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BUSHWALKING NSW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 17th November, 2015

Held at the Auditorium, Ashfield RSL Club 374 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

Meeting opened at 7:30pm – Chair: Mitchell Isaacs (President)

Attendees:

Full Name	Club	Nominated Club Delegate
Dr Les Higgins	Yarrawood	No
John Mickan	Span Outdoors	Yes
Alex Allchin	Sydney Bushwalkers	Yes
Margaret Covi	Watagan Wanderers	Yes
Sierra Classen	SUBW	Yes
Ute Foster	CMW	Yes
Suzanne Wicks	NPA	No
Kaye Birch	Bush Club	No
David Trinder	Sydney Bushwalkers	Yes
Dick Weston	Bush Club	
Ed Youds	Span Outdoors	Yes
Helen Smith	Sydney Bushwalkers	No
Peter Birch	Bush Club	No
Lydia Chua	Bush Club	No
Diah Hendarwan	NPA & Bush Club	No
Keith Maxwell	Mount Druitt Bushwalking Club	Yes
Kirsten Mayer	Bushwalking NSW	No
Joanne Yip	Bush Club	No
Chantal Bronkhorst	SUBW	Yes
David Springthorpe	CMW	Yes
Matt McClelland	National Parks Association of NSW	Yes
Mitchell Isaacs	Suboir United Bushwalkers	Yes
Pauline Goymour	CBC	No
Jane Millgate	CBC	No
Stephanie Knox	NPA	No
Lourdes St Guopu	NPA	No

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Full Name	Club	Nominated Club Delegate
Geoffrey McDome	CPW	No
Tom Brennan	SBW	No
Charles Bowden	All Nations	Yes
Elicia O'Reilly	SBW	No
George Quinn	CMW	Yes
Terry O'Sullivan	WEA RAMBLERS	Yes
Brendan (no other name given)	Span	No
Andrew Stanger	NSW Nordic Ski Club	No
Paul Jennings	NSW Nordic Ski Club	No
Vince Murtagh	CBC	Yes

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 19th August 2014, and Special General Meeting 17th February 2015 were accepted.

Keynote speech: Yuri Bolotin

The Gardens of Stone in Focus Photographic Competition

Yuri Bolotin from Sydney Bushwalkers (SBW) presented photographs from the Gardens of Stone in Focus Photographic Competition and discussed the campaign to conserve the Gardens of Stone.

Insurance

Mitchell Isaacs presented a report on insurance discussions at the Annual Bushwalking Australia Conference held on 13 – 15th November, 2015:

- Asked for all feedback on our insurance, positive and negative
- We think the cover is appropriate however do let us know if you have any thoughts as Bushwalking NSW and Bushwalking Australia will be negotiating with insurance providers over the next 9 months.
- Acknowledgement of Risk
 - An annual Acknowledgement of Risk waiver signed by each member is recommended by Bushwalking Australia insurance representative – less administration, and more talk is recommended.
 - Some clubs commented that they use the sign-on form to keep statistics.
 - Visitors/temporary members should sign onto every walk
- If you have an accident and incident inform the insurer and lodge a claim then the insurer can assess
- Most claims are for small injuries – eg. Ankle/knee breaks and strains.
- There was 1 maximal claim last year
- We now have statistics on types of activities which helps to keep our premium lower

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Club Publicity Tips

Sierra Classen presented tips for clubs on:

- How to use Facebook to reach your members and broaden your membership
- How to write an email that encourages your members to act

Individual Members

Mitchell Isaacs led a discussion on individual members of Bushwalking NSW and co-opted members. It was noted that:

- Organisations would be a different class
- There are sensitivities around commercial need and real value
- Organisations could well join to be altruistic

Update from clubs

Clubs provided an update of their activities.

- The NSW Nordic Ski club has a new management committee with new vigour and a calendar to sell
- The NPA of NSW is running the Great Koala National Park campaign:
www.koalapark.org.au

Meeting closed: 9:30pm