

**Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of KCros held 12 August 2006 at
the NPWS Ranger Station, Perisher Valley.**

The meeting was declared opened by the Chairman, Warren McCourt at 2.40 pm. Members attending the meeting were Laurinda Allen, Pat Edmondson, Jenny McLeod, Sue Edmondson, Peter Ward, Osmo Millridge, Bruce Marshall, Martin Brady, Helen Brady, Warren McCourt and Margaret McCawley. Apologies were received from Lyndall Hatch, Robin Gibson and Gwen Harding.

By a misunderstanding a copy of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had not been brought to Perisher but it was noted that the said minutes had been recorded by Gwen Harding in August 2005 and later forwarded to the Office of Fair Trading with the 2005 Treasurer's report to fulfil our obligation as an incorporated association. This was accepted by the Chairman who moved on to reports.

Reports

The Treasurer's report was presented in full by the Treasurer, Laurinda Allen and showed KCros funds in bank at \$3928.35 with another \$1000 earmarked for the Nordic Shelter and \$1430 in the Rob McCawley memorial fund. Newsletters for the year had accounted for less than \$900 of the funds.

Elections

All positions were declared open for re-election. Warren McCourt was proposed as chairman by Margaret McCawley, seconded by Sue Edmondson and elected unanimously. Other positions filled and declared duly elected by the Chairman were for Secretary, Margaret McCawley, proposed by Sue Edmondson and seconded by Peter Ward; for Newsletter Editor, Gwen Harding, proposed by Warren McCourt, seconded by Laurinda Allen; and Treasurer, (and also Public Officer), Laurinda Allen, proposed by Warren McCourt, seconded by Sue Edmondson and Website manager, Ron Perry proposed by Warren McCourt and seconded by Margaret McCawley.

Other Reports

1. A report was presented by Bruce Marshall on behalf of Perisher Range Cross Country Inc. (PRXC).

The PRCCI committee grew out of a splinter group from KCros several years ago when it was realised that a dedicated group from all aspects of X-C skiing was needed to liaise with Perisher Blue and the various Government departments involved with the Snowy Mountains to keep X-C skiing on the map. Bruce Marshall reported to KCros on behalf of PRCCI .

He told the meeting that there is no way that trail fees for groomed trails will not be introduced eventually as NPWS is to gradually withdraw their funding for the grooming of the trails which they currently fund. Continued funding has been promised for a short time but by probably 2008 the cross country community will have to find alternate ways for paying. The PRCCI committee had met in Oct 2005 and a memo of understanding was drawn up with Perisher Blue concerning the charging of trail fees for 2006 but at the last minute it was not signed because of the unexpected announcement by NPWS that there would be an increase in entry fees into the Park for the 2006 season and it was thought that the timing was not appropriate. With the proposed handing over of much of the responsibility for X-C skiing, PRCCI have been busy negotiating benefits for the XC community and these include a site for a commercial building (dedicated to XC skiing) next to the planned new NPWS building between the Fire Station and The Man. (This is irrespective of any development by Perisher Blue on the car park site). This building will be for food, clothing, toilets, ski hire and X-C lesson tickets. It will in no way take the place of or be used in the same way as the Nordic Shelter. PRCCI are also investigating other ways of making grooming less expensive by draining and landscaping the bowl in front of the Shelter for a better surface, the purchase of a more efficient grooming machine and extending hours with lights in the bowl for night skiing.

2. A report was presented by Peter Ward (NSWSA) on the latest on the proposed Nordic Shelter Extension.

After several unsuccessful attempts in previous years in applications for Government assisted funding from NSW Department of Sports and Recreation, a grant had not been applied for in 2005. However a lot of hard work was being put into a new application due by the end of August 2006. New architectural plans had been drawn four times by Bruce Vote to satisfy DIPNA. Also an increase in the lease boundary of the Nordic Shelter had to be applied for with NPWS and this has taken 12 months. Beside himself and wife Lesley, Karen and Alan Civil have been very active with the most recent projects that of gaining renewed support from Parliamentarians, financial support and adjustment of figures due to noticeable increases in building costs over the last few years. Help was also being obtained from a professional designer with an impressive track record for a completely new design of the application presentation. The grant if obtained will be at a maximum, \$200,000. Last minute funds were being sought to reach a raised total of \$100,000 and there had been some very generous donors, both individuals and government departments. The X-C community are so fortunate to have such generosity in their ranks and on their side.

Other Business

Discussion of donations of money being critical for the Nordic shelter application led to Pat Edmondson proposing that a total of \$4500 be donated before the end of the month from KCros funds (including the Rob McCawley fund amount and the \$1000 already promised to the Shelter). This was seconded by Laurinda Allen and the motion passed.

An excellent support letter was tabled from Rex Cox.

A complaint from Ross Martin was discussed concerning the missing pole line from Snowy Bridge up to Seaman's Hut.

Martin Brady questioned the viability of KCros in light of the new committee of PRCCI. The chairman assured him of our viability with our strength being in the fact that we are an independent body of a large number of X-C skiers and that gave us the flexibility and the power of numbers to respond to any situation associated with X-C ski matters and also PRCCI support us and want us to stay as a ski body.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.55 pm.