



**MINUTES OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND (INC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE OAKRIDGE POOL AND SPA RESORT, WANAKA  
ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005 at 7:00 pm**

**1. Present:**

Roger Miller, Tony Oxnevad, Nick Tapper, Jim Davis and Sue Bridgwater

**Canterbury Snow Sports:** Cyrus Berry (v), Jane Clifford (v), Andrew O'Donoghue (v), Markus Rieck, David Bridgwater

**QAST:** Rick Pettit (v), Mark Taylor (v), Geoff Martin (v), Rob Greig (v), Roz Grieg, Carrie Cafe, Wayne Cafe

**Turoa:** John Sandford (v)

**Wanaka:** Peter Duff (v), Bonny Teat (v), Graeme Campbell (v), Adi Bernasconi, Kobi Wyssen, Roland Miler, Grant Winsloe (v) and Lynette Winsloe

**Whakapapa Snow Sports:** Peter Gendall (v), Trish Oosterbaan (v)

'v' denotes voting delegate

**2. Apologies:**

Gary Tate, Fran Tate, Sue Campbell, David Howden, Rowan Eves, Trish Eves, Mark Butcher and John Armstrong.

Jane Clifford for lateness

**3. Confirmation of 2004 AGM minutes**

**Moved: Oxnevad**

**Seconded: Rob Greig**

That the minutes of the 2004 AGM are a true and accurate

**Carried**

**4. Confirmation of 2004/5 Financial Accounts**

There was some discussion about the line item 'unauthorised expenditure'. Mark Taylor advised that he believes that this item should be reclassified as it may well have a detrimental effect on funding applications.

Roger read the letter that had been received from the Auditor.

The letter outlines the reasoning behind the classification of the expenditure, and gives some direction on the prevention of a similar situation arising again.

M Taylor still believes that the item should be reclassified under general expenses, staff expenses or similar.

**Moved: M Taylor**

**Seconded: J Sandford**

That the 2004/5 Financial Accounts be approved subject to the Auditors approval for changing the line item 'unauthorised expenditure' to 'staff costs'.

**Carried**

**5. Reports**

The Chairman's Report was taken as read.

*It has certainly been a rollercoaster ride for the Board over the last year. Some incredible highs and also deep troughs. Through this the SRNZ Board remains focussed on being the national organisation for the benefit of our athletes for this year and the years ahead.*

*The development, recognition and achievements of the organisation over the last 16 months has been phenomenal and to all concerned my utmost thanks and appreciation. The support has been tremendous. This is not to say it hasn't been without problems, concerns and inevitable tall poppy scenarios. The difficulties with our initial CEO caused immense problems for everyone, especially the Board. The increased number of athletes participating in our sport and recent successes of our top athletes bodes well for the future.*

*Foremost I record the appreciation of the Board to our principal sponsor, Volkswagen New Zealand and in particular Dean Shead. Our relationships with NZOC and the Academy of Sport have strengthened. NZOC has now guaranteed to commit at least 25% of its budget to winter sports and the Academy of Sport has the WOPP initiative up and running with Mark Elliott's expertise to hand. Hopefully in 2006 we will have the largest ever representation in our sport at the Olympics and be able to bring these athletes and more through for "Top 10 in 2010".*

*None of the achievements could have been made without the support of Trusts – Caversham Foundation through the NZOC for our top teams, and the Scottwood Trust which assists with our new Alpine Director costs.*

*SRNZ has moved forward – rapidly – and we now have a truly national women's and men's teams - and training as such – and coaches and support mechanisms in place to now lead our sport and organisation. Nationally there are record registration of athletes this year. We have a sport, team and profile that is national and hopefully will succeed internationally. The athletes at the top are now in a structured programme and we will now be turning more of our attention to the younger, up coming athletes. These athletes are our future elite teams, and we are looking at ways and means of greater support for all our athletes including the junior ranks.*

*My sincere thanks to my fellow Board members for their many many hours of contribution to the affairs of SRNZ and also to Sue Bridgwater our CEO for her 24 x 7 commitment and contribution to SRNZ. I also welcome Jim Davis our Alpine Director to the team from 1 April this year.*

*There are challenges ahead. Will these require changes to our organisation? Should membership be regional, club or individual? These are matters which should be considered and discussed at some stage, however the Board must currently ensure that the rapid changes and gains of the last year are not lost.*

*The foundations are now in place For the Future. Building upon the traditions and success of the past, but accepting that times have changed and investing For the Future is essential.*

*Roger Holmes Miller*

Roger announced that Volkswagen has renewed its sponsorship agreement with SRNZ for another 3 years.

