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FRIENDS OF CRADLE VALLEY BULLETIN 16/12/08

1. WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Jenny Pearce

2. PROGRAMME FOR WEINDORFER MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD JANUARY 1, 2009:

INTRODUCTION: Rod Walker, President of the North West Walking Club. Rod will give a brief summary of Weindorfer's first visit to the area in 1909 followed by the standard introduction.

LEADER: Anton Lade, President of the Weindorfer Memorial Service Committee. Anton will introduce the Mayor of Kentish, Don Thwaites.

WORDS OF WELCOME: Don Thwaites

STANDARD ADDRESS: Anton Lade.

PSALM 121 – German Version – Joe Lake.

English Version – Brenda Lade

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PLACING OF FLOWERS ON THE GRAVE AND PLAYING OF AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.

ADDRESS BY STUDENTS FROM DON COLLEGE; Naomi Cappelli and Ben Lawrence.

PRAYER: Ann Stocks.

ADDRESS BY GUEST SPEAKER: Nic Haygarth.

REMEMBERING WEINDORFER: Anton Lade.

VOCALIST: Norma Jamieson.

INVITATION BY THE LEADER TO ATTEND THE SHOWING OF A FILM AND SLIDES OF WEINDORFER AT WALDHEIM. The showing will take place in the Trail Side Museum Building at Waldheim.

AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DAY HUT.

Members of the Committee will be dressed in walking fashions of the period.

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3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF CRADLE VALLEY

No. 8

held on 18th November 2008 at the Adult Education Centre, 119 William St, Devonport

Meeting opened: 7.40 pm

PRESENT: Helen Thyne (Chairman), Jim Thyne, Jim Buchanan, Melva Truchanas, Cathy Clayton, Ted Bugg, Martin Daniel, Peter Sims, John Wilson, David Pinkard, Dennis Maxwell, Bruce Pike.

APOLOGIES: Eddie Staier, Andrew Hamilton, Warren Hastings, Lyle Rubock, Bill Forsyth, Jim

Spinks.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd November, 2007 were accepted (Martin/Dennis)

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

President's Report: Helen presented a verbal report (attached to minutes)

Moved (Helen/John) that the President's Report be accepted. *Carried*

Financial Statement:

Running Balance

Bank balance October 2007	347.89	
Interest December 2007	0.75	348.64
<i>Less Payments</i>	87.70	260.94
Bank Statement, January 2008	260.94	
Interest July 2008	0.59	261.53
Bank Statement, October 2008	261.53	
<i>Less Payments</i>		
Postage	17.00	
Supper items	15.00	
Stationery, printing	3.00	
Tas. Landcare m/ship 2008/9	55.00	
Current Book Balance 18/11/08	171.53	

Moved (Bruce/Dennis) that the financial summary be accepted. *Carried*

Business arising from financial report: Financial statement to accompany minutes. Value of continuing membership of Tas. Landcare was queried as grants only given if applicant is incorporated.

Moved Peter/ John not to renew membership when due next year. *Carried.*

Election of Officers:

1. President: Cathy Clayton was nominated by Helen, seconded by Melva. Cathy declined - position held over pending foreshadowed reorganisation.
2. Secretary/Treasurer: John Wilson (nominated by Helen, seconded by Bruce). No further nominations. John accepted nomination and was declared elected.
3. Vice-President: Helen Thyne (nominated by John, seconded by Peter). No further nominations. Helen accepted nomination and was declared elected.
4. Other positions: Nominations of delegates to Steering &/or Stakeholders Committees was held over until the situation with these committees becomes clearer -

Other relevant business:

1. Discussion on change of meeting format: Melva not in favour of just having a network. General agreement to hold future meetings at Cradle Valley (these could be held over a day and give opportunity to inspect any sites of interest). *Moved* Cathy/David to have 2 meetings per year, to be held at Cradle Valley, and extra meetings to be convened as required.

Moved John/ Melva to set up a website.

Moved Melva/Cathy amendment to include website proposal in first motion. Amended motion put. *Carried.*

Cathy offered to follow up on website. Ted agreed to give Friends reports of activities for each

meeting and at other times if required.

It was agreed that the Secretary would act as a coordinator.

Bruce suggested having a dedicated email address for Friends, possibly using GMail. Some email names were put forward: "cradlefriends" considered a likely choice. Melva offered to contribute to cost of setting up,

Mention made of possible financial support from Community Grant funds.

In the light of the above discussion, Cathy accepted position of President which was accepted with acclamation..

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm

_____ Chairman _____ Date

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 18th November 2008

"The objects of The Friends, is to provide communication and practical assistance between us and Parks & Wildlife Service via the Park Manager, Cradle Mountain and through correspondence with the Minister and other appropriate authorities".

I feel we have provided this avenue well over the last year. Secretary Bruce has again done a sterling job, keeping up with all the correspondence. Thank you very much for all your effort Bruce, you make the job of President very easy.

"The aim of meetings of The Friends is to permit individual participants to express their viewpoints and have those views reported. Formal resolutions shall be rare, although consensus should be sought wherever possible, and be recorded. We aim to help Cradle Valley remain a special place and its distinctive environment protected from overuse and poor decision making."

