

CANBERRA ALPINE CLUB INC

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at 7.30 pm, Wednesday 22 March 2023

Canberra Bridge Club, 6 Duff Place Deakin ACT

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 23 March 2022 (published at pp 24-36 of issue 2/2022 of *Frozen Acres*)
3. Reports from the President and Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members (see nominations and note on p5)
5. Appointment of Auditor (see note on p6)
6. Motion on notice (*Proposed: Caroline Walker / Jeremy Lucas*)

That this meeting elect Jenny McLeod to be an Honorary Life Member of the Club in recognition of her outstanding service. (see note on p6)

7. Motions on notice – Constitutional changes (see notes on pp 7-8). All motions in Item 7 proposed by Caroline Walker / Jenny McLeod

- 7a. Remote attendance at General Meetings

That this meeting resolves to provide for remote attendance at General Meetings, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Amend clause 2(1) to include the following:

“Remote Attendance” means attendance at a meeting using a method of communication (including but not limited to a phone link, a satellite link, an internet or intranet link, or in writing), or a combination of methods of communication, that allows a person taking part to hear or otherwise know what

each other person taking part says without the participants being in each other's presence.

Remove clause 31(2) and replace with the following:

31(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), General Meetings may only be held in the Australian Capital Territory or at a Club lodge, however the committee may authorise a person, or a class of members, to attend the meeting by Remote Attendance.

31(3) A person who takes part in a meeting by Remote Attendance in accordance with clause 31(2) is taken, for all purposes, to be present at the meeting.

7b. Remote attendance at Committee Meetings

That this meeting resolves to provide for remote attendance at Committee Meetings, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

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Remove clause 26(2) and replace with the following:

26(2) Committee meetings may be held:

(a) in person; or

(b) by Remote Attendance; or

(c) a combination of in person and Remote Attendance.

26(2A) A person who takes part in a meeting by Remote Attendance in accordance with clause 26(2) is taken, for all purposes, to be present at the Committee meeting.

7c. Change the upper age of Youth Membership to 25

That this meeting resolves to change the upper age of Youth Membership from 23 to 25, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance

with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 8(1)(a) – delete “23”, replace with “25”.

Clause 9A(1)(a) – delete “23”, replace with “25”.

7d. Increase limitation on commitments from \$25,000 to \$100,000

That this meeting resolves to increase the expenditure amount that the Committee can commit to, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 36(1) – delete “25,000”, replace with “100,000”.

7e. Change Club badge

That this meeting resolves to change the Club badge, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Schedule – delete



and replace with



7f. Update objects of the Club to refer to snowsports instead of skiing

That this meeting resolves to refer to snowsports instead of skiing in the objects of the Club, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 3(a) – delete “skiing”, replace with “snowsports”.

Clause 3(d) – delete “skiing”, replace with “snowsports”.

Clause 3(e) – delete “skiers”, replace with “snowsports participants and enthusiasts”.

7g. Clarify reporting of findings by an Investigation Committee

That this meeting resolves to clarify the reporting of findings by an Investigation Committee, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in

accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 46(2) – delete “and the Investigation Committee considers that further action should be taken”, replace with “irrespective of whether the Investigation Committee considers that further action should be taken”.

7h. Minor amendments

That this meeting resolves to update various clauses for clarity and to clarify payment methods by the Club, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 11A(3)(b) – delete “where to re-instate”, replace with “if reinstating”.

