

Mountain Turk Club (MTC)

Annual Meeting Minutes

10 June 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Mountain Turk Club (MTC) was called to order at 7:09 PM on 10 June 2021 in Queenstown by Erik Bradshaw.

Present

Executive Committee: Erik Bradshaw, President

Zane Kerse, Treasurer

Glenn Davis,

John Schuitemaker, Acting Secretary

General members: List of members in attendance (see attached scan of roster)

Apologies: Mary Jowett, Secretary

Opening remarks – Erik

- Introduction
 - What is a turk? Explanation followed
 - Tour of turk interior features
 - Location of turks
 - Description of trail/traverse between turks
- Mention of proposed club committee positions
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Winter Ops Manager
 - New media (website, social media, PR, etc.)
 - Turk Signage
 - Maintenance
 - Compliance and Environmental
- Mention of proposed winter use plan.
 - Allow 7 nights, 8 days per group doing traverse
 - Erik raised suggestion about possible use of satellite radios to facilitate coordination and movement between groups and turks

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Zane

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
 - Moved by: Wendy Johnston; Seconded by: Katrina Gardiner; All in favor

Statement of Financial Position – Zane

- All documents required to officially establish the club (club constitution, etc.) have been filed.
- Overall revenue to fund club comes from donations and turk use fees.
- Specific financial details (please refer to financial document presented by Zane for full accounting. The following are excerpts of information presented by Zane.)
 - 245 nights were booked in turks in 2021
 - Overall financials indicate that building expenses accounted for show a cost of \$21k per turk.
 - MTC has been granted a 20-year Recreational Permit by the Commissioner of Crown Lands as of September 2020.
 - The club has a current membership roster of 9 Founding, 19 Family and 186 General members
 - Revenue less costs resulted in surplus of \$127,691 in 2020 versus \$22,944 in 2021.
 - Balance sheet shows total assets of 127,691 in 2020 versus 150,636 in 2021.
 - Net cash flow of -\$52K in 2021
- Financials were approved
 - Moved by Kate Hearn; Seconded by Ann; All in favor

President's Report – Erik

- Overall health of the club is good – money in bank, good number of members
- Desire to not design the club toward exclusivity by limiting/capping membership. Membership should continue to be open
- Statement that future expansion will require sustained effort to navigate government consent structure that does not accommodate the current turk design.
- Gave history/timeline of turk conception through to current 5-turk traverse on Crown Range.
- Estimates that total costs plus in-kind donations and volunteer labor comes to an approximate value of \$500k.
- Noted that it is important to secure more volunteers in committees to manage various jobs if turks are to be expanded. I.e., consent management requires consistent and sustained communication with governmental bodies.
- Near term goals:
 - Increase turk usage by 30%

- Compare building finishes
- Evolve club to regularly scheduled meetings

General business

New Business

- Election of officers
 - Erik was nominated to continue as President. Moved by Zane Kerse, seconded by Glenn Davis
 - Zane was nominated to remain as Treasurer by Wendy Johnston, seconded by Ash Weyman-Jones
 - Erik nominated John Schuitemaker as interim Secretary, seconded by Glenn Davis.
 - Erik requested that members consider volunteering for remaining committee positions.
 - Outcome/Action: contact Erik with interest.

Summarise the discussion for new issues, state the next steps, and assign any action item.

Open Issues

- Request from Erik for people to submit trip logs for posting on website.
 - Outcome/Action: None stated
- Issue was raised regarding members flying into turks by helicopter.
 - Outcome/Action: Erik to investigate and report back to club.
- Question raised about proper signage at turks to inform public on use and background.
 - Outcome/Action: Erik requests that signage be improved via a committee assigned to the task. See committee volunteer openings.
- Question raised about use of lockboxes to secure turks.
 - Outcome/Action: Erik stated that turks are designed to remain unlocked. There have been no issues with break-in or theft.
- Question raised about efficient use of capacity at turks and how to manage vacancies.
 - Outcome/Action: Erik reiterated that use of satellite radios by users to coordinate movements and location would be useful. Club funds are available for purchase of radios. Erik took action to consider club purchase of radios.
- Comment about taking a spare gas canister when visiting turks.
 - Outcome/Action: Erik agreed that it would be wise to do so. Especially in winter when the water containers are frozen and one needs to melt snow for water.

- Question regarding posting of GPS coordinates in one place (website?) so travelers on traverse can locate huts.
 - Outcome/Action: Erik responded with agreement to do this.

Agenda for Next Meeting

No agenda was submitted for next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM by Erik Bradshaw.

Minutes submitted by:

John Schuitemaker

Date 15 June 2021

Approved by:

Erik Bradshaw

Date 22 June 2021