



Kcros AGM 2008

Minutes of the KCros AGM held at the Nordic Centre Perisher Valley on Sunday 10 August 2008

The meeting was opened by the President Warren McCourt at 3pm following the earlier opening ceremony of the new Nordic Shelter extension. He tabled the agenda for the meeting and welcomed members present consisting of Margaret McCawley, Sue Edmondson, Pat Edmondson, Douglas Thorne, Brendan Hyde, Anthony Evans and Kathy Saw. Laurinda Allen's apologies were accepted.

The previous 2007 AGM minutes were proposed as accepted by Sue Edmondson and seconded by Pat Edmondson.

All positions on the committee were declared open and Pat Edmondson took the chair. Warren McCourt was proposed President by Margaret McCawley, seconded by Sue Edmondson. Laurinda Allen was proposed Treasurer, seconded by Sue Edmondson. Margaret McCawley was proposed Secretary/Newsletter Editor by Warren McCourt, seconded by Sue Edmondson. All nominations were carried. Unfortunately the position of Membership Secretary remained vacant for the want of an expression of interest from a member, this position's duties urgently needing to be attended to and a plea was made to members to try to find a skier with computer skills interested in taking on the role of sorting out the hundreds of membership names and addresses. The Treasurer's report was presented by Warren McCourt in the absence of Laurinda Allen. Donations for the 12 months totalled \$839.15 while expenditure totalled \$1094.25, the largest component being the printing and postage of the newsletters. The bank balance at 8 August was \$1659.82. Warren stated that KCros was financially sound but little money was expected until after the next newsletter as a plea for donations in the last issue were directed towards the Nordic Shelter where the recently completed extension had a current short fall of about \$60,000.

Warren reported that the current Website www.kcros.org.au continues to receive a good number of hits and that Ron Perry continues to maintain well the site and the pages.

The first of Warren's tabled concerns centred about the continued closure of the Koscuiskzo Road well into September when the snow has melted. This makes for a near impossible access to the Main Range from Perisher for XC skiers. Warren proposed that a letter be sent to the RTA asking if when the road becomes free of snow if private vehicle access could be given into, say, Spencer's Creek where there is space for a turning circle. This proposal was seconded by Sue Edmondson. Several good comments were made about trail grooming this year, not only at Perisher. Pat Edmondson commented on the trails that had been set from Charlotte's to Perisher by the Charlotte Pass Operators. Warren McCourt commented on the good trails that had been set by Mt Selwyn Operators out from the King's Cross Road for the Cabramurra Tour. Warren commented that Cabramurra should not be forgotten as a XC destination and although there had been a few years with poor snow in the

northern parts of the Park, 6 out of the last 9 Cabramurra Tours had been held at Cabramurra. Warren said that it would be a good idea to have a working bee at the Cabramurra Trails and Shelter. Margaret McCawley commented that accommodation needed to be found at Cabramurra to make XC skiing there worthwhile for small groups or families and would it be possible to obtain something like what used to be available at the Scout Hall.

The meeting was addressed by Anthony Evans in his capacity of acting Alpine Manager NPWS. He spoke about the grooming of the Perisher Trails that for 2008 had been contracted to Han's Oversnow. The grooming had been organised at three levels, with a large groomer, a medium groomer and a smaller skidoo towed grooming device. The larger equipment had been extensively used earlier in the season but the small device was coming into its own now there as a good snow depth. It offers a reset of the tracks for half the price. Anthony also expressed the fact that NPWS are aware of the need to improve signage on the Perisher trails and said an LCD display was being investigated for trail grooming information. Sue Edmondson reiterated that trail groom information was needed off the mountain for XC skiers to make destination choices before coming up to the snow particularly as to whether Smiggins Trails are freshly groomed or not. Anthony informed the meeting that the NPWS and the Perisher Range Committee still had a MOU on the table with regard to trail fees and that XC skiers cannot expect the government to fund Perisher trail grooming indefinitely. He also indicated that there was a possibility of Perisher Blue releasing their franchise on the east side of the Kosciuszko Road, there being 5 different leases there and this would then free them for renegotiation. Anthony was thanked for his interesting information, everyone agreeing on the very good trails that NPWS had arranged and provided this season.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.05 pm