

# **MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP**

## **Minutes for Monthly Meeting 26 September 2024**

- **Welcome–**

Welcome everyone to our monthly meeting for September 2024.

**New members** – Cathie Johnson (*if present, but welcome anyway*)

**Visitors:**

**Apologies:** Dean and Petreah Carroll, Bill Heritage, Faye Green.

Joke for the month by Anita: ‘How to make a woman happy’

Lots of comments, laughter, and another joke from Tony!

- **Information requiring clipboard distribution.**

None

- **80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays & Other Significant Events**

Ask the meeting if any ‘unknown’ (80) birthdays or other significant events

Card for Clive Dyson delivered.

**Almoner’s Report:** Ali Roach-Wilson died after a car accident while on holiday.

Maureen Harris died at home with family. Many fond memories of Maureen mentioned including from Jean Courtenay in England.

One minute silence.

An Irish blessing sung by Anita for our past members.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Thanks to Trish and Peter for our morning tea.

Thanks to Bevan for arranging the seating.

Faye was unwell so unable to present the meeting badges. Marja-Mia Brusse has offered to be a badge buddy for Faye.

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

August 29th meeting minutes have been emailed to you all and are on our website.

Show of hands who read them?

Ask for a person present at that meeting to -

**Move that the Minutes of the August 29 2024 meeting are a true and correct record.**

Mover: Vivienne Pearson

Seconded: Fran Forsey

Carried.

Amendment(s):

The Brook Sanctuary entry fee was \$12 for everyone, as a special group discount.

The Brook Sanctuary information chat was cancelled on the day, as a large school group had arrived just before us.

Assuming approved: **Sign a copy of the August minutes.**

**Any matters arising from these minutes?**

- **Treasurer's Report**

Karen will present his report including forecast spend items.

Total balance in the bank \$3728 of which \$1875 held in reserve for forecast expenses.

For next month's financials the RSA has been paid a \$350 donation to their benevolent fund. The rescue helicopter donation of \$300 has also been paid and we have received a very nice thank you email for our continued support.

**Karen to propose the adoption of the report.**

Seconded: Tony Pearson

Passed.

**Membership:** Current statistics

Members 156                      Honorary 62                      Godwits 1

- **Correspondence—**

Usual walks information thanks to our dedicated organisers and mapping volunteers.

New member enquiries

Various emails regarding the Tree Planting opportunity at Baton Hotel. (Neville, Tony, and Anita)

A very nice thankyou email from Ange Palmer at Baton House, in appreciation of all the time and effort we put in.

Also, a thankyou email, mentioned earlier, from the Westpac Helicopter Trust for our donation.

A nice thank you from Helen Bacon for her 80<sup>th</sup> card. She says how we live in paradise here.

Please check spam/junk box and let me know if you are not receiving our emails.

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

September 5- Walk 3 found the new track 'One Step a bit Beyond' what they can easily manage. Maybe a better description of the walk is needed, or recce an alternative route to avoid these steps.

Sunday September 8- Baton Valley tree planting. Tony Pearson to report.

About 15 members attended an eventful session. First off, they had to contend with a tree blocking the road after an overnight storm. Then one member took a tumble and had to return home to recover. But after all that about 2200 trees were planted over the weekend to support the Zest for Life group. Zest for Life supports people with ME/CFS and Fibromyalgia in the Nelson Tasman area and this planting effort helps meet the goal of a seed fund for funding for distribution. The group had a good day and planted about 800 of the 2200 trees. Maybe we can do it again in the Autumn.

September 12- Walk 2 in the Brook Sanctuary very much enjoyed by 10 members who attended. No walk 1 or 3 due to no leaders.

September 19- No leader for walk 3 so no walk.

- **Instructions for coming month's walks:** Tony Pearson

**October 3 Local/Coast 9am \$7**

Walk 1 Rabbit/Rough Island M1

Walk 2 Rabbit/ Rough Island shorter E2

Walk 3 Rough Island E1

**October 10 Golden Bay 8am \$10**

Walk 1 Kill Devil to clearing H1

Walk 2 Kill Devil to lookout H1

Walk 3 9am Local/Coast \$3 Stephens Bay to Kaiteriteri.

Anita to check new parking time limit at Stephens Bay?

**October 17 Flora 9am \$12**

Walk 1 Mt Arthur hut to ridge M2

Walk 2 Mt Arthur hut M1

Walk 3 Nelson \$6 Whakapuaka Cemetery from Founders Park E2

**October 24 Mot Valley 9am \$4**

Walk 1 Mt Campbell circuit via Drummonds Hut from Boys Brigade H2

Walk 2 Brooklyn Hydro Walk M3

Walk 3 Local/Coast \$3 Kina Peninsular LT 09.15 E2

**October 31 Meeting at RSA 9.30am cuppa then 10am Meeting**

**After meeting walk: Riwaka Forest E3, \$3**

**Contact details for each monthly Walks Organiser are on the quarterly programme. Also secretary contact details if you require more information. These are also on the quarterly programme on the website.**

**Next walks planning committee meeting**

**Monday 25 November at the RSA 09.30am**

- **Health and Safety Matters**

Please check policy and guidelines for recommended dress code and what to carry for our walks. We never know when we can have sudden weather changes, or we can have a delay that could mean we get chilled or late getting home.

It is important that people assess their own capability of doing a planned walk by looking at the walk's description on the website and on the walks map and email distributed the week before the walk.

I did a surprise 'Clothing and Gear Quiz' for Walk 2 members at the Brook Sanctuary.

Congratulations to Mary Devine, who had everything on my list and therefore won a chocolate bar.

A reminder to others who did not have some basics, like a raincoat or a first aid kit.

Be mindful that you should carry enough first aid to treat yourself if you have an accident.

## **General Business**

**Blenheim away trip: Nov 18 -21:** 13 confirmed participants and 4 possibles

A reminder to everyone that if you would like access to the group maps, email secretary at [secretary50pluswalkers@gmail.com](mailto:secretary50pluswalkers@gmail.com) who can forward your email to our password provider.

If members have any changes to their address or phone numbers, can they please let Karen know.

**Replacement name badges for packs or hats:** Kindly handmade by our member Clive Dyson. Email Karen or Polly if you would like one. \$2 to sales table.

## **Sales Table Report**

Sales Table totals: Lee / Vivienne: \$48.70

**Safety Skills.** The dummy beacon is on the table for anyone to have a go with.

A carabiner clip has been added as a second point of attachment for radios. Hook radio to a strap or belt, then clip the carabiner to something else. It might save a long walk looking for a lost radio!

**Next meeting November 28 RSA 0930 with a shared pot luck lunch after the meeting. Venue to be confirmed.**

## **Meeting Closed**

Anita closed the meeting at 10.45

**After meeting walk-Riwaka ramble past a seat made and dedicated to a past president Ron Sharp.**