



THE SKI LODGES ORGANISATION
OF PERISHER, SMIGGINS AND
GUTHEGA INCORPORATED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND
MINUTES OF THE 2002
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2002

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Eleventh Annual General Meeting
19th November 2002
PRESIDENTS REPORT

Ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the SLOPES 2002 AGM. On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your attendance here tonight, and your support over the last twelve Months.

This support has again been confirmed by the 100% Membership of the 88 Lodges. This 100% figure is very important to us. When I am meeting a new VIP on your behalf the first question to me is generally politely asking just who I am talking for. A quick answer " Every Club Lodge in Perisher , Smiggins and Guthega. The whole 88". It goes over very well.

I know we say this each year, but it is still true.

HEAD LEASE:

I accept that this is the main issue that you want to talk about tonight , but we will save it for the end of our meeting , so that we do not ignore other items which have been happening during the year.

SLOPES OPERATIONS:

Our administration continues to function very well with Bert Sheridan as the Executive Officer. As an example, the preparation of the annual accounts for the auditor took only 90 minutes including printing time. The auditor signed off in days.

The Committee have agreed to increase Bert's remuneration from \$10,000 a year to \$11,000 a year subject to confirmation at the AGM. The matter does not really have to go to an AGM, but he is your Executive Officer, and we feel it appropriate that you all record your satisfaction by approval. Bert calculated that for hours worked he gets \$5.00 an hour, so this will move it to \$5.50!!!!

Our finances have run well and our Committee meetings have been well attended. Keith Rodda, Frank Walker, Dave Read and myself have visited Jindabyne on various projects. We are represented on every major Committee in the Perisher Range.

Barry Doyle is not standing for reelection and we would like to thank him for his input over his period of committee membership. Barry with his legal profession has been tenacious in getting the words "correct" and has spoken strongly to put his points of view.

We would like a . . . lawyer to put his hand up to join the Committee. Please contact me if you would like to join the action.

PERISHER RANGE RESORTS MASTER PLAN

This Plan was released in February 2002, covering the development of the new Village Centre at Perisher. The impact of the new centre has a dramatic effect on the day visitor parking at Perisher. SLOPES attended all the preplanning meetings, but the final document was again released without Public Review, similar to the ill founded 1997 EIS's, and was not available to the public until 3 months after adoption. This attitude, not permitted in Local Government Councils, is reprehensible, and we hope is behind us under the new Planning arrangements.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

The forecast change over to Planning for all D/A's has taken place. A separate Planning Office is now in Jindabyne to handle all the Development matters. I scored TV on all channels welcoming this group on your behalf after an opening by Dr Andrew Refshauge.

Regrettably a logjam has developed in Planning in Jindabyne processing DA's. DA's handed over from NPWS, which were supposed to flow smoothly, seem to be held up awaiting further data. Planning work under Part 4 of the act and NPWS were under Part 5, and the requirements of data are not the same. The leader at Planning Jindabyne, Jim Corrigan is very approachable, and is working to ensure that next year matters will be much smoother. If you are in trouble, ring him at 6456-1733 to see what can be done.

A special Alpine Resorts Planning Committee based in Queanbeyan has been formed with wide representation including SLOPES. It will all take at least a year to get it in Place. This group is looking at the overall planning for all the Ski resorts, including Selwyn, Thredbo and Perisher Range.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHARGES.

The unpopular Sewage levy was paid and regretted by all of us.

NPWS put out a list of the major works for this coming summer and this has been circulated. The water supply system is going to be reworked very heavily at a cost of \$6.7million. We are advised that it will be paid by Treasury, and I hope this is the case. The other major works are the installation of the new sludge storage tank. This will overcome the problems that developed at season end when the storage ran out. In previous years NPWS have taken part of the main processing out of action to store sludge, but this year with the massive increase in skiers it was not possible. The net result was a horrendous cartage project to take 1600 tonnes of sludge across the snow at a cost of \$150,000

The financial levies were kept the same as the last few years apart from minor variations between valleys.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

This work continues attended by Frank Walker to protect our interests.

NORTHERN ROAD CLOSURES

This issue was not resolved. The most practical proposal in our opinion is to make the loop one way so that skiers crossing the road at Orana are going in the same direction as the traffic.

INSURANCES

Dave Read ran a project on insurances, but at this time the HIH fiasco became predominant, so there were no savings for anyone.

ELECTRICITY COSTS

Bob Sim ran an excellent project taking advantage of the new suppliers of Electricity. Some Lodges made considerable annual savings

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Keith Rodda continues to attend meetings and represent SLOPES interests.. The group actively pushed the minimisation of littering with media, signs and smoke butt tubes.

SNOWBOUND VILLAGE

All Lodges I have talked to, both Commercial and Club want to retain a snowbound village. Perisher Blue are just as keen to get roads with vehicles running around like most other ski resorts in the world. It is really an environmental type of issue and there is no compromise possible. It is profits vs environment. The status quo is still being held.

NORDIC SHELTER

We became aware just before the start of the season that due to HIH insurance problems the Ski Association were unable to obtain affordable cover for the Nordic Shelter. NPWS had to take action, and were even suggesting that they could probably run the shelter under the NPWS insurance umbrella, but technically the Association might have to forfeit their lease. The shelter had to stay closed until it was worked out. Not a good prospect after many years of work.. SLOPES realised it was stretching the boundaries of our operations but decided to donate \$1,000. Just at this time the Insurance account came down to some \$5,000 so the Association managed to get it together.

We circulated our members by email and only received support of our action.

