

Federation of Western Australian Bushwalkers Inc.

Minutes of **Annual General Meeting** held on Tuesday 18th November 2008
at St Johns Lutheran Church, 16 Aberdeen St, Northbridge, PERTH



Meeting Opened at 7.32PM

Present:

Perth Bushwalkers Club:	<i>Ian McDonald, Hecate Jay, Peter Hegarty, Ralph Ditton, Don Allanach</i>
Action Outdoors Association:	<i>Vince Piper, Andy Long</i>
Western Walking Club:	<i>Jackie Furby, Edith Thomas</i>
Bushwalkers of WA:	<i>Steve Napier</i>
WA Family Bushwalking Club:	<i>Mel Lintern</i>
Hiking Club of WA:	<i>Dorothy Chin, Claire Patten, Jerome DaCosta</i>

Apologies: *Colin Berry and Al Barrow (Albany Bushwalking Club)*

Minutes of Previous AGM : were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved by Hecate. No objections

Business arising from previous meeting: No business was recorded as arising from the previous AGM

Reports

Treasurers : (*Attached*) In discussion on the funds raised from the "Have a Go Day" which was held in April 2008 and resulted in 3 FWAB clubs planning and presenting events for possible public participation, it was suggested that OWA who ran this event could provide longer lead time if they were to run a similar event next year. Steve to email OWA re above.

Acceptance of the Treasurers report was proposed by Edith, Seconded by Mel, All accepted

President's (*Attached*)

Environment: Don Allanach attends monthly Conservation Council WA meetings when possible. He believes the meeting is often addressed by unbiased speakers. The current WA Premier addressed a meeting early in 2008 (when his party was in opposition) and spoke about uranium mining. Don is happy to take any questions we have to the Conservation Council.

Club Reports

WWC

PBC (*attached*)

BOWA (*attached*)

Bunbury Adventure Pursuits Club (*attached*)

Action Outdoors Association (*attached*)

Family Bushwalking Club:

2008 membership of 35 family members. Membership has increased from \$25 to \$40 per family/year.

12 events over the year plus a monthly introduction walk

Camp events have been popular with up to half the membership attending. Walks and tree planting have been included on events. Popular sites were Torbay, Nannup, the Stirlings and Westdale (off Brookton Hwy)

Hiking Club of WA:

12 members in the age range of 35 – 70.

53 activities over the past year. Events usually held on Saturdays.

Special Business

Nomination and Election of office bearers for 2008-09.

Position	Nominees	Votes For/Against
President:	Ian McDonald (no other nominations)	Unanimous for
Secretary:	Stephen Napier (no other nominations)	Unanimous for
Treasurer:	Jackie Furby (no other nominations)	Unanimous for
Insurance Convener:	Peter Hegarty , (other nominations)	Unanimous for
BWA Delegate:	Ian McDonald	Unanimous for
BWA Deputy Delegate:	Hecate Jay	Unanimous for

Voting convener (name) Mel Lintern **Signed:** as per original copy

General Business

Ian believes we need to obtain greater recognition of bushwalking and asked if anyone can help make a presentation to the Minister for Sport and Recreation to raise our profile.

Jerome suggested a 2 pronged approach using newspapers at one end and the Minister at the other. A resolution was proposed that **“All clubs need to increase the Federation’s profile”** Resolution not passed.

Peter Hegarty is happy to be nominated as National Outdoor Leadership Registration Scheme rep for the WA Federation.

The Federation website has recorded a high hit rate since it was launched in early 2008. (see attached data sheet)

Mel has approached outdoor stores Katmandu, Paddy Pallins, Ranger, Main Peak and Mountain Designs re. sponsorship and was met enthusiastically by all who offered \$300 if we place their link on the FWAB website.

Some of the stores offered to place the FWAB link on their websites.

It was Resolved that **“No newsletter would be run for the FWAB at this stage”** Mel believes that lack of a newsletter shouldn’t affect sponsorship.

Discussion regarding expenses for WA Federation members attending Bushwalking Australia Inc (BAI) meetings in other states identified that BAI covers some expenses to key committee (accommodation, breakfast, meeting).

Mel Lintern (Family Bushwalkers delegate) proposed a resolution **“That the Federation of WA Bushwalkers Inc. is prepared to pay outstanding costs for Bushwalking Australia Inc. face to face meetings for our 2 delegates provided receipts are submitted”**

Seconded by Vince Piper (AOA delegate). Motion passed by majority.

Mel Lintern proposed a resolution **“That the Federation of WA Bushwalkers Inc. membership levy be increased to \$1 per member per annum”** All supported

Next Meeting: To be held on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at Rosie O’Gradies Tavern 1st floor cnr James & Miligan St. NORTHBRIDGE. Starting at 7.30PM

Meeting Closed: 10:05PM