Thank you to all the members for attending the meetings, and keeping in touch though e-mail and Post. Through you we have maintained our aims as watchdog of our magnificent Valley. I know it is hard to come to meetings, especially during the winter, but I would urge you all to keep up the watching role and come along. It is only four times a year.

This year we reverted to an old practice of holding meetings in the Valley We had our May meeting at the Visitors Centre. It was a great success, allowing members to see things on the ground. Thanks to Eddie for showing us the sewerage system, and the reclamation work that has been done so far, and to Dennis for driving us in his bus.

Some members stayed the weekend at Blandfordia. I would recommend to the new committee that they consider having at least one meeting a year at Cradle. I will be only too happy to host members at Blandfordia again.

I am standing down as President this year. I thank you all for your support over the last three years. I wish the new Committee every success.

Helen Thyne
Chair FoCV
18th November 2008

5. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING held Tuesday, 18 November 2008 at Adult Education Centre, 119 William Street, Devonport.

Meeting opened: 8.30 pm.

PRESENT: Helen Thyne (Chairman), Jim Thyne, Jim Buchanan, Melva Truchanas, Cathy Clayton, Ted Bugg, Martin Daniel, Peter Sims, John Wilson, David Pinkard, Dennis Maxwell, Bruce Pike.

APOLOGIES: Eddie Staier, Andrew Hamilton, Warren Hastings, Lyle Rubock, Bill Forsyth, Jim Spinks.

Minutes of Meeting held 2 September 2008 were confirmed (David/Cathy).

Matters arising from Minutes: nil

Correspondence:

Inwards

DATE FROM SUBJECT

06.10.08 CBA Statement (October)
29.10.08 Michelle O'Byrne MP Acknowledgement of letter received
29.10.08 Mark Crouch, Kentish CI Local Area Plan [+email]
10.11.08 Jim Spinks Current & future activities [email]
18.11.08 Ann Stocks Resignation [email]

Outwards

DATE TO SUBJECT

09.10.08 Michelle O'Byrne MP Cradle Valley visitor advisory services
09.10.08 Mark Crouch, Kentish CI Local Area Plan
07.11.08 Eddie Staier, PWS Road conditions etc [email]
10.11.08 Jim Spinks, Barry & Shirley Butler, Dick Burns, Lexie Paul, Steve Brown, Ann Stocks

Rules: Register of Friends re contact and future involvement[[email/mail](#)]

Newsletters

Cradle to Coast Lines, Winter 2008

Resolved correspondence received & outwards endorsed.

Business arising from Correspondence: nil

Senior Ranger's report: (Ted Bugg)

1. STP: pipeline near completion; Stage 2 (pond construction) expected to start by early 2009 and completed by mid-year; no complaints received about truck movements etc.; re-vegetation seeding to be done where appropriate.

2. Overland Track: heavy bookings, with January booked out; track rangers will be present this season (2 of the 4 rangers were previously employed); positive feedback from international walkers; no overcrowding problems have arisen; income from fees is directed to track maintenance; cost of rescues is not charged to O.T. budget; O.T. bookings desk to be re-located to Transit Centre, to create a "one-stop shop" for this activity, despite likely crowding due to the limited space presently available.

3. Cradle Valley: Transit Centre parking area being extended to provide for an extra 50 car spaces; major resorts practically booked out; existing shuttle bus service stretched to meet demand and more vehicles may be required - present contract will last for another 5 years - value-added tours being promoted; no further progress on taped commentary for bus (half of park entry fees goes towards operation of shuttle bus); additional signs - electronic flashing sign at Transit Centre to indicate when park is full - signs outside Transit Centre will give information and traffic directions; Weindorfer Society to celebrate 100 year anniversary.

6. Track work: O.T. starting point at Ronny Creek; funds available for work on fragile area of mountain plateau; conservation work at Kitchen Hut and Vale of Belvoir; asbestos removal from parts of Waldheim chalets; Fish Creek bridge replaced.

7. Staff: Nadine Reeve left to take on a higher position; ranger staff includes 2 rangers (Jenny Cook & Keith Van der Staay) and one field officer - total field staff down to 5, with no replacement of those who have left; Stuart Lennox is interpretations officer.

8. Other items: High-conservation freehold land in Vale of Belvoir acquired by Tas. Conservancy - common management plan in conjunction with PWS; new water supply for Waldheim cabins and staff houses (62 mm pipe laid).

General Business;

1. Discussion: PWS Annual Report to be checked for details of visitor number allocations.

2. Cathy to compose letter for circulation to members.

3. WHAC liaison: no further developments.

4. Peter reported that an application for a mining exploration licence for an area outside Cradle Mountain park has now been withdrawn.

5. *Resolved* that Rules be revised in view of changes in meeting arrangements - Helen & Bruce agreed to do this.

6. The meeting expressed its appreciation to Helen for her contribution as president.

NEXT MEETING: Proposed for about 4-5 April and 24-25 October, 2009, at Cradle Valley with the actual meeting place to be arranged.

MEETING CLOSED at 9.50 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____