

ROTOTA REPORT

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Welcome, to this editors first newsletter.

It is with great sadness, however, that my first task is as bearer of bad news, as Billy E passed away on the 9th of June. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and our Rotota community.

CLUB NEWS:

Queen's Birthday weekend

Saturday - Working Bee:

Nearly all those on the grounds on Saturday got themselves involved in the working bee, chopping and stacking firewood. Russell, Neil and their team had previously felled several of the pine trees overshadowing the kid's playground and a couple of campsites. With Murray and Neil operating the log splitter, later relieved by Keith & Bill, and many many hands, young and old, stacking the split wood we now have a huge stack to see us through this winter and a few more to come.

Sunday – AGM:

Full minutes are available in the clubhouse or from Lisa, but in short, all the previous committee has been re-elected, except Higgee, who didn't stand this year. He has been a sterling supporter and worker for many years and his influence has been greatly appreciated by the club.

Three new committee members were also elected to the team, Michelle C, Brian D, and Lynette Q. We welcome them to the team and thank them for stepping up for what can be a fun, challenging, and difficult, but often thankless, task.

More AGM details next page.

Special Note:

A big thank you to Ken F, for leveling the drive with his trusty bobcat. Most appreciated by all.

Summary of AGM:

The general consensus of the meeting was that the club is in exceptionally good health, membership is increasing, and it is financially sound and being well run. Even the mortgage is now paid off ! Remits 1,2 3 & 4 were all passed. A motion was also passed that the committee can now spend up to \$4000 on a project before seeking full membership approval, The following items were also discussed:

Caretaker: It was suggested that the club close the grounds to visitors over the winter period, as there are usually no camp fees taken in this time. This would then allow the caretaker/custodian role to be more flexible and more likely to attract applicants. It was noted that there is still a need for the grounds to have someone in attendance for security purposes. A motion was passed that the committee be empowered to negotiate such terms with the applicants.

Membership Application Process: The current method of interviewing prospective members by the full committee is too intimidating, and there is no hard and fast rule as to when membership is granted/declined. It was concluded to make the process less formal, and that membership is withheld for a (non-specific) time to allow the applicant and club members to get to know each other.

Composting Toilets: This was raised because a member has been vandalising the signage in the toilets and repeatedly removing the clubs cleaning products. The committee is responsible for the safe and sanitary state of these toilets. The instructions on use and cleaning must be followed to ensure continued operation of these toilets, with no exceptions. These toilets will continue to fail if misused. The system works when operating under a relatively constant load. These are not rubbish bins. Placing food scraps in these creates peaks of high food content, followed by periods of low food content, and so the system fails. It is vitally important that nothing is placed in these toilets 'unless you have eaten it first'! The committee is sourcing some 'septic tank' friendly cleaning solution to use on the seat and surrounds which can be used with toilet paper and disposed of within the system.

Gate End Kitchen/Shower facility: This is proposed to service the BBQ area and gate end, especially for visitors, and connect to the septic tank at the custodians' accommodation/office.

Visitation rights for ex-members: This was raised as some ex-members have been denied access to the grounds previously, as they did not fall into the categories specifically allowed (prospective members, overseas visitors and NZNF members). A motion was passed that allows all prospective members and ex-members three visits per year.

Booking Process for Club Accommodation: Members were reminded to make contact via e-mail or 'phone prior to arrival if they wish to use club accommodation, to ensure its availability.

Pine Trees: Concern was raised about the safety of the pine trees adjacent Suncourt. Members were reassured that the committee was monitoring these and they will be removed as required.

Reminder:

Membership and Site Fees are **now due**: \$130 per adult (18years and over) plus \$60.00 Site fee.

All membership fees are to be paid within sixty (60) days of the AGM. Notification will be given in the TWO consecutive newsletters following the AGM. All membership fees remaining unpaid after sixty (60) days will be deemed as membership being terminated by the member. So pay by Thursday 5th August, or membership will be terminated and you will need to re-apply.

Members are encouraged to contact the Treasurer if arrangements need to be made.

Go Natural Week: 23rd – 31st October

Any ideas for a public event for Labour Weekend or the weekend after to support the NZNF Go Natural Week? This is our chance to promote naturism in the wider community. Perhaps a visit from the local Hot Rod Club, or a marquee in Rotorua or Taupo. All suggestions welcome. Maybe we could also get more involved in World Naked Bike Ride too.



Favourite U-tube video:

Rowan Atkinson plays invisible drums:

http://www.youtube.com/watch#!v=6Sf_pogZ8jE

(You'll need broadband – but it's worth it)

Custodian Wanted:

Anyone interested in taking on this role is welcome to discuss this with the committee. The contract term is negotiable and only light duties needed - no tractor experience is required and accommodation is provided.

Two blondes went duck hunting with their dogs. They didn't get any ducks. Apparently they couldn't throw their dogs high enough.

Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, you'll be a mile from them, and you'll have their shoes.

I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

Send me: your jokes (clean please); your announcements (but not just gossip); your favourite web links or photos, but don't bother with the recipes, just bring me the food.

Kidzbit:

The kidzone bus "Kidzworld" is nearly complete. This summer all kids are invited to come and help with the painting. We'll organize a mini-working bee for the mini-workers.

Once complete you can bring games and toys to keep in the bus for all to share.

NOTICEBOARD

Mark S. and Sandra P. both turned the big Five-O in June.

DAILY THOUGHT:

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES - NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS.

Puzzle:

 Get your Calculator out.

What's the next Number in the sequence?
1, 2, 6, 42, ??? Answer next Newsletter.

Did you know?

1. Your gate key opens the Clubhouse door (driveway side).
2. If you want anything raised with the committee, their contact details are on the front page. Any proposals or issues can then be discussed at the next meeting. (Next meeting: 4th July)

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