

Southern Cross Alpine Lodge AGM - AGENDA

Saturday 25 May 2024

- 1. Welcome: Graham Morrison**
- 2. Apologies and Declaration of Proxy Forms**
- 3. Directors' Report:** (click on this link) Graham Morrison
- 4. Financial Report:** (click on this link) Brian Gaetjens
To receive and consider the Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- 5. Election of Auditor:**
Your directors recommend the re-election of RJW Associates as auditor.
- 6. Election of Directors:** Southern Cross has 7 directors, 3 of whom are appointed by Anglican Youthworks and 4 of whom are elected by our lodge members. The only vacancies are for Jarrod Denny and Jeremy Freeman who retire as directors and offer themselves for re-election. If you would like to nominate a person to stand as director please email secretary@southerncrossalpinelodge.au by Thursday 23 May 2024.
- 7. Motions:**
 1. That the [Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting](#) held 13 May 2023 be adopted.
 2. That the Minutes of this 2024 Annual General Meeting be adopted at a subsequent meeting of directors.
 3. Facilitating a future extraordinary meeting over Zoom: Jeremy Freeman
That future general meetings may be held in two or more places, and that notice of the technology that will be used to facilitate this must be given to members, including such notice being delivered to an electronic address.
- 8. Maintenance Completed and Planned:** Jarrod Denny
- 9. Staff for the Winter/Spring Snow Season:** Ann Collins
- 10.2024 Snow Season Update:** Brian Gaetjens
- 11. Other Business:**
Members may email secretary@southerncrossalpinelodge.au by Thursday 23 May 2024.
- 12. Perisher Ministry update:** Graham Morrison
- 13. Prayer for the season**

If you are unable to attend on Saturday 25 May 2024 in person, you can email your apology to secretary@southerncrossalpinelodge.au and may also appoint a proxy for that meeting.



Proxies must be received by the company directors by Thursday 23 May 2024.

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AGM Minutes FINAL - Saturday 25 May 2024 4pm

Venue: Sydney Anglican Diocesan Hub, St Andrew's House, Sydney Square and by "Zoom" Conferencing.

Signed as a true record: _____SCAL Directors Date: ___14/4/2025_____

1. Graham Morrison opened the meeting at 4.01pm and welcomed all in attendance and on Zoom.
2. **Apologies & Declaration of Proxies** – Ann Collins
 - a. Apologies read - See attached Attendance/Zoom/Apologies table.
 - b. Declaration of Proxies – Peter & Allison Matthews, Kevin Collins, Mike Kirkpatrick.
3. **Prayer** – Graham Morrison
4. **Acknowledgement of Country** where we meet today and the snowy mountains – Graham
5. **DIRECTORS REPORT – Graham Morrison**
 - a. Refer to the Director's Report for 2023 [document](#) that was read out by Graham.
 - b. Additions to the report: Communication Director at Perisher got in touch with GM to request notes and photos from his speech at the Opening service. Graham noted it was humbling and exciting to put the communications from this session to the Perisher staff.
 - c. **Motion:** Move Directors' Report be accepted: Kevin Barraclough; Seconded motion, Hugh Hollier. Motion carried by all.
 - d. No questions were raised.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT – ([here](#)) – Brian Gaetjens**
 - a. **SCAL Memberships** - No one currently actively looking to sell PBS memberships. No one asking just yet either.
 - b. Points to raise from the available **2023 Financial report:**
 - i. This is the required Statutory report. Finances are there to support the ministry of the lodge and not for profit.
 - ii. Good financial position owing to the snow season of 2023 enabling accommodation fees of \$223 000. \$1000 more than 2022.
 - iii. Expenses relatively static, some individual amounts (e.g. Insurance, NPWS) increased, and especially Insurance will continue to rise for 2024.
 - iv. Surpluses have been made for the last 2 years, which has enabled a good recovery following the Covid years.
 - v. Interesting point to mention: Liabilities have jumped from \$70k to \$240k, refer to note 10. The Board has set aside 2 reserves. A General Contingency of \$100 000 - approximately equal to the annual fixed costs in the case of something occurs (e.g. Epidemic), there is enough in the reserve. This includes the cost of being open with no guests. A further Maintenance Reserve of \$50k as a broad estimate of future maintenance costs. See Note 9.
 - vi. Accommodation in Advance reflects the Nov/Dec early booking window income for the 2024 season.
 - vii. Overall, a healthy position with good provisioning for future unknown seasonal conditions.

