

MINUTES OF THE 95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MT CHEESEMAN SKI CLUB INC.

Held on Monday 24th March 2025
at Te Kura Hagley Tennis Club, at 7:30 pm

<p>1. Attendance and Welcome</p>	<p>Sue Alexander, Dean Johnston, Andrew Sparks, Dave Hinman, Adrian Grierson, Helen Rutter, Alan Hinman, Graham Copp, Sam Timbrell, Jared Pettersson, Ros Service, Sue Cumberworth, Owen Wilson, Tony Tinga, Geoff Tocker, William Fulton, Cam Lill, Michael Crawford, David Brittan, Graham Stephenson, Colin Daniell, Nick Rutter, Matt Toohey, Sean Moran, Richard Cranstone, Ana Haase, Ginny Gardiner, Jim Palmer, Rachel Alexander (29 members)</p> <p>In attendance: James Lazor, Dave Gibbons</p> <p>Minutes Secretary: Helen Rutter</p> <p>Sue Alexander welcomed members to the meeting, thanked members for their attendance, introduced the committee and noted that Eoghan O’Sullivan is not seeking re-election. Sue also welcomed James Lazor as our new Mountain Manager.</p>
<p>2. Apologies</p>	<p>Min Lilley, Dan Van Asch, Jacob Hinman, Neil Wech, Ross Bowie, Morris Lewis, Roly Chisholm, Paul Bingham, Paul Lamont, Steve Haase</p> <p>Motion: That the apologies be accepted. Moved: Sue Alexander Seconded: Tony Tinga</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>3. Remembrance</p>	<p>Members stood in silence to remember:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ged Irwin Alastair Wilson Van Colebourne</p>
<p>4. Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2024 had been circulated with the 2024 Annual Report.</p> <p>Motion: That the minutes be taken as read. Moved: Sue Alexander Seconded: Owen Wilson</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>

	<p>Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 25 March 2024.</p> <p>Moved: Cam Lill</p> <p>Seconded: Dean Johnston</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>5. Matters arising from the minutes</p>	<p>Discussion about meeting venue – Sue Alexander reported that she enquired about the Richmond Club. The rooms available were either too large or too small and were not cost-effective to hire. An alternative option to try for next time is the Old Stone House. Dave Hinman commented that at the present meeting we had “solved the issue of providing drinks”.</p>
<p>6. Presentation of the 95th Annual Report</p>	<p>a. <u>President’s Report</u></p> <p>Sue Alexander spoke to her report - 2024 was a difficult winter and the Committee has been taking a prudent approach to managing the Club’s affairs. Being unable to run the P&Is and school holiday week had a significant impact on our finances. We continue to benefit from grant funding for specific items or projects plus we received good income from CUSSA Snow Sale, however people may be reluctant to commit to purchases in 2025 because of the limited opportunity to redeem vouchers last year. The kitchen upgrade was a big improvement, there is more work to do but this was put on hold over this summer. Urgent work has been required to waterproof the Snow Safety and Patrol area and re-line ceilings and walls.</p> <p>DOC concession is being processed – the sticking point is the amount they want to charge ski fields and clubs for their Annual Activity Fee based on the average Gross Annual Revenue for the preceding 3 years.</p> <p>It is important that we continue to generate income that is not reliant on snow.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOC – we are unclear about whether DOC will require retrospective payments. All parties are at risk if we are unable to obtain agreement to the concession. DOC contribute to road maintenance to Middle Hut – locking the gate at Forest Lodge has helped reduce wear and tear on the road. • Selwyn District Council liquor licencing proposed changes have been sorted – Duty Manager needs to be available within 10 minutes. • Update on Forest Lodge – good relationship with Sam Moore and sorting out maintenance responsibilities. <p>b. <u>Treasurer’s Review</u></p> <p>Al Hinman spoke to his report - noted that some of the numbers in his report do not match those in the Performance Review. The total revenue should be ~\$426K with overall expenditure ~\$564K resulting in overall operating loss of ` \$138K.</p> <p>The interest on the Grierson grader loan is now up to date and regular payments are being made.</p>

Discussion:

- Insurance costs – there is little room to adjust further. Cam Lill noted that in the past we have had periods where Forest Lodge was not insured, but it is positive to have this currently covered.
- Snow Sale tickets are recorded in the annual accounts as Lift Tickets.
- Some of the Porter Heights Ski Club funds are being used to maintain a positive balance in the current account to avoid overdraft fees. It is intended that this will be returned to the Porters account when we are able.
- Query from Adrian Grierson about why 'Roads' are coded with 'Buildings' – possible historic coding issue that would need further investigation.
- Query from Adrian Grierson about what can be done to reduce power costs. This is already being investigated, and we are trying to make savings by turning off hot water cylinders during summer when not required.

