AAC Falls Creek Inc

2021 Annual General Meeting held online

On 18th May 2021 @ 7:30pm AEST



Chairperson:

Justin Checcucci

Committee Members:

Will Zacharin (Treasurer), Alan Long (Bookings Officer), John Burnett (Lodge Supervisor), , Jenny Hughes (Secretary), Lynn Cameron (Membership Officer), and Tony Jordan (Communications & Marketing).

Attendees:

John Burnett, Lynn Cameron, Justin Checcucci, Jenny Hughes, Tony Jordan, Alan Long, Will Zacharin, Ross Barker, Judy Barone, John Bell, Carol Buscetti, Jenny Cameron, John Cameron, Annette Chatterton, Nigel Cowie, Ian Farrow, Angie Fearon, John Gallant, Hugh James, Tamara Kerlander, Jillian McIntyre, Kate McIntyre, Rebecca McIntyre, Noel Poon, Tony Ryder, Brian Scott, Maureen Szkilnik, Mike Szkilnik, Stefanie Szkilnik, Robert Walker, Tash Zacharin, Daniel Maj (Proacct), Julia Mitas (guest).

Apologies:

Apologies were received and tabled as follows:

Nicholas Szkilnik, Kim Walker, Robert Minson, Henry Minson.

Introduction

Justin Checcucci welcomed and thanked everyone for making the time to attend the 2021 Annual General Meeting. Julia Mitas, our new lodge manager, was introduced.

Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were presented.

Motion: That the Minutes be accepted:

MOVED: Tony Jordan SECONDED: John Burnett

All in favour.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

1. Carried forward from previous AGM meeting.

John Cameron requested that the Committee look at reviewing the 19/16/15 days booking process for the future.

A new process was to be trialed in 2020 with eligible waitlist bookings being confirmed from 1 June. Eligibility means only members, spouse and children; preceding midweek is full; paid immediately when requested by booking officer

Trial deferred due to COVID 19. This will be tested during the 2021 season.

Carried forward

- 2. 13th April SGM 4 areas of change
 - Conduct around AGM and ballots to better support video conferencing.
 - Moving away from the term president to chairperson.
 - Using SMS to communicate. Remove FAX.
 - Updated an example of the age when associate membership installments are due

Correspondence:

No correspondence was presented.

Proxies:

14 Proxies were held by 4 members.

Committee Reports: - As per 2020 Annual Report:

Chairman – Justin Checcucci Treasurer – Will Zacharin Lodge Supervisor – John Burnett Booking Officer – Alan Long

Membership & Events – Lynn Cameron Communication & Marketing – Tony Jordan

Information Technology & Secretary- Jenny Hughes

MOVED: Will Zacharin SECONDED: John Cameron

All in favour.

Discussions from Committee Reports

Lynn Cameron plans to retire from her committee position at the end of 2021 season.

Financial Reports:

The Committee presented the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2020.

MOVED: Will Zacharin SECONDED: Justin Checcucci

All in favour.

2021 Subscriptions:

The Committee proposed to increase the 2022 Annual Subscription by \$10 to a rate of \$380.

MOVED: Will Zacharin SECONDED: Jenny Hughes

All in favour.

The committee has proposed to introduce an Insurance Levy of \$30 per adult member for the 2022 season, to be reviewed each year and due at the same time as the subscriptions.

(Noting that the levy will be prorata for juniors and intermediates. Payable by overseas members but not life members)

MOVED: Will Zacharin SECONDED: Tony Ryder

Carried.

Discussions on Insurance

The lodge insurance has increased from \$19k in 2019, to \$23k in 2020 and now \$38k in 2021. Increase has occurred because of the following factors:

- Perceived increase in bushfire risk, due to the 2019/20 fires. Bushfire cover has skyrocketed.
- Withdrawal of underwriters willing to insurance alpine properties. Covid-19 issues around the world and small market in Australia. Lack of competition as a result.

The increased premiums have put a burden on the finances of the club. The levy will only cover approximately 50% of the increase in insurance costs.

Additional Actions Arising from Meeting

That the committee investigate a charge for guest accommodation to be applied in the 2022 season so guests can help share in the increase of insurance.

That the committee consider the relativity between the cost of a guest staying for a week and a member paying subs and staying for a week, with the aim of favouring the member. (Mike Szkilnik)

Locker fee was increased by \$5 to \$20 (no vote is required).

Auditor's Report:

The Committee presented the Auditor's Report.

MOVED: Will Zacharin
SECONDED: Justin Checcucci

All in favour.

Appointment of Auditor:

It was proposed to reappoint McPhail and Partners as the Auditor for the next twelve months.

MOVED: Will Zacharin SECONDED: Justin Checcucci

All in favour.

Committee Nominations:

Justin Checcucci proposed that 4 ordinary committee members are appointed for the coming year, in addition to the three executive members.

MOVED: Justin Checcucci SECONDED: Jenny Hughes

As the exact amount of committee nominations were received there was no requirement to conduct an election. The committee nominations from the following members were received and accepted.

Justin Checcucci Jenny Hughes Alan Long Lynn Cameron John Burnett Tony Jordan Will Zacharin

AAC Business:

Perisher and Anton have both had been approved for \$75,000 loans, however these were not drawn in 2020 but are planned to be drawn this year.

Anton implemented a \$500 COVID-19 levy last year which was both approved and supported by their members.

Niseko to host the AAC races at Perisher in 2021.

National President, Ian Farrow, implored everyone eligible to get vaccinated. COVID will still be with us and it will be a very busy season.

General Business:

Lodge to be deep cleaned weekly on a Sunday during the coming snow season, if COVID-19 restrictions on accommodation venues still in place. From 4 July this will mean closing the lodge overnight on Sundays, except for those whose booking spans Sunday.

\$5 per person per night cleaning levy to be applied to each booking.

Monitoring COVID-19 restrictions on use of lodge and updating as required.

Judy Barone thanked the committee for making it possible to attend by videoconference.

Additional Actions Arising from Meeting

That the committee to consider whether single occupancy could be allowed, possibly with additional payment. (Kate McIntyre)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

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