It is not for us to repeat this type of donation with funds that members subscribe for SLOPES activities, but it was possible to rationalise that 20% of Xcountry skiers are Lodge members so there was a relationship.

We take tacit endorsement of our actions unless any member wishes to speak against it.

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

This subject has teeth and NPWS having made a policy decision on what is to happen in all Parks, have the powers to enforce it. We have worked hard with NPWS to come up with a compromise situation where the Lodges fill in a Workbook annually, and data sheets every 6 months. It is a reminder system to lift one's game and think of the big picture.

SLOPES have been very concerned to maintain privacy in the data, so that we do not get research students having a lot of fun at our expense as they do their assignments. We will be the first community in Australia to be collecting such data outside of Army camps. A procedure has been developed to keep matters private and we think it very very important to follow the procedures.

I would emphasise that NPWS have been very cooperative in working it all out with us, and they respect our fears although thinking them exaggerated. Time will tell.

SLOPES know that none of its members want to fill out a Logbook. The work falls on the dedicated few who keep a Lodge running. It's the lesser of some evils.

FIRE BRIGADE CONNECTIONS

NPWS agreed with our submissions and formally changed the guidelines so that only Class III buildings were covered. This was an annual saving of over \$1,500 per Lodge, and a \$1,500 capital charge, which is 6 years SLOPES Membership costs EVERY YEAR!!!

VALUATIONS

During the year the 5 year review of valuations came due. We put in a submission to the Valuer General pointing out the increased sewage levies etc. Basically the valuations were unchanged for 70 Clubs and varied with 18. We analysed the 18 changes and had to agree that there were valid reasons for the variations made. The Valuer General has steadily brought the area into a very sensible relationship, where the land values are related to Location and Licensed bed numbers. In as much as we can't do anything else with the land it is a fair system. Each Lodge now bears a sensible relationship with its neighbours.

BED ALLOCATIONS

Frankly we can say nothing sensible about bed allocations. They will unfold in the next few months, probably. It is all tied up in a complicated web involving more factors than I can keep track of.

SKI LIFT DISCOUNTS.

We negotiated with P/Blue to obtain advance purchase ski lift discounts. Despite the short warning, Members bought \$21,000 worth of tickets with discounts of some \$4,000, so it was a worth while exercise.

HEAD LEASE???

This will be handled by a separate presentation. We distribute copies of our Annual Reports to many people, and the Head Lease issue is still at a stage where SLOPES Members have to talk about it amongst ourselves before we get too much in print.

Graeme Anderson

PRESIDENT SLOPES

**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SKI
LODGES ORGANISATION OF PERISHER, SMIGGINS, AND GUTHEGA
INCORPORATED.
HELD AT THE CROWS NEST CENTRE, 2 ERNEST PLACE, CROWS NEST
ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2002**

The meeting commenced at 8.04 pm.

PRESENT

53 representatives of member lodges were in attendance

APOLOGIES

Barry Doyle, Tony Whybrow.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1. Confirm the minutes of the tenth Annual General Meeting held on 27 November 2001.**

Moved Anderson, seconded Walker that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (as circulated) held on 27 November 2001 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting

- CARRIED

- 2. Receive the Annual report of the Committee** (The President's Report was deferred to later in the meeting)

Moved Anderson, seconded Read that the Annual report of the Committee (as circulated) be received

- CARRIED

- 3. Receive and consider and deal with the Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet.**

Moved Glover, seconded Walker that the Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet (as circulated) be adopted

- CARRIED

- 4. Receive the Auditor's Report.**

Moved Glover, seconded Rodda that the Auditor's Report (as circulated) be adopted

- CARRIED

5. To elect the Auditors and to fix, or authorise the Committee to fix, the remuneration of the Auditors.

Moved Anderson, seconded Read that Stirling Warton Williams be appointed Auditors of the Association for the 2001-2002 financial year for a remuneration to be fixed by the Committee - CARRIED

6. To elect Committee Members in accordance with the Rules.

The President advised that as only one nomination had been received for each position on the Committee, the following were declared to be duly elected:

Position	Nominee	Club
President	Graeme Anderson	Kandahar Ski Club Perisher Valley
Vice President	Frank Walker	Kosciusko Snow Revellers Ski Club Perisher Valley
Vice President	David Read	Aurora Ski Club Perisher Valley
Secretary	Christine Wild	ACTP Ski Club Guthega Village
Treasurer	Roger Glover	Karralika Ski Club Perisher Valley
Committee	Keith Rodda	Gunuma Lodge Smiggin Holes
Committee	Robert Sim	Blue Cow Ski Club Guthega Village

The President, Graeme Anderson, then presented the President's Report to the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

1. To receive and deal with any special business

The President invited members present to raise any special items of special business. No items were raised.

2. To discuss the ramifications and latest situation on potential Head Leases

The President presented a full and comprehensive report as to the current situation and the potential ramifications. After considerable discussion, it was moved Walker, seconded Read that -

Slopes Members find the thought of a Head lease repugnant.

However Members recognise Government wishes to vacate Resort management and will co-operate

Members look to the safeguards in the Walker Reports for Protection, together with reports from the President of discussions with Government on certain key issues.

Endorse the Committee negotiating with Government to see if a Head Lease is livable.

- CARRIED

A few matters were then raised from the floor. These included overnight parking for lodges without a permanent manager and parking at Smiggins. These matters were discussed it being noted that, if anything, overnight parking will become more restricted.

There being no further business, the President thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.04 pm.

G. Anderson
President

C Wild
Secretary