Clause 24(4) – delete “elected in accordance subclause (3)”, replace with “elected in accordance with subclause (3)”

Clause 26(3) – delete “attend such meeting”, replace with “attend such a meeting”

Clause 27(1) – delete “shall be supported”, replace with “must be supported”

Clause 27(4) – delete “effectual”, replace with “effective”

Clause 31(1) – delete “relevant”

Clause 32 – delete “relevant”

Clause 34(5) - delete “at such meeting”, replace with “at such a meeting”

Clause 37(2)(a) – delete “by cheque”, replace with “deleted”

Clause 37(3) – delete “cheques shall be signed”, replace with “Payments made by means specified or authorised by subclauses 2(b) and (c) shall be authorised”

Clause 41(4) – delete “as provided for by subsection 74(3) of the Act”, replace with “as provided for by the Act”

8. Motion on notice – *(Proposed: Peter Cunningham / Caroline Walker)*

That the Committee be authorised to commit the Club to spend up to \$200,000 to proceed with the external cladding of the Jindabyne lodge. (See note on p8)

9. Motion on notice – *(Proposed: Peter Cunningham / Peter Richards)*

That the Committee be authorised to commit the Club to spend up to \$300,000 to proceed with the enclosing of the Perisher south deck and extension of the dining room. (See note on p8)

9. Update on website redevelopment

10. General Business

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

The following nominations have been received for the advertised vacancies:

President Caroline Walker (Jeremy Lucas / Amanda East)

Vice President Jeremy Lucas (Caroline Walker / Roger Brake)

Ordinary Committee Members (3 vacancies):

Alan Booth (Caroline Walker / Roger Brake)

Peter Cunningham (Rhonda Cunningham / Jenny McLeod)

Cheryl Taylor (Ross Taylor / Will Comensoli)

Jenny McLeod, Secretary

March 2023

NOTES ON AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 4 – Election of Committee Members

The members whose nominations for President, Vice President, and Ordinary Committee Member are notified above shall be declared elected at the AGM to their respective positions – the number nominating being equal to the number vacant (Clause 25(5) of the Club’s Constitution).

For information, the following Committee Members were elected at the 2022 AGM and continue to serve on the Committee in their current position until the 2024 AGM:

Vice President: Amanda East

Secretary: Jenny McLeod

Treasurer: Will Comensoli

Ordinary Committee Members: Yvette Lejins, Miriam Rihani, Chrissie Young

Agenda Item 5 – Appointment of Auditor

Patrick Salter was appointed as auditor at the 2021 AGM. The Committee recommends that Patrick Salter of Salter Associates is appointed as Auditor for a further two year term until the 2025 AGM.

Agenda Item 6 – Motion on Notice (*Honorary Life Membership*)

(Notes by Caroline Walker)

Jenny joined the Canberra Alpine Club as a Junior Member in 1977 and from the very beginning was an enthusiastic participant in Club activities. She joined the Committee in 1999 and has since worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Club as a Committee member for over 20 years. Key roles she has held during this time include Vice President 2000-2001, President 2002-2003 and Secretary from 2010 until the present. She has also been the Franklin Officer since 2020, assisting prior to then, and is currently the convenor of the Membership and Public Relations subcommittees. She is also an active participant on the Governance, Bookings, Lodges and Finance subcommittees.

Notable contributions Jenny has made include helping create the Club's website in the early 2000s, starting Skimail in 2005 and starting the Club's Facebook page in 2008. She is regularly the public face of the Club at the annual Snowsports Expo and the ACT Heritage Festival. She has represented the Club on numerous occasions in the Balmain and Perisher Cups and regularly participates in Club races across various disciplines (Alpine, XC and Jump). Many Club trophies have her listed as a recipient, including the Lane-Poole trophy in 2004. She is also a keen participant in many of the Club's social activities.

I have known Jenny for a shorter period of time than many long-standing Club members but in the 10 years I have been a member, I have not seen anyone contribute more to the Club than Jenny. Her work as Secretary is nothing short of amazing and the Club would certainly not run as efficiently as it does without her enormous efforts. She is the Committee member that others rely on for information, explanation and advice on all matters relating to the Club.

While I am delighted to propose the motion to elect Jenny to be an Honorary Life Member of the Club in recognition of her outstanding service to the Club over more than 40 years, and Jeremy Lucas is pleased to second the motion, the motion also has the support of the full Committee and has been enthusiastically welcomed by existing Honorary Life Members of the Club.