Motion: That the Annual Accounts for the 12 months ending 31 December 2024 are formally adopted.

Moved: Al Hinman

Seconded: Adrian Grierson

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c. Development Council Report

No report as Development Council did not meet in 2024. The future of the Development Council is an issue to be resolved as part of the Constitution review. Andrew Sparks commented that "there had been a reason for having the Development Council and that it had been a purposeful group."

d. Mountain Manager's Report

Cam Lill spoke to his report and the challenges of 2024 and how to manage the lack of snow and researching the potential for snow making.

Discussion:

- Gearbox overhaul and what it entails.
- Snow making – requirements for water storage and the goal of coverage below Tower 3. Noted that we are looking at using portable snow fencing to capture the natural snow.
- Request for clarifications of acronyms used e.g. NDT – non destructive test.

e. Adoption of the 95th Annual Report

Motion: That the 95th Annual Report be adopted.

Moved: Sue Alexander

Seconded: Owen Wilson

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<p>7. Election of the management committee</p>	<p>Nominations were received for the following Club Officer positions, and they were elected unopposed.</p> <p>President: Sue Alexander Vice President 1: Sue Cumberworth Vice President 2: Sam Timbrell Treasurer: Al Hinman</p> <p>Nominations for General Committee members and they were elected unopposed.</p> <p>Rachel Alexander Ros Service Michael Crawford</p> <p>Noted that Mike Crawford’s late nomination was accepted on medical grounds (he was in hospital at the time nominations were called). Eoghan O’Sullivan did not seek re-election and was thanked for his time on the Committee in the past year. Sue Alexander congratulated the appointees and looks forward to working with them. It was noted that the Committee may co-opt a further two members as appropriate.</p>
<p>8. Election of Development Council</p>	<p>There were no nominations received. Graham Stephenson has completed his four-year term. Andrew Sparks has a further two-years on his term. The future of the Development Council is to be discussed as part of the Constitution review.</p>
<p>9. Appointment of Patron</p>	<p>Owen Wilson has agreed to continue as Patron. Sue Alexander thanked him for his ongoing involvement.</p> <p>Owen thanked the outgoing committee members for all their work and wished the incoming members all the best.</p>
<p>10. Appointment of Auditor</p>	<p>Motion: That Ainger Tomlin, Chartered Accountants are appointed as Auditor for the forthcoming year (2025). Moved: Al Hinman Seconded: Rachel Alexander</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>11.Appointment of Honorary Solicitor</p>	<p>Tom Evatt is unable to continue as Honorary Solicitor and so the position is currently vacant.</p> <p>Sue Alexander acknowledged that Tom has been in this role since 2021 and on behalf of the Club thanked him for his advice and support during this time.</p>

<p>12. General Business</p>	<p>a. <u>Special Motion</u> Motion: That no item of capital expenditure or maintenance exceeding a value of \$100,000 shall be proceeded with unless 50% of the cash is available after all the current debts have been met. Moved: Al Hinman Seconded: David Brittan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>b. <u>Review of Constitution</u> Sue Alexander explained that the Club is required to re-register with an updated Constitution to meet the requirements of the new Incorporated Societies Act by April 2026. Proposed changes were circulated with the Annual Report and a Special General Meeting will be called to allow adequate time for discussion and voting. Key recommendations from the Committee include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The numbers required for a quorum – by using a percentage of membership this will allow us to adjust the minimum numbers required depending on the total number of members. 2. Reducing the number of Vice Presidents (from two to one). 3. The future of the Development Council. 4. Clarifying issues around employees being part of the Management Committee and the management of any conflict of interests. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that there will be opportunity to discuss all changes at the Special General meeting. • James Lazor may be able to find some wording for ‘conflict of interest’. • Andrew Sparks suggested we might want a maximum number for the quorum. Ros Service reminded everyone that the quorum is to reduce risk, and it is a minimum acceptable number. • Andrew Sparks commented that the document must be ‘enduring’. It was noted that the Constitution may be amended at any AGM. Owen Wilson commended that “any constitution is a living document and may need to change as required.” • Any feedback and comments can be emailed to president@mtcheeseman.co.nz in advance of the Special General Meeting. • Sue Cumberworth acknowledged the work put in by Sue Alexander and Owen Wilson on the proposed Constitution. • Adrian Grierson thanked Sue Alexander for her work in running the Club.
<p>Close</p>	<p>Sue Alexander thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support for the Club.</p> <p>There being no further General Business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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