

# Minutes of the Flying Gecko's Annual General Meeting

The YMCA Adventure Centre, 7:00 pm, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Attendees:

(Existing committee members): Ken Morison (chairperson), Rowan Hines (coach), Lee Burbery (secretary), David Jones (treasurer + membership secretary); Conor Boyd (communications officer), Nicky Dravitzki, Lance Dowell, Marty Anderson and Jolande Forde (all competitions committee).

(Others): George Gerard, Gabi Dachs, Chris North, Emily Lane, Jeff Horn, Laurent Le Quellec, James Bryant, Alison Cook.

Apologies: Lindsay Main (head instructor), Mike Barber (YMCA), Bernie McCarthy

## **1. Welcome/Roll call**

KM (chair) opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking those in attendance.

## **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes from the 2016 AGM were unanimously passed.

## **3. Chairman's Report (Ken Morison)**

Ken read his Chair's report in which he reviewed the year's climbing and fundraising activities, and thanked the volunteers who contribute to the Club's function; the YMCA team, and club sponsors -see attached copy of Chairs report for full details. The following are items Ken elaborated on, not explicitly documented on the report:

David Chen was added to the list of Tony Burnell and Lance Dowell, thanked for their contributions to organising outdoor climbing activities incl. the recent trip to the Blue Mountains, Australia. It was mentioned this exotic climbing excursion for more developed Flying Geckos might become an annual event.

The Banks Peninsula climbing camp weekend again took place in March; thanks to Lindsay for organising. For a 2<sup>nd</sup> year running the weather was cold and damp, and it was mentioned it might pay to run future camps earlier in the year in expectation the weather would be better.

Ken duly noted the effort Lindsay and Rowan put in to structuring and managing Friday club nights, suggesting the scale of the task is not obvious to those outside the committee. Gabi Dachs added extra thanks to Rowan, for coaching athletes and organising the competitions.

Ken reviewed the 2016/17 goals set by the previous Chairperson (Liam Pawson), whom Ken replaced after the last AGM. These being:

- Holding a club competition at the YMCA Adventure Centre – one was held April 2017 and plans are underway to hold a South Island Regional competition later in the year that Mike Barber (YMCA) is supportive of. The format is likely to be modelled on the S. Island High School competition event.
- More cohesive team trips to Climbing New Zealand (CNZ) competition events – some progress has been made in this department, helped by the travel grants and use of club funds to pay for food and minibus hire at the last two CNZ events (Hamilton & Rotorua).
- Demand for two (not a single) Castle Hill Club day – Ken agreed, but no action taken.

- Scope for up-skilling/training more instructors for Friday Club night – sort of making progress in this department.

Motion to receive the Chair's report, unanimously accepted.

#### **4. Treasurers Report (David Jones)**

The financial report for y/e 31 March 2017 was circulated (attached). In summary:

- Grants for: hosting the CNZ 2016 National Lead Competition; purchasing new equipment and travel to the 2017 CNZ competitions [all of which are on the North Island] were the main income.
- Membership fees, fundraising BBQs and T-shirt sales supplemented this income.
- Holding the 2016 National Lead Competition; CNZ affiliation fee + domestic licences, T-shirts and purchase of a new membership system were the main expenses.
- Currently \$13,995 in the bank; up \$7,339.28. Note: this balance does not include the cost of new quickdraws, new ropes and accommodation costs for recent Hamilton completion attendance, all of which are recent purchases yet to be deducted.

Over the course of the year, the Club's Membership register has been synced with the YMCA's electronic gym users database, and the YMCA have been taking term fees at the front desk. This new arrangement seems to be working well and seamlessly integrates Membership Secretary duties with Treasurer duties.

A motion to approve the accounts was raised by KM, seconded by ND others was carried.

#### **5. Head Instructor's Report (Lindsay Main)**

Lindsay filed a written Head Instructors Report. Main points of note:

- Climbing skills of Green squad (i.e. lead training) entrants this year were of notably good standard;
- Lindsay credited Tony Burnell for organising both Monday outdoor climbing sessions held over the summer; the NZAC summer climbing camp that was held at Wanaka, plus leading a trip of 12 senior Flying Geckos to Blue Mountains, Australia;
- Lindsay again, organised an autumn club climbing camp on Banks Peninsula; camped at Okains Bay, climbed at Panama Rock and Otepatotu crag. Attendees did some track maintenance at Panama Rock, before climbing (in cold conditions);
- Lindsay thanked others who helped out with Green Squad instruction: George, Richard, Lee.

#### **6. Head Coach's Report (Rowan Hines)**

Rowan reported she has distributed written schedules and programmes to all athletes. On Tuesdays and Thursdays she devotes her time to younger athletes, who are co-supervised in part by the older athletes.

On Friday Club nights 6 senior Flying Geckos (Michael, Liam, Nicky, Judith, Evie, Sanne) run the Yellow Squad [beginners], whilst David Jones currently oversees the Orange squad [advanced top-ropers].

Conor explicitly thanked Rowan for volunteering her time to coaching.

## **7. Election of the Committee for 2017/18**

No outside expressions of interest were received from anybody wishing to take on any Committee role other than Nicky Dachs had offered to serve as an Athletes representative. All the members on the incumbent Committee were willing to continue serving in their current roles.

The key positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were formally established by way of nomination: Ken Morison (nominated by LB/seconded by EN); Lee Burbery (CB/GD); David Jones (KM/ND), respectively.

The Lane-North family contingent kindly offered to become more involved in helping with club activities, and Ken invited them to join the Committee, agreed by many others.

The Flying Gecko Climbing Club Committee for 2017/2018 was thus established as:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ken Morison	Chairperson
Lee Burbery	Secretary
David Jones	Treasurer (+Membership Secretary)
Lindsay Main	Lead Instructor
Rowan Hines	Head Coach
Conor Boyd	Communications Officer
Bernie McCarthy	Sponsorship
Lance Dowell	Non-specified
Nicky Dravitzki	Non-specified
Jolande Forde	Non-specified
Marty Anderson	Non-specified
Emily Lane	Non-specified
Chris North	Non-specified
Nicky Dachs	Athletes representative

## **8. AOB / Questions to the Committee from the floor**

Gabi Dachs called for 'spicier' branded clothing. Suggesting hooded sweatshirts and more breathable/sporty singlets on which the gecko print was not obscured would be nice. It was generally agreed we should enforce the rule that mandates athletes need to wear Club strip for all competitions.

CNZ has opened submissions for recommendations on how climbing formats might be changed (closes June 2017). Ken is compiling notes on feedback he's receiving and will compile a submission from the Flying Geckos Club; Rowan has some ideas, and intends to submit them independently.

A general discussion around competitions followed, which included a question from someone asking why the CNZ competitions were so formal and expensive, e.g. when compared to the National Indoor Bouldering Series event. Ken explained CNZ comps were run to meet International [IFSC] standards, whereas NIBS was an informal, domestic affair. Extreme Edge, Parnell and the YMCA Adventure Centre, Christchurch represent the two largest commercial gyms in the country and the (4+ days) of disruption a CNZ competition poses significant impacts on the gyms profits, hence the reluctance of both gyms to host CNZ events. Ken and others noted our club focus is not strictly on competitions and when compared to other NZ climbing clubs we offer more diverse climbing opportunities for youths.

AGM closed at 8:00 pm.