

MOTUEKA 50+WALKING GROUP
AGM Minutes
10.00am, 30 March, 2023
RSA, High Street, Motueka

1. WELCOME

Tony Pearson – President

- to welcome everyone to the AGM for 2023

New members or visitors present? Beth Singleton, Lynne Flood and John Miller.

2. APOLOGIES

Tony

Apologies received from: Fran Forsey, Moppie Sharples, Bill and Eve Heritage, Faye Green, Francis Neumann, Margaret Sullivan, Daph Hamilton, Jim Smith, Vicky Stocker, Ruth Lindsay, Trish McKay Jenny Askin.

Any further apologies?

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM 28 April 2022

Tony

- * to note that, the Minutes of the 2022 AGM have been posted on the website and there is a copy on the table
- * to propose that, the Minutes be taken as read be accepted, and a true and correct record.

Seconded: Tom Macartney.

- Minutes signed by Tony Pearson.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tony

Any matters arising from the 2022 AGM Minutes?

None.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Tony to give his 2022/23 Report

Motueka 50+ Walking Group

Presidents Report to the 2023 AGM

I was elected “virtually” 32 months ago in May 2020 and I have to say they have been an interesting 3 years.

After the first two years of Covid disruption I was looking forward to a “normal” 2022 year of Group operations. Mother nature had other ideas however and our walking areas in the Abel Tasman and around Nelson have been severely hit this year by several “once in a hundred year” events – again! – and are still recovering. BUT setting those aside and trying to ignore the brief Omicron resurgence mid-year we have had surprising little weather disruptions in spite of our knowing that “it always rains on a Thursday”.

True we have failed to get our ATNP Boat Trip and Wharariki Bus Trips this year and the Waitui Hut walk continues to defy our attempts to do it – but we have had some good outings – even if the Pepin Island circuit back in June did result in a trial by wind, rain and hail – at least for the Walk 2 Group – but we all made it safely back to the cars – if a little damp around the midriff.

Group membership has remained pretty steady around the 200 mark although I seem to have given out a fairly large number of 80th Birthday cards this year – perhaps a reflection of our 50 or so Honorary members within the club.

There have been no serious incidents (i.e. helicopter call outs) this year that I can recall although a number of members have suffered bumps and breaks although – if I dare to suggest it – I wonder how many of these are Biking related rather than stemming from our walking activities.

We lost a few long standing members in the year and I know a number of you are still dealing with serious medical issues – and we all wish you the best of luck in dealing with them – but some members seem indestructible. Frances has recovered well from her hip operation and is now in the process of throwing off Covid – we wish you a speedy return to our company Frances

Our social events went well with both the mid-winter Club Waimea lunch and the delayed Kaiteriteri pot luck lunch proving enjoyable occasions.

We held a really interesting membership survey in August from which stemmed the Hearing Report on how the club might develop in the future – more on that later. May I suggest a vote of thanks to Graeme Nicholas for his input of time, expertise and guidance during this challenging process.

We have a new badge for our packs and hats thanks to the artistic talents of Mark Falloon. But they are not free!! I hope you have all seen the sample at the back of the room, on Anita's pack. Also thanks to the prudent financial management by our Treasurer Bill, we have adequate funds in the kitty.

So, looking back it hasn't been such a bad year after all – in fact I would go as far as to say it has gone pretty well – BUT -I knew that would be the case this time last year – and why you might ask? – well because at that time I knew I had a damn good team behind me – and so it has proved to be. I won't name them individually because they know that you and I appreciate their efforts to keep the Group running throughout the year but I will mention two guys who have given me invaluable help and advice during the year in terms of walks planning and management. Thankyou Kevin Piper and Ross MacDonald for your support, wisdom and indeed humour.

And there is another "team member" who deserves my thanks. Vivienne you have provided wise council throughout the year helping me address and deal with sometimes difficult issues involving the Group – and this in addition to all the other wifely "burdens" that being married to me involves . A BIG thankyou darling!

I have enjoyed being your President but will also now enjoy being able to "step back" from front line management. The new team has my full support and I will try to keep quiet unless asked but this is VERY difficult for me as most of you know!

Thank you, Tony 26.3.23

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony to give Bill's annual financial Report for the year 2022/23 ending 28th Feb 2022 which has been audited by Tom Macartney.

The total funds for the group as at the end of February 2023 is \$3483.14.

Of this \$1232.01 has allocated purposes.

Any questions? None.

- Tony to propose the adoption of the report.

Seconded: Neville Bibby.

Tony

Is everyone in agreement?

(Passed)

7. THE WAY FORWARD – WHAT'S NEXT

Tony to Report on the decisions of the Steering Committee arising from the Members survey back in August 2022 and the Hearing Report produced by Graeme Nicolas summarising those findings. This report will be uploaded on our website.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS and ROLE HOLDERS

Tony to lead

To save time, Officers, Committee members and all members fulfilling a recognised function / significant role have been polled as to whether they would be willing to continue serving the group for the 2023-24 year. Where that has not been possible new nominations have been sought and members so nominated have agreed to be put up for those positions subject to the meetings approval.

The nominations are as follows: -

Officers

President Anita Lasenby

Vice President Vacant – nominations required

Treasurer: Bill Heritage

Secretary Karen Gregory

Almoner: Norah Morris

Walks Organisation:

- a. **Walks Organisers** Jim Smith, Neville Bibby, Fran Forsey and Polly Dyson
(a number of past Walks Organisers have offered themselves as “back-ups” should the need arise)
- b. **9.30 Gadabouts** Frances Neumann
- c. **10.00 Esturians** Muriel Hope
- d. **Long Term Walks Planning** Ross McDonald,
- e. **Walks Grading** Ross McDonald
- f. **Land Owner Contact** Bob White
- g. **Walks Committee* Chair** Tony Pearson
- h. **Walks Committee Secretary** Mary Devine

Club Organisation

- i. **Website Support** Yvonne Hope
- j. **Group Photographer** Petreah Carroll
- k. **Radios and Beacons** Mark Falloon
- l. **Morning Tea Leads** Trish Ellis, Peter Beaumont

- m. House Management Bevan Cook
- n. Social Committee Elaine Taggart, Francis Neumann, Gary Brown
- o. Sales Table Lee Manning, Vivienne Pearson
- p. Name Badge Distribution Maureen Harris
- q. Name Badge Production Clive Dyson
- r. IT Support Graham Ingram-Monk
- s. Hon Auditor Tom Macartney

*Walks Committee

The walks Committee is open to any member who wish to acknowledge and thank those who have attended regularly and trust they will continue to support the Group in that way. For those who wish to join a meeting of the Walks Committee, this is normally held on a **Monday, 0930am (here) at the RSA**. All constructive ideas and comment welcome!

Tony: to propose that all the above-mentioned members receive the approval of the meeting to fill the positions they have volunteered.

Seconder: Janet Pretty

All in Favour? Yes.

Any Against? No.

Tony steps down as Chair of the meeting and Anita Lasenby takes over.

9. THANKS

Anita thanks all members who have carried out their roles in the past year and who continue to be willing to carry on with these responsibilities and thank you for their valuable service to those who are stepping down. And a warm welcome to our new officers. The Club could not operate without you.

Anita has been a member for about 7 years and admits to not having a job description nor a management 101 guideline to be president but is willing to give it a go!

Anita also gave special thanks to Tony and Vivienne for all their work and time keeping the group functioning well.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. MEETING CLOSED

Anita to declare the AGM closed at 10.45am