Roger thanked his fellow Board members, the Alpine Director and CEO, and also Wayne Cafe for his contribution to the Board.

Roger finally advised that the challenge is to keep in place the current structure and to grow it.

The CEO summarised her report.

*It seems much more than 9 months since I officially took up the position of CEO with Ski Racing New Zealand.*

*I can really only make comment on events since December 2004, though there were periods throughout 2004 in which I was involved, with the notable exception of the months of July to September.*

*The amount of work created by the ineptitude of the previous CEO was huge; hours spent trying to get the accounts in to some form of order to submit to the Accountant. Damage control with the membership, who quite rightly, felt extremely let down.*

*The overspending that occurred over the three month period during which the x- CEO was involved has had an impact on the organisations finances that has taken many months the redress.*

*This is obvious for all to see in the Financial Statements.*

*Time taken dealing with matters of this type inevitably detracts from time that could be used on more positive activities.*

*Despite these problems Ski Racing New Zealand has made huge progress since the appointment of the new Board in April 2004.*

*The significant change in Board structure has seen the organisation move from a position of stagnation, to taking the approach that we **have** to put the structures and personnel in place to move the organisation forward.*

*There have been mistakes on the way, but we are moving in the right direction.*

*In the past 12 months we have seen the appointment of Jim Davis, our Alpine Director, and the creation of two National Teams that are truly under the SRNZ banner.*

*Jim arrived in early April, which gave him precious little time to do any form of planning for the rapidly approaching Winter.*

*Ski Racing NZ is working very hard to raise the profile of the sport within New Zealand, something that is helped hugely by results like Mickey Ross's slalom win at Coronet Peak in August.*

*I would like to thank Volkswagen, and Dean Sheed in particular, for all their support through thick and thin over the past 3 years, and I look forward to working with Dean and his crew in the future.*

*Snowsports in New Zealand has gone through significant changes over the past few years.*

*At all levels structures have changed and evolved. The Snowsports Council no longer maintains an office in Wellington, Snowsports New Zealand has had its own troubles administratively, but I am now confident that the new Executive Officer will take this organisation on the right road.*

*The New Zealand Olympic Committee is taking more interest in the Winter sports, assisting with the set up of the Winter Olympic Performance Programme (WOPP).*

*Whilst these events , on the face of it, appear unlikely to affect what happens in the regions they are none the less part of the overall structure that will shape the future of Snowsports in New Zealand.*

*Snowsports New Zealand is working with Mark Elliott of the WOPP programme to encourage SPARC to assist with a position to develop coaching skills for New Zealand coaches.*

*It is initiatives of this type that will help strengthen the base of the sport here.*

*I believe that we cannot take ski racing in New Zealand to the next level without the correct management structure in place.*

*We now have this base to build on.*

*A new Strategic Plan for the next Olympic cycle will be worked on over the summer months.*

*As CEO I would like to see all ski racing in New Zealand, to include Entry level, schools racing and Masters, truly under the SRNZ umbrella, this is something that may take a couple of years to achieve.*

*Through promotion and awareness we must continue to build the base, provide the right tools to our coaches and athletes for success, and by 2010 we will be in a position to believe in 'Top 10 in 2010'.*

*Success will be dependent on collaboration between the relevant national organisations, the SRNZ member organisations and Ski Racing NZ itself.*

*The only reason that any of us is here is for the benefit of the athletes that want to be the best ski racers they can be – this should be at the forefront of all our minds, always.*

*Sue Bridgwater*

The only question arising for the report was with regard to the Executive Officer of SSNZ.

The meeting was advised that the SSNZ EO is Su Scott.

The Alpine Director spoke to his report.