- viii. Open to questions: Matthew A – Noted the Lease extension coming up in 2028, is there a large fee for this and is there provision for this? BG – not an expert on this.
Background: Leasehold for NPWS, current lease expires 30th June 2028. Potential option to extend for up to 30 years (2058). NPWS could do what they did in the past, it will be likely there is an upfront premium to pay and then annual fee. Lease is on the website, to be updated at some stage. GM noted that all the Perisher leases are on the same end date. This will mean the SLOPES organisation will be acting on our behalf as well. <https://slopes.org.au/leases-to-clubs-from-npws/>
Action – The Directors will be taking this on board and looking to actioning this, and especially ensuring sufficient funds available.
- c. **Motion:** To receive and consider the SCAL Financial report for the year ended December 2023.
Moved – Kevin Barraclough, seconded – Kathryn Harwood. Motion carried by all.

7. Election of Auditors

Motion: For the re-election of RJW Associates as auditor.

Moved - Jeremy Freeman, seconded – Kevin Barraclough. Motion carried by all.

8. Election of Directors

- a. Current directors Jarrod Denny and Jeremy Freeman retire by rotation and are willing to be re-elected.
- b. There being no other nominations received, it was declared that **Jarrod Denny and Jeremy Freeman** are re-elected.

9. MOTIONS

- a. Motion 1 – [That the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held 13 May 2023 be adopted](#) – Kevin Barraclough, seconded – Jeremy Freeman. Motion carried by all.
- b. Motion 2 – That the Minutes of this 2024 Annual General Meeting be adopted at a subsequent meeting of directors – Ann Collins, seconded – Kathryn Harwood. Motion carried by all.
- c. Motion 3 – Facilitating a future extraordinary meeting over Zoom: Jeremy Freeman for directors.
 - i. Background – the current Constitution doesn't allow for AGM or EGM voting to occur other than in person. As we are planning to update our Constitution (hopefully prior to next AGM), we want to include as many members as possible to have input into the new constitution and not all members can be here. The current constitution doesn't contemplate the updates of technology but doesn't rule it out. This motion also gives our membership the opportunity to meet in more than one location linked by technology. Instead of making it for one meeting, this allows for all future and subsequent meetings, allowing for online members to fully participate in motions etc. Vote counting processes will be considered by the current directors.
 - ii. Matthew Atkinson – I believe that we are governed by a Corporations Act that allows us to apply this ruling whether there is a constitution or reform, and does not involve us in this space. Incorporation occurred after this Act was brought into this space.
 - iii. AC – I agree and believe as a result of the Corporations Act, and the update of general constitutions, that there are automatic inclusions that apply for all constitutions. Enabling meetings on Zoom and the relevant changes has possibly occurred, however we would like to include it formally for transparency to our members. JF – as law we are governed differently.

- iv. GM – confirmed evidence of this working in an overseas Christian Aid organisation (INF). Australia is very progressive in accepting details of financial reports using various methods.
- d. **Motion:** That future general meetings may be held in two or more places, and that notice of the technology that will be used to facilitate this must be given to members, including such notice being delivered to an electronic address.

Moved – Jeremy Freeman, Second – Matthew Atkinson. Motion carried by all.

10. MAINTENANCE COMPLETED AND PLANNED – Chris Hinchcliffe (for Jarrod Denny).

- a. 3 Working Bees have been held this year. With thanks to Jarrod, Chris and the Gungahlin church team and the April SCAL crew.
- b. NPWS compliance repairs completed. Oven compliance needs to be managed for this season.
- c. Things that were done:
 - i. Three old trio bunk beds removed and replaced with new trio beds & mattresses.
 - ii. Decks have been oiled and sanded.
 - iii. Internal Electrical board has been upgraded for compliance.
 - iv. New heater added to the drying room.
 - v. Lodge has been thoroughly cleaned and key items from maintenance list completed.
 - vi. Pantry has got all the pantry food ready for 2024 season.
 - vii. Cleaned all the lights inside as well. Known broken lights have been replaced.
- d. A few photos of the April working bee were shown.
- e. Noted the new tree plantings around the Lodge. Pink tags to replace some of the snowy gums. NPWS worked with Lodges in Guthega and Smiggins. Worked with Illawarra and another lodge to plant some other trees. Thanks to Phil and Marcia Heyne for being our representatives for this work. GM – NPWS have learnt what type of bush and plant will survive in this location. They look great! Make sure they don't get skied over.
- f. Kevin Barraclough – Could there be other working bees after the main snow season? AC – Sure. Looking to do this, especially for painting etc.
- g. Hugh Hollier – Roof Sheets that are now in the bathrooms to stop the mould have worked well. Needs for more in other bathrooms and this is needed to be done. AC agreed and would add to the maintenance list.

