

SKI-LIB ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

60th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

In person at Conochie Hall 21 March 2024

Call to order

Geoff Thorp opened the 60th Annual General Meeting of Ski-lib Alpine Club Cooperative Limited at 6:34pm on 21 March 2024.

1. Attendance/Apologies

Present:

Geoffrey Thorp (Chair), Bambi McLean, Bryce McLean, Damien Sandy, David Burrows, Emma Appleton, Frank Bugeja, Graham O'Keefe, Jacqui McEwing, Kaye Lorraine, Konrad Cibis, Kurtis Baird, Margaret O'Keefe, Mark Besley, Paul Baulch, Robert Lorraine, Ronald Franke, Timothy Horton, Tracey Baird, Trudee Anderson

Apologies:

Adrienne Williamson, Alan Castleman, Alison Fincher, Anne-Marie Hyde, Beverley Castleman, Brayden McLean, Breanna Baird, Catherine Ross, Cecily Thorp, Charles Ross, Cindy Harris, David Ogilvy, Elaine Bird, Fergus Ross, Filomena Chan, Fred Blochlinger, Gordon Chan, Gwendolyn Mills, Helene Gordon, Jennifer Ogilvy, Karen Goodfellow, Kersten Ross, Lauren Clubb, Lynda Hocking, Malcolm Ross, Maree Cibis, Narelle Castleman, Peter Ross, Raymun Ghumman, Trevor Brown

Eligible Members: 176 members eligible to attend and vote.

Members Present: 20

Quorum: 18 in person including the board.

Quorum declared: YES

Reminder to please sign in to assist with attendance records.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the prior Annual General Meeting & Matters Arising

Motion	<i>That the Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting held on 28th March 2023 be accepted as read.</i>				
Matters Arising	No matter arising				
Moved	Kurtis Baird	Seconded	Konrad Cibis	Result	Carried

3. Board Reports & Financial Statements

- a. Chairman’s Report – [60th Chairmans Report for March 2024.docx](#)
- b. Treasurer’s Report – [2023 YrEnd Treasurers Report.docx](#)

Motion	<i>That the Reports and Financial Statements from the Board and the Auditors be received.</i>				
Matters Arising	No matters specific to financials were raised. Questions from the floor as follows Q - Konrad Cibis – Falls Creek sinking fund – why is it an expense at this time? External works are repairs and maintenance, should this be capitalised or expensed? A – Bryce McClean – we are following the auditors advice to expense it. Q – Mark Ross – What was the thought process behind buying back shares. A – Bryce and Damien – We had to follow the rules for shares that needed to be cancelled under certain circumstances. Action: Fix report to record that shares were not bought back, rather they were cancelled.				
Moved	Konrad	Seconded	Dave B	Result	Carried

4. Re-appointment of Auditor

Motion	<i>That Collins and Co. of 127 Paisley Street, Footscray Vic 3011 be re-appointed as auditors for the 2024 financial year of SkiLib Alpine Club Co-operative Ltd.</i>				
Matters Arising	None				
Moved	Trudee	Seconded	Bob Lorraine	Result	Carried

5. Election of Directors

Motion	<i>Directors Mark Besley, Emma Appleton and Jacqui McEwing retire by rotation and being eligible are all seeking re-election. Given the number of nominations received matches the number of available positions, no vote is required, and these directors are re-elected for a further term.</i>				
Matters Arising	None				
Moved	Konrad Cibis	Seconded	David Burrows	Result	Carried

6. Directors Remuneration

The Chair noted that the Directors' remuneration pool of 15,000 is distributed amongst directors, as determined by the board. In accordance with practice over recent years, remuneration is paid as work party credits.

Motion	<i>The Chair proposed that the Directors' remuneration increase to \$18,000 from \$15,000.</i>				
Matters Arising	<p>Bob Lorraine – believes that 20% increase is too high. Directors should be encouraged to do the job for non-financial purposes.</p> <p>Mark Ross – 20% over 5 years is ~4% non-compounding and is in support.</p> <p>Peter Doyle– believes the increase is fair and reasonable given the efforts.</p>				
Moved	David Burrows	Seconded	Paul Baulch	Result	Carried

7. Special Business

Membership

- High demand for shares in recognition of the quality of our club
- Paul Baulch - What is the process to sell shares?
 - o A - People with applications in will be notified of any shares that are available.
- Q – What happens with family shares such as a bereavement.
 - o A – should the estate wish to pass to a family member that is supported.

