with subs continuing at \$15 pa for other than Honorary members, unless they wanted to contribute.

He iterated that we were little lenient with the taking of subs last year due to Covid-19, and as a result it got a bit messy with things dragging on. This year, we will be closing the taking of subs as of the June 24 meeting.

Anyone not having paid by then will be removed from the email distribution lists (Honorary members excepted), and a full joining fee (\$20) will be payable should they wish to re-engage with the group.

- **Correspondence**

Ian noted that, other than that to do with membership, there had been no significant correspondence this month.

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

Tony reported that:

1. A set of keys (including garage opener and swipe card) had been lost on the Wainui Hut Walk last week.
2. A group on the Pepin Island walk had been “top-dressed” from the air. While this was difficult to liaise, avoid, or coordinate with the owners, he indicated that it might be prudent for all members to carry face masks in their packs, if not for this but for other unforeseen eventualities.
3. Walks in the Sharlands Creek area are no longer possible – restricted to Mountain Bikers – and a similar situation is being proposed at Tunnicliffe Forest although this might not impact on the current “public access”.
4. Heather A gave an entertaining report on the bus trip to Golden Bay, including its route variations by a very accommodating driver, Michael.
5. At the same time, she enthusiastically reported for the 09.30 groups on:

13 May – extensive rambling from the (Nelson) Botanical Gardens, including Trafalgar Sq and cafes.

20 May – Faulkners Bush, Wakefield including a little-known track beside the Appleby River; Snowdens Bush, Brightwater; Tomlinsons and Waiiti Reserves; Upper Moutere; and cafes in-between! Gadabouts all!

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

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

Jun 03 \$15

Access from Aniseed Valley road. Be prepared for cool weather and look to your foot-ware comfort as there are some river crossings.

Walk 1: Champion Mine & Smelter (M2)

Walk 2: Champion Mine Tramway & Smelter (M1)

Walk 3: Champion smelter (E3)

0930 Gp: Monaco (change from meeting announcement, due low tide).

Jun 10 \$16 / 16 / 14

Walk 1: Cable Bay Walkway to Sentinel Hill (H1)

Walk 2: Cable Bay Walkway - part (M3)

Walk 3: Whakapuaka Cemetery (E2)

0930 Gp: Tasman cycleway (change from meeting announcement).

Jun 17 \$16 –“Onside” App requirement dealt with?

Walk 1: Eighty Eight Valley – Highfield High Circuit (M3)

Walk 2: Eighty Eight Valley – Highfield Medium Circuit (M2)

Walk 3: Eighty Eight Valley – Highfield Lower Circuit (M1)

0930 Gp: Rabbit Island (change from meeting announcement).

Jun 24 \$5

Morning Tea at the RSA 09.30. Meeting 10.00

After meeting event – **Mid-winter lunch, Waimea Club**

- **Walks and Steering Committee**

Tony P spoke briefly about the following:

1. Walks alternative to monthly meeting attendance

This will be discussed by the Walks Committee next Monday and reported back at the next monthly meeting.

2. Review of Koha system

An indicative show of hands indicated that an approximately equal number of members thought the ‘koha’s were “slightly expensive” and others thought them “about right”. The Walks Committee will discuss and report to members how the ‘koha’s are worked out, and whether changes are made or recommended.

3. Club policy on retention of records

In the light of electronic record keeping and the split of function between Group Secretary and Walks Coordinators, this subject will be discussed on Monday by the Steering Committee and reported back to members. Angela Janes will represent the views of Honorary members.

4. Next committee meeting

The next meeting will be at the **RSA, Mon 31 May, 09.30**.

All constructive input and member attendance welcomed.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

First Aid Course

Tony reported on another successful course for 31 members last Monday 24th, run again by the very entertaining and thought-provoking Danny & Debbie Fowler of Motueka Regional Ambulance. Items of interest:

1. **All 50+ walkers** need to check whether they carry an up-to-date yellow MEDICAL EMERGENCY card in the top pocket of their pack. Items included in each person's details should be their unique NHI number. If members do not have a card, it is 'tatty' or out-of-date, another can be obtained from the Group Secretary. While a water-proof/resealable bag is satisfactory (which could also contain essential emergency medication), Bob White volunteered to laminate cards as necessary.
2. It is recommended that **all 50+ walkers** examine any first aid kit they might carry to ascertain whether all items are fit-for-purpose, particularly for their own situations. For example, it is suggested that reliance on sticking plasters for other than very minor scratches/abrasions is inappropriate. These should be supplemented or replaced by larger (eg. 20cm square) sterile patches/gauzes. Also, consider whether suitable lengths (not short) or rolls of 'sticky tape' are available for binding/securing or wrapping bandages or patches. Are your bandages and slings appropriate for the 50+ context? A chemist/doctor might be able to advise further. Contact Lee Manning with any requirements, and it is possible that Debbie/Danny may be able to obtain supplies 'at cost'.

- **General Business**

1. **Mid-winter luncheon**

Elaine T gave notice of this event:

Waimea Club, Thursday 24 June 12.30pm, \$28 pp

(after next month's meeting)

While a number had already paid, those further wishing to attend should contact Elaine or Dick and get payment to Treasurer Dick at the earliest (prior to 17th June – numbers are required for Waimea). A separate email will be sent by Secretary.

2. Ian asked for those new members not yet having submitted application forms or received 'joining packs' to contact him.

- **Sales Table Report**

Marja-Mia reported that \$30 had been received today, with a number of items, particularly books, still available. Walkers are encouraged to bring items for the 'table',

particularly plants and (home-made) produce, and to purchase as a means of boosting club funding.

- **After meeting walk**

Rides were organised for the Dominion Flats – for the 5th time of trying due to weather on previous occasions! Notice was well received from Neville that the Dominion Flats area had achieved “Scenic Reserve” status from the TDC, meaning that they must remain the ‘wilderness’ area they are without fear of encroachment of buildings, roads, playgrounds and the like.

- **Meeting Closed**

Tony thanked members for their attendance.

The meeting was closed at 11.04am.