

Bushwalking NSW Inc.
General Meeting
Ashfield RSL Club 20 May 2014

MINUTES

Attendees: Dick Weston, Jim Callaway, Larry Nolan, Keith Maxwell, Mitchell Isaacs (Chair)

Apologies: AO, David Trinder, David Morrison, David Gascoigne, Jan Wouters, L McMillan (Sutherland)

1. **Minutes from previous meeting (18 Feb 2014) – Tabled**
2. **Correspondence – routine only – none tabled**
3. **Reports tabled:**
 - a. **President**
 - b. **Financial**
 - c. **Tracks & access**
4. **Update from planning meeting**

Summary provided about planning meeting, and three key areas that were brainstormed. Experiences from different clubs were highlighted

a. Activity management system

A number of clubs are moving more online than paper based, and some clubs run both the traditional paper-based system along with an online “short notice” system (eg Bush Club, CMW). These clubs have a price differential reflecting the higher cost of a paper based system.

The Bush Club also has regular email updates that outline upcoming activities.

ACTION: Nominate a project leader to explore options that can be made available to clubs.

b. Communication & promotion

- Need to consider both *reactive* as well as *proactive* communication
- Need to remember we represent a group of people, not a political affiliation
- Think about ways to encourage social interaction
- Change the way we approach meetings – eg can they be a monthly get together or gathering, with a meeting tacked on?
- Meetings need better advertising

- Upcoming AGM is a good opportunity to promote this (discussed later)

c. Training / capacity building

Maybe a stretch for BNSW to develop new training materials in the short term – however a *training portal* on the new website that provides easy access to existing information would be relatively easy, and useful.

ACTION: Training portal developed on new website once active

5. Website

Forum established on bushwalk.com

Need update on revised bushwalking.org.au site

ACTION: Mitchell to seek update from David on website status

6. Annual General Meeting

Consider a different format to this year's AGM to encourage better attendance & social interaction

- Arrange drinks & snacks through RSL club
- Set start time to 7pm to allow mingling for ½ hour
- Arrange speaker (max 30 min)
- Keep formalities to a minimum – smooth running
- Annual reports 1 month in advance and compiled into small booklet
- Minimal speaking to annual reports – 5 key dot points each
- Make transport easy in invite
 - Clear driving & parking directions
 - Bus & train info
 - Arrange booze bus from club to station?
 - Arrange group cycle from Inner West
- Better and more creative advertising of meeting
- Encourage mingling after meeting
- Make it easy for Gail to get there!

ACTION: Gail – can you contact the club and find out if we can arrange drinks / snacks, and booze bus back to the station?

ACTION: All annual reports to be submitted 1 month in advance

ACTION: Ideas for guest speaker?

7. Update from Bushwalkers' Wilderness Rescue Service

Keith provided written & verbal update on what the BWRS has been up to

Meeting Close – 8:30pm