



# BRINDABELLA SKI CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday 23 September 2020

Online meeting via Zoom

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Attendance

##### Full Members – Voting

1. Andrew Kelly	26. Heather Frisken	51. Margaret Simpson
2. Andrew Lawrence	27. Helen Cox	52. Margaret Smythe
3. Anthony Seymour	28. Holly Lawrence	53. Mark Green
4. Ben Coutts	29. Ian McFarlane	54. Michael Stuckey
5. Beth Hilton-Thorp	30. Ian Webb	55. Mike Bowers
6. Bill Book	31. Ilea Buffier	56. Mike Bromfield
7. Bronwen Shepherd	32. Jack Hartican	57. Nick Forster
8. Bruce Hartican	33. Jade Hancock	58. Noel Mungovan
9. Christina Grant	34. James Lawrence	59. Paul Campbell
10. Clea Efstathiadis	35. Jean Casburn	60. Paul Sayers
11. Curtis Hancock	36. Jenny Hartican	61. Peter Gamble
12. Daniele Leyder	37. Judy Jenkinson	62. Peter Gottlieb
13. Darrell Porter	38. Karen Watson	63. Richard Radajewski
14. Dave Rae	39. Kate Woffenden	64. Rob McGregor
15. David Banham	40. Keith Besgrove	65. Robert Griffin
16. David Grant	41. Keith Fairbrother	66. Ross Calvert
17. David Pember	42. Kerry Bell	67. Ross McKay
18. David Wentworth-Perry	43. Kimble Williamson	68. Sally Anne Brown
19. Debbie Davie	44. Larry Shepherd	69. Sandra Miles-Wood
20. Eskil Julliard	45. Laurelle Besgrove	70. Simon Bass
21. Gary Buffinton	46. Leo Efstathiadis	71. Simon Wright
22. Georgina Dudzinski	47. Leonie McGregor	72. Susanne Weress
23. Geraldine Denny	48. Linda Groom	73. Tony Hill
24. Gray McLaren	49. Luisa De Conti	74. Wal Costanzo
25. Hazel Shepherd	50. Margaret Pounder	75. Warwick Forster

##### Observers – Non-voting

1. Ben Troy
2. Bianca Troy
3. Ian Lake

4. Kellie Meehan
5. Lisa Macleod
6. Pat Williams
7. Rob Foley
8. Rod Holesgrove
9. Sonia Garland

## 1. Welcome

The president, James Lawrence welcomed members to the 2020 AGM (70<sup>th</sup> AGM).

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Brindabella Ski Club (BSC) acknowledges that Aboriginal people were the first people of the land on which our club is built. BSC acknowledges the Ngarigo people as the traditional custodians of the Snowy Monaro region.

### **Postponed AGM date explained**

This year's AGM was due to be held 23 March 2020 but was instead postponed for Covid-19 safety reasons. The meeting could not be held until changes to legislation allowed full member attendees to be present and vote via remote telecommunications. (See item 7, motion 5 for further details).

### **Proxies**

During a COVID-19 emergency the ACT Associations Incorporation Act allows members to vote by proxy at a general meeting. Five proxies were received, three for the meeting chair and two for Bruce Hartican. All proxies were in favour of motions.

## 2. Apologies

1. Barbara Herden
2. Barbara Silinis
3. Jane Allen
4. Kerryn Milligan
5. Richard Blavins
6. Tony Danaro

## 3. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting, 23 March 2019

**Motion:** That the minutes of the AGM of 24 March 2019 be confirmed.

Moved: Robert Griffin

Seconded: James Lawrence

Motion carried.

## 4. President's Report

The President, James Lawrence, presented his report on the activities of the Club in 2019-20.

### **In memoriam**

Dorothy Brown and David Magill who passed away this year were remembered.



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### Resignations

During the year Bruce Hartican resigned as VP Tiobunga and from the Lodge Operations sub committee. Jenny Hartican also resigned from the Lodge Operations sub committee and Garry Buffington resigned from the Bookings sub-Committee. The club thanks them for many years of commitment to the club.

### 5. Presentation of Audited Statements of Accounts, Net Profit and Loss Statement and Auditor's Report

James, presented the Treasurer's report and the Audited Financial Statements for the Brindabella Ski Club for the year ending 31 October 2019.

**Motion 1:** That the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2019 be accepted.

Moved: James Lawrence

Seconded: Robert Griffin

Motion carried.

### 6. Matters required to be decided under the Club's rules

#### a. Appointment of Auditor

**Motion 2:** That Vincents Audit Pty Ltd is appointed to audit the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Moved: James Lawrence

Seconded: Robert Griffin

Motion carried.

#### b. Setting of Annual Subscriptions

**Motion 3:** That annual membership subscriptions be increased by 30% and rounded to an integer multiple of five dollars (\$5).