Lease Renewal – Mt Buller

- Current lease was signed in 1993 for 33 years
- Ends 16 December 2028
- RMB has been amalgamated to a single Alpine Resorts Victoria (ARV) (Falls, Buller, Baw Baw, Lake Mountain, Mt Hotham)

ARV – are in a state of flux as they do not know what they are doing yet.
The are looking to reduce the bureaucratic procedural items.

May not need to put together a significant business plan as per the current process.

Konrad – expectation of higher regulation and building code alignment as part of the new process.

We are working with the (consultants?) to work out the best plan given the current knowledge.

Mark Ross – is there an expectation that we will need to obtain a full BAL rating?

Emma A – we are not expecting to have a full BAL rating but need to be

Konrad – expectation is that safety standards are going to be set, but some flexibility may exist with building material and colours etc.

We are building a war chest knowing that costs will need to be covered to secure the new lease.

Q – Ron Franke – Given the uncertainty of the status of the process, how do we expect to manage the lease renewal? Would we look to sign up to a short-term lease or seek an extension of our current lease.

A – Emma Appleton – we are not expecting to be at risk and anticipate the ARV will provide a solution to keep us in place whilst they work out their plans.

Q – Mark Ross – Have we been advised of the lease term calculation methodology?

A – Emma Appleton – We are expecting this to change, however do not know what this will be. We are working towards property improvement in regard to efficiency (double glazing, more efficient heaters etc.). We will not spend significant amounts of money without clear direction.

Mt Buller Update

Summer Lodge Manager issues. Thanks to Paul Hogg and Emma for taking over for summer at late notice.

Paul and Emma have been successful in their application for Winter lodge manager.

Drainage works to front of lodge steps to manage mud and damage.

Ovens are to be installed before the season – three phase, larger and better. Commercial.

Roof sheet replacement – damaged due to snow with temporary fix. Sheets to hopefully be replaced prior to winter. Significant challenges with the job may be delayed to next summer.

Bookings – Mt Buller

- Winter 2023 – strong bookings even though it was a poor snow season
- Continued through to September
- National Interschool Competition was cancelled.
- School Groups and public we strong.

Summer 2023

- Event weekends are strong (mountain biking etc.)
- Quiet during midweeks

Winter 2024

- Opened in December
- Strong bookings from members
- Public bookings are increasing
- School Holidays are getting full
- Midweek bookings are filling up

Bookings Falls Creek

Summer 2023

- One member booking only

Winter 2024

- Opened early with very strong bookings
- Predominantly member bookings
- Any vacancies to be opened to public

Q – Trudee Besley – Should we introduce a ballot or fairer booking process for falls creek. Has this been discussed?

A – Mark Besley – we have received some feedback from members that they are unable to get any bookings and noted that the same members are booking significant swathes of the season. We are aware of the issue and have yet to discuss how this can be addressed. We will do so in due course.

Konrad Cibis – used to be able to book Falls Creek room by room.

Falls Creek Update

- Refer to Bryce's notes

Paul Baulch – Has there been any consideration to EV charging stations?

Geoff Thorpe – we will consider this and factor it into the Lease renewal.

Mark Ross – does our current policy have bush fire cover?

Bryce/Geoff - Yes.

Kaye – are we getting any new mattresses this year?

Mark – No plans at this stage. Logistics is difficult and costly to get there. Bob has offered to carry them up.

Konrad – given there are issues with competition for rooms. with the booking rules changes do you see that there is likely to be an abuse of these booking rules?

Geoff – we do not believe this will cause any issues. We will monitor this.

Neil Grieg (comment) - Congratulation to the boards past and present for getting SkiLib to 60 years. 1964 inaugural meeting to establish the club and Ron Franke's house. Regaled us with some of the history of the forming and building of the club. The boards past and present have faced many challenges over the years and continue to overcome those challenges and it is wonderful to see that the club continues on so strong.

Geoff – thank you and acknowledging the founders and long held members and looking forward to many years and generations of members to come.

9. Meeting Close

Geoff Thorp adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

Minutes submitted by: Damien Sandy



Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings

Minutes approved by: Geoff Thorp, Chairman