

The meeting opened at 2.45 by president Laurinda Allan. Present were Margot Flynn, Sue Attreed, Bruce Vote, Kathy Saw, Sue Edmondson, Pat Edmondson, Martin Brady, Helen Brady, Dick Roe, Peter Cunningham, Terry Fink, Stephen Poole, Bruce Wharrie, Wally Blumenfeld, Warren McCourt, Laurinda Allan, Wayne Pethybridge and Margaret McCawley. There was an apology from Adrian Blake.

Laurinda opened with a warm welcome to all. She spoke of the submissions put in on the Waste Station development (WTS) planned for development near the Nordic Bowl. She said these came from KCros on behalf of its members as well as from KCros individual members as well as other concerned people and bodies. These had had a great impact on the planning. She said that although the project has been now approved there are a lot of positives that have come out of the process. She said that now there was a rigorous plan in place for the development and NPWS had developed an ongoing plan of consultation with concerned XC skiers. She said that the change in the plans of the removal of the WTS workshop and the back road because of monetary reasons was good news for XC skiers but also we needed to keep talking about things like the walkway up to the Nordic Shelter. Laurinda also said that we needed to keep an eye on the planned 2013 Perisher Development for the needs of XC skiers. She also spoke of the recent Newsletter, the Web site and positive changes that had occurred on the Committee during the year with Margo Flynn acting as Treasurer, Adrian Blake moving to Publicity and Bruce Vote acting as Membership Secretary. She thanked the rest of the committee especially noting Warren and Wayne's contribution to the Race.

Margaret McCawley presented minutes from the 2010 AGM, Sue Edmondson proposed acceptance, seconded by Wayne Pethybridge and the motion was passed. Bruce Vote presented the Membership Secretary's report indicating that more than 170 members had opted for newsletter by email however he outlined the difficulty current in sending the emails out. Dick Roe commented that the photos took too large a space on older computers while Steve Poole replied that if the photos were kept small and it was in a pdf file that there should be no problems. Kathy Saw proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Sue Edmondson and passed by the meeting. Margot Flynn presented the Treasurer's Report indicating that donations had dropped by over \$1000 dollars in the last year. It was thought that this was the emailed newsletter donor page not triggering members to send in money as the hard copy issue had done. Laurinda said that this needed to be researched and there was a need to see where the money that was received was coming from. Steve suggested using PayPal online but members did not readily support this. The \$500 earmarked for presentation to a young Olympic hopeful was discussed with Laurinda suggesting the guidance for selection was needed. Sue Edmondson commented that KCros was for all skiers and not just racers and we need to vary our area for donation. Margot said that we should talk to Manuela Bertol about young hopefuls. Margaret McCawley proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Wayne Pethybridge and passed by the meeting.

Bruce Vote informed the meeting that our members totalled 612 with 171 on email. He outlined his problems with Bigpond sending only 11 addresses at a time and several other members suggested that large numbers could be sent by Gmail, Hotmail and Yahoo. Bruce pushed for KCros needing IT advice for this and also for help to set

up hidden email addresses for committee members. Steve commented that what we want is a mail server. It was suggested that Adrian might be able to help. General discussion followed on funds and there was a suggestion from the floor of moving to a subscription rather than a donation to ensure funds. Laurinda stressed that we should look at what is happening now and where our money was coming from first. Wayne Petherbridge suggested that we have a list of what excess money can go towards.

The election of officers followed. Laurinda stood down and Pat Edmondson took the chair.

President -Laurinda Allan was proposed by Margaret McCawley, seconded by Margo Flynn,

Vice President – Wayne Pethybridge was proposed by Warren McCourt, seconded by Laurinda Allan,

Treasurer – Margo Flynn was proposed by Laurinda Allan, seconded by Sue Edmondson,

Secretary – Margaret McCawley was proposed by Kathy Saw seconded by Sue Edmondson,

Publicity Officer – Adrian Blake was proposed by Laurinda Allan, seconded by Margaret McCawley,

Newsletter Editor – Stephen Poole proposed by Bruce Vote seconded by Warren McCourt,

Web Manager – Ron Perry proposed by Laurinda Allan seconded by Margaret McCawley,

Race Representative – Warren McCourt proposed by Wayne Pethybridge seconded by Stephen Poole,

Membership secretary – Bruce Vote proposed by Kathy Saw seconded by Margaret McCawley.

The meeting passed all proposals for positions on the committee.

Laurinda Allan re-took the chair as President. General Business followed.

Discussion included

- a plan for the committee to meet during Race Week as well as if possible with NPWS,
- the need for education for Skidoo drivers not to run over set XC tracks,
- the cessation of trails fees at Falls Ck this year and the need for KCros to look into what is happen at Perisher and how the PRCC is feeling on this issue,
- Bruce Wharrie who is spending the 2011 season living at the Nordic Shelter commented on the trail fee issue by saying that because of fluctuating weather conditions it would be impossible to avoid complaints as it was just not possible to achieve good trails all the time,
- collection of fees at Perisher was discussed and Bruce Vote suggested that for the moment we go ‘softly, softly’ on the issue,
- Bruce Wharrie brought up the issue of directions for the public to the XC area and the need for a prominent sized sign to replace the current small one,
- Sue Edmondson brought up the demise of poles a little way along the current snow-shoe route from Rock Ck,
- Wayne Pethybridge said there was a need to have a snow-shoe route starting from the Shelter rather than Rock Creek,

- Laurinda Allan mentioned a KCros member wanting ungroomed but marked trails,
- the name 'Nordic Shelter' was brought up by Warren McCourt as being an ill-description of the building and its function and there was a need to have a name that would be more attractive to the public,
- Laurinda Allan said she had conferred with Margaret McCawley about having names of prominent XC skiers given for the XC area and the trails and that this would give XC skiing some good publicity, and
- there had been a suggestion from Peter Ward that something be named after the late Ross Martin.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm with Laurinda giving thanks to all who attended and a reminder to keep the suggestions coming and to contact the committee on relevant issues.

#### Talk by Andrew Logan following the 2011 KCros Tour

The 2011 tour was held on the Perisher Trails as snow conditions were poor at Smiggins. Following the prize giving at the Snowy Gums Lodge at Smiggins NPWS officer, Andrew Logan addressed the group. He distributed three very informative sheets of the plan of the WTS. He informed the group of the progress on the WTS and how submissions on the plan had brought changes, the most significant for XC skiers being a reduction of the originally planned 90 traffic movements per day down to 20. An additional factor was the reduction in the back of the building by two metres. Also there had been the cancellation of the planned workshop and a back road due to monetary restraints. He spoke of plans for the earthworks near the Fire Station and the possible use of retractable snow fences. He said the project had now gone out to tender with the NSW Dept. of Works. The group discussed with him the need for a grating over the creek between the Fire Station and The Man and the still existing danger for skiers (on skis) leaving the Nordic Shelter to ski down the hill to the road. Ongoing discussion brought up the idea of having a defined walkway between the road and the crossing point so that skiers would have to stop and remove their skis when they reached this point at the bottom of the hill and then walk to the road. Besides enforcing a stop at the crossing this would help protect skis by not have them subject to the grime that can be in the snow in this area.

He outlined the planned consultative process during construction with meetings every two months and that Laurinda Allan and Bruce Vote would attend from KCros and Peter Ward from NSW SnowSports. He said there was also going to be a 24-hour complaints line for the public with a time frame for reply from NPWS. He also said that an environment councillor had been appointed to the build. He was thanked by Laurinda Allan for his informative talk and gained a good round of applause from the audience.