11. Staff for Winter and Spring - Ann Collins

- a. Firstly, a huge thank you to all the 2023 staff and chefs as per Graham's report. Thanks for putting your hands up to serve in this way and assist with the ministry in the mountains.
- b. We welcome the return of our **Chefs** for 2024 - Tanya, Stephanie and Scott and a new chef, Gillian.
- c. Our **Cleaners**: John O-Riordan (Saturday changeover clean), and Sarah (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) with Otto to assist. Thanks to Altitude Lodge with whom we will share Sarah and Otto.
- d. **Hosts**: Most weeks covered. Some weeks are very full, some are empty (waiting to see what happens with the season this year). Early season due to school holidays from QLD and VIC. Great for the lodge!

12. 2024 Season Update – Brian Gaetjens

- a. Vacancies are shown www.southerncrossalpinelodge.au/availability.
- b. From 31st August onwards, it seems people are waiting for what is going to happen for the season.

- a. Currently \$50k less than last season at this stage. We need to break even here to keep the lodge going. \$170,000 bookings so far.
- b. June long weekend – includes the free Peak music festival. \$268 fully catered. Smiggins' Hotel has events running throughout the weekend as well. Starts Friday evening and finishes Sunday evening.
- c. Epic Passes - 29th May before the price rise. 7 Day tickets are more expensive.

13. Other Business:

None to report via email, online or from the floor.

14. Perisher Ministry update – Margie Heath & Graham Morrison

- a. The Alpine Church will be looking at Parables for the first part of the season.
- b. Margie looking after the catering and thanks to SCAL for the BBQ. People may well be coming for the food, but they come, and hear a good message too. Looking forward to the ministry starting.
- c. Had a great time at Easter (45 people) different crowd and regulars. Saturday at 11am for the opening of the season – Roman Catholic Father Mark from Cooma will be the speaker. Will be repeated at Thredbo Sunday afternoon.
- d. GM – invitations for Perisher area went out a day or so ago. It is encouraging to see the good will that the Alpine Church continues to have. Banner that was made for the Easter Day service and a new notice board. Mountain Operations assisted to fix the posts and put the banner up.
- e. Perisher View - Started the building works, access for skiing to the front door might be limited due to the building above the Church. Planning NSW has changed the road for access to Perisher View lodge, now cuts across the Alpine Church access.
- f. \$3250 given to the Trustee this year. Donations welcome to support the ministry here. Most of the giving is via Direct Credits to the bank account.
- g. Matthew A – They have rented out the lower part to Scots College which goes towards electricity and insurance.
- h. Margie – only expense is another carpet but most is provided out of generosity.
- i. GM – Hoping for an additional data projector to be installed to have 2 screens for the Alpine church. The existing projector is a little bit aged and will need to eventually be upgraded.
- j. AC – Vote of thanks to Graham and Margie - this can be a hard area for Christian ministry, and the people who come can be focused elsewhere so is a very powerful ministry here and is positive going forward!

15. Prayer for the season - Led by Stewart Vella

- a. Blessing of SCAL, thanks for provision of the Lodge, members, directors – help us to be wise and Godly stewards of the resources to help people in Smiggins and Perisher to glorify you!
- b. Continuing to be a “light on the hill” in Smiggins and Perisher.
- c. Bless the ministry of the Alpine Church.
- d. Bless the season with good snow, a great season, safety and great fellowship.

16. Meeting closed: 5:09 pm

(Note: Dinner is at the Italian restaurant near the Grace Hotel. Booking at 6:30 pm. 11 people confirmed. Corner of York and King Street.)

ATTENDANCE – Saturday 25th May 2024

Onsite	Online
Matthew Atkinson (MA)	Ben Mackay (BM)
Kevin Barraclough (KB)	Kevin Collins (Proxy) – (KC)
Ann Collins (AC)	Rod Bale (RB)
Jeremy Freeman (JF)	Lynette Wood (LW)
Brian & Julie Gaetjens (BG / JG)	John Hain (JH)
Kathryn Harwood (KH)	
Chris Hinchcliffe (CH)	
Hugh & Ann Hollier (HH / AH)	
Graham Morrison (GM)	
Stewart Vella (SV)	
Apologies	
Ruth Bell	Peter & Alison Matthews (Proxy)
Bev & Michael Cassin	Naomi Spencer
Chris Clark	Jonathon & Lynette Wood
Iain & Charlotte Hespe	Gordon & Sue McOrist
Mike Kirkpatrick (Proxy)	Andrew Morrison
John Hain	Jenny Morrison
Jarrold Denny	Tom & Meriel Treseder
Narissa Hamilton	