Agenda Item 7 – Motions on Notice (*Constitutional changes*)

Proposed Constitutional changes have been discussed in articles in *Frozen Acres* and *Skimail* previously, in particular in the November/December 2022 *Frozen Acres*. All of these changes are supported by the current Committee.

7a. Remote attendance at General Meetings

These clauses define “remote attendance”, based on the wording used by the ACT Government in legislation, and provide for remote attendance at General Meetings.

7b. Remote attendance at Committee Meetings

These clauses define “remote attendance”, based on the wording used by the ACT Government in legislation, and provide for remote attendance at Committee Meetings. Motions 6a and 6b each include an (identical) definition of “remote attendance”, to cater for a situation where one motion is rejected and the other passed.

7c. Change the upper age of Youth Membership to 25.

This motion is an outcome of feedback on the discussion paper produced in 2022 and discussion at the 2022 AGM. The effect of these changes is to raise the upper age for Youth membership from 23 to 25. Corresponding changes will be made to the By-laws if this change is agreed.

7d. Increase limitation on commitments from \$25,000 to \$100,000

This limitation has been discussed at previous AGMs. The limit of \$25,000 has been in place since 1996. The Committee considers that \$100,000 is now a reasonable limit.

7e. Change Club badge

As part of the Club’s new branding strategy, in 2022 the Committee presented 3 logo design concepts and invited members to vote on their preferred design.

The new logo will provide a modern take of the club from its inception in 1934 to be more inclusive of activities that include snowsports and summer activities.

With a lot of positive feedback, Option 1 was the preferred choice voted by members, with the results published in the November/December edition of *Frozen Acres*, and this is the option presented in this motion.

7f. Update objects of the Club to refer to snowsports instead of skiing

The Committee considers that the objectives should be more inclusive of snowsports other than skiing, for example snowboarding and snowshoeing.

7g. Clarify reporting of findings by an Investigation Committee

An anomaly was noted in the current wording, where under certain circumstances, an Investigation Committee is not required to provide any report to the Committee, or the member against whom an allegation has been made - or any notification that a report is not necessary. This update is intended to clarify that an Investigation Committee must provide a report.

7h. Minor amendments for clarity

Amendments covered by this motion are generally to clarify wording and are not generally intended to change the meaning of clauses. An exception to this are the amendments to Clause 37, which remove cheques as a method of payment by the Club (note that cheques will still be accepted as payment to the Club, although are not encouraged).

Agenda Item 8 – Motion on Notice (*Jindabyne cladding*)

The new Jindabyne Lodge, which has been operating since 1 August 2014, was initially designed and approved to have external Colourbond cladding however we were forced to cut this and render the lodge's exterior instead when we ran into budget overruns. In November 2022 we experienced exterior damage when the window awning over room 3 fell off. After a subsequent inspection with the original builder, Dovetail Constructions, we have come to the conclusion that the best future option is to clad the lodge as originally designed.

In December 2022 we had the lodge assessed by Canberra structural engineer Gerin Hingee who has said there are no problems in putting on exterior Colourbond cladding. The original architect, David Law, and Dovetail Constructions are providing a design and quotation which has not been received yet. A tentative estimate of \$200,000 has been used for financial modelling.

Agenda Item 9 – Motion on Notice (*Perisher South Deck*)

This project received NSW Planning DA approval in 2013. The first stage was demolition and rebuilding of the south deck and restoration of the underlying structural stone wall. Progress was stopped following the 2017 AGM when Members voted for the priority of paying down the Jindabyne debt. By approving this motion then the Club would be able to proceed with construction over the 2023/24 summer otherwise construction would have to be delayed until Member's approval at the 2024 AGM or holding an EGM. It allows the maximum flexibility for the Club to conduct the capital works program.

Agenda item 10 – Update on website redevelopment

Jeremy Lucas will provide a brief update of progress on the rebranding and website redevelopment project.