

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GLENORCHY RIDING CLUB INC.
21st June 2016, The Lodge Glenorchy

Present:

Ruth-Ann Anderson
Dave Anderson
Vladka Kennett
Richard Kennett
Olivia Matthews
Kelly Baker
Sue Veint
Kirsty Murray
Nicole Scott

Apologies:

Irene Hartley
Anita Holthaus

Previous minutes

Read by OM/SV, seconded by RK.

Matters arising from previous minutes

Arena project/Project Gold

These are currently on hold due to the Glenorchy sewerage scheme proposal for the area. It's a grey area as to whether resource consent is required for building an arena. Funding was being sourced - potentially through Ngai Tahu or the Brainerds.

Bookkeeping

This is now done by Cathy using Quickbooks as Vladka is now using Xero for her accounts, which has a high monthly fee. Cathy was a much cheaper option than using Xero for the riding club accounts.

Finances

Vladka presented, the account balance is currently at \$11,031.69. These were approved by RA and seconded by RK.

Presidents report

Read by Ruth Anne - attached at end of minutes

AGM

Election of officers for 2016-17

President: Ruth Ann Anderson

Nominated: VK

Seconded: SV

Secretary: Olivia Matthews

Nominated: SV

Seconded: KB

Treasurer: Vladka Kennett

Nominated: RA

Seconded: OM

Executive Committee (minimum 6) all those present at AGM

Consideration of Constitution Amendments:

Events:

It was decided that each committee member should organise at least 1 activity during the season - ideas included treks, jumping evenings, young horse socialising, kids fun days.

Ideas for treks (Sue Veint keen to organise overnights):

Whakaari (one day or overnight)

River Flats (one day)

Arthurs Creek overnight

Rees Valley Hut (Cameron and Anita)

Greenstone (end of season overnight)

Vladka reported that **fencing material, a hitching rail and a trough were airlifted to Heather Jock Hut at Whakaari**. A big THANK YOU to Glenorchy DOC and HELI Glenorchy for providing the opportunity.

Fees for activities

Currently there are no fees for the majority of the activities organised. It was discussed having a small fee for non-members who come along to generate some income for the club. It was said that Wakatipu Riding Club invite our members to their events and do not charge them, so a 'donation' might be more appropriate.

Float

KB asked about the club purchasing a float which would be available for members to hire for a small fee. It was decided that this was not a viable option for the club as it becomes a liability rather than an asset. When people hired it they did not look after it properly, clean it out or repair it. If one was to be purchased again in the future someone would need to take charge of it and it should be checked in/out.

Riding on Road

Some members brought up some incidents about some 'close calls' with traffic while riding on the road. KB suggested bringing the subject up in GCA meetings, and it was suggested that the GRC should put a monthly reminder on the local radio station of how to drive around horses.

VK to approach local council about having more signage on the roads to warn drivers about horses.

Lessons

There was interest from most people present for lessons. RA to contact Julie Mason about coming up to Glenorchy for lessons and to check availability. The possibility of courses for

kids during school holidays was also mentioned.

Dentist/Chiropractor etc.

It was discussed how a better way of communication was needed when people were travelling to the area such as chiropractors and dentists. It was decided that this should be put on the Riding Club Facebook page, and also the website. If you register on the community website you will get notified when there are updates.

Feed Orders:

It was mentioned that Farmlands in Cromwell will sometimes deliver to Glenorchy if there is enough demand. It was decided that if someone is making a large feed order they should notify other members via the website/Facebook page so they could also get other items on the truck.

Riding on the River Flats

Discussion was raised over the matter of a free ranging horse accompanying a rider on public lands – mainly Rees River Flats. The horse is allowed to run loose and is not under complete control. It was agreed this could be very hazardous to other users of the area and their horses, and potentially cause a nasty accident. The local police have been contacted to see if anything could be done, and it was said that horses are treated the same as vehicles, so should be kept under control, and if anyone sees this happening they should get video footage if possible and call *555. The trekking centres who use the area have been informed and they already reported instances of this happening.

Peninsula Sewerage Scheme

The current threat to the Peninsula Reserve due to the Glenorchy Sewerage scheme was discussed.

If it goes ahead public access would be denied to the area and the riding club grounds would need to be relocated. QLDC are looking at options.

If the scheme goes ahead there would be huge implications for the area including potential pollution of the lake due to runoff etc. An alternative sight being considered was the Glenorchy airfield.

An alternative area for the riding club would be the paddock behind the row of trees, and we would also have use of the tunnel barn there for storage.

A meeting was scheduled with QLDC for the local community in the hall on 22nd June. SV said she would try to attend.

It was decided that we would see what the outcome of the meetings was and then the riding club would do a submission against the scheme if required. Members were also encouraged to do their own individual submissions.

A separate meeting with a QLDC rep required in the near future.

Membership

All those present filled in a membership form and paid their annual subscription. Further membership forms are available on the website.

For the 2015-16 season there were 27 financial members of the GYRC.

Meeting closed approximately 8.30pm.