Moved: James Lawrence

Seconded: Robert Griffin

Motion carried.

#### c. Membership Levy

**Motion 4:** Membership Levy – Withdrawn

*Explanatory notes:* Historically, a membership levy is used for club improvements. Our reason to raise funds does not fit this purpose.

### 7. Special Resolution to change the Club's Rules

**Motion 5:** To consider and if thought fit pass the following special resolution:

Resolved as a special resolution that the Rules of the Association be altered as follows:

Adding a new Rule 26(1)(a) as follows:

The committee may authorise that the meeting be held using a method of communication, or a combination of methods of communication, that allows a member taking part to hear or otherwise know what each other member taking part says without the members being in each other's presence.

*Examples*

*a phone link, a satellite link, an internet or intranet link, in writing*

Adding a new Rule 26(1)(b) as follows:

A person who takes part in a meeting conducted under subsection (1a) is taken, for all purposes, to be present at the meeting.

Moved: James Lawrence

Seconded: Robert Griffin

Motion carried.

## 8. Election of Returning Officer

**Motion:** That Mike Bromfield be appointed as Returning Officer for this AGM.

Moved: James Lawrence

Seconded: Robert Griffin

Motion carried.

## 9. Election of Committee members for 2020-21

The following members were elected to Club positions:

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	James Lawrence	Holly Lawrence	Robert Griffin
VP Management	Darrell Porter	Margaret Smythe	Kate Woffenden
VP Kyilla	Richard Radajewski	Stefan Radajewski	Anthony Hill
VP Tiobunga	Curtis Hancock	Jade Hancock	James Lawrence
VP Waragun	Rob McGregor	James Lawrence	Robert Griffin
Treasurer	-	-	-
Secretary	Robert Griffin	Bronwen Shepherd	James Lawrence
Business Planning	David Pember	Karen Pember	David Rae
Information Officer	Ben Coutts	Maria Stavreas	James Lawrence
Membership Officer	Margaret Smythe	Bill Book	Darrell Porter
Club Captain	Warwick Forster	David Wentworth Perry	Bede Seymour

There were no nominations for Treasurer. An expression of interest is to be issued (subject to motion below) as members were not aware of the vacancy. A financial sub-committee is intended to be established.

**Motion:** That the position of treasurer not be determined at this AGM, and that the committee call for expressions of interest in the position after the AGM and appoint a treasurer.

Moved: James Lawrence

Seconded: Mike Bromfield

Motion carried.

## 10. Other business



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James Lawrence, as returning President, took the chair.

- a. Welcomed new members.
  
- b. Questions and discussions from the floor:
  - Question: How many adult members are there in the club?  
Response: There are about 560 to 570 full adult members including life members. There are approximately 1100 members in total.
  
  - Question: Is the intention to reduce annual fees once the club is financially stable?  
*(supporters: Ilea Buffier, Geraldine Denny)*  
Response: The Committee's likely intention is to reassess membership fees once accommodation revenue returns to a more normal level. This probably won't happen next year [2021].
  
  - Question: Can we open up weekend bookings for Summer for those who are unable to use the lodge during the working week? *(supporters: Hazel Shepherd, Daniele Leyder, Luisa De Conti, Ilea Buffier)*  
Response: The Committee has established a Lodge Operations sub-Committee that will be looking at Summer bookings. The sub-Committee recognises the importance of weekend stays.
  
  - Question: Can we open up memberships to raise funds?  
Response: General lack of support noted for increased membership availability due to current and predicted competition for beds.
  
  - Question: Dave Grant – Can we sell BSC merchandise to raise funds?  
Response: Positive interest noted. James invited interested members to volunteer to assist with merchandise.
  
  - Question: Why can't we have a loan rate better than 6.2%?  
Response: 6.2% was the rate at which the loan was originally settled. The rate is currently lower than that. The loan is a commercial loan, which has a higher rate than a home mortgage. The loan is secured against the business and property associated with Tiobunga.
  
  - General comments:
    - General acknowledgment for the hard work of the Committee and other contributing members over what has been a very challenging year.
    - James thanked the members who booked into the lodges over winter and adhered to the COVID-19 operating procedures.
    - Jenny and Bruce Hartican were acknowledged for their years of service to the club as Lodge Manager Tiobunga and VP Kyilla and VP Tiobunga respectively.
    - Bryan Collis was acknowledged for his years of service as Club Treasurer.
    - James Lawrence was acknowledged for his ongoing years of service as Club President.

The club will be 70 years old on 15 June 2021. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BSC celebrations to be held in 2021 at The Boat House, Canberra. There is currently a tentative booking for 29 May 2021. Further details will be made available as they are confirmed.

The President closed the meeting at 9:26 PM.

Rob Griffin

Secretary

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