**Introduction:**

*This report will provide the membership with an overview of the athletic side of our organization.*

*Since starting with SRNZ on April 1, I have had two main priorities. One was to set up of the national team programme, in order to provide our top skiers with the training they need to succeed internationally and give NZ a stronger presence in international skiing. The other was to observe the NZ development system and establish a working relationship with key coaches and volunteers, with a long term goal of establishing a top development system within NZ.*

**NZ Ski Team:**

- *SRNZ has established a nationally managed training programme for selected male and female team members for the first time in many years.*
- *On snow training has been very good. In spite of this being a lean snow year, training conditions have been good and we have had excellent cooperation from the ski areas.*
- *Results from the Coronet Peak FIS Series were encouraging. While the NZ season is a training phase rather than a competitive phase for our senior athletes, the races are a good means of benchmarking our progress and sharpening focus.*
- *The Winter Olympic Performance Programme (WOPP) has provided valuable support off snow and has been particularly helpful in upgrading our physical fitness training.*
- *There are currently 5 team members within or close to the World Ranks needed for discretionary selection to the 2006 Olympics. We are hoping to have several representatives at the games.*
- *The current team roster is Men: James Arnott, Mark Bridgwater, Tim Cafe, Andrew Greig, and Mickey Ross. Women: Nicola Campbell, Michelle Greig, Sarah Jarvis, and Erika McLeod. Staff: Men's Coach Nils Coberger, Women's Coach Eric Rolland, Assistant Coach Peter Warmington.*
- *Junior team members Michael Eyles and Ben Griffin have been training with their regional programmes.*
- *The team will be based in North America during the early part of the Northern Hemisphere season and move to Europe in early January. The Olympics and World Junior Championships might be considered highlights of the competition calendar, but competitive results at the FIS level and improved world rankings will be the major goal for all skiers.*

**Junior Programmes:**

- *Through visits to regional programmes and attendance at K&J Cup races I have been able to observe many K1, K2, and J1 athletes. There are several good skiers in these age groups but not a great deal of depth. My concern is that there are relatively few skiers who appear to be developing the skills needed to successfully transition into FIS racing. The small number of athletes participating in these programmes also needs to be addressed. Our programmes need a larger base of athletes to work with for both athletic and economic reasons.*
- *An area that also needs improvement is the transition from Entry Level to K racing. There are some calendaring, seeding, and perhaps philosophical issues that need to be addressed in order to ease the transition. Skiers ages 11 to 14 are in an extremely important phase of their development and we need to ensure that their training and competition programmes are the best possible.*
- *The Youth Group camps to be held this spring will provide more opportunities to assess where our stronger young skiers are technically and physically.*

- *I have not been able to spend much time with the E1 and E2 programmes but hope to learn more about them this spring. Building participation and offering programmes that provide the best possible introduction to our sport is extremely important to the long term viability of our sport. It is at this level where we can create a larger base of technically skilled younger skiers with a passion for ski racing.*

### **Coaches Committee**

*The coaches committee has met once via conference call and will be meeting again in the spring. The group has the potential to make a significant contribution to the development of technical policies, planning and rules review, and strategies to improve and grow our sport at all levels.*

### **Benchmarks:**

*In order to set athletic objectives it is important to know where New Zealand is as a ski nation. The following table is a summary of the world ranks of our best athletes using FIS list number 7. World Rank by Age and Younger (WRBA) has been used for junior athletes and overall world rank for seniors.*

<b>Male Senior</b>	<b>Downhill</b>	<b>Slalom</b>	<b>Giant Slalom</b>	<b>Super G</b>
World Rank	535	431	635	1335
<b>Male Junior</b>	<b>Downhill</b>	<b>Slalom</b>	<b>Giant Slalom</b>	<b>Super G</b>
WRBA 85	95	249	117	118
WRBA 86	962	1077	587	962
WRBA 87	396	309	155	318
WRBA 88	-	916	845	-
WRBA 89	372	390	410	339

<b>Female Senior</b>	<b>Downhill</b>	<b>Slalom</b>	<b>Giant Slalom</b>	<b>Super G</b>
World Rank	754	460	330	444
<b>Female Junior</b>	<b>Downhill</b>	<b>Slalom</b>	<b>Giant Slalom</b>	<b>Super G</b>
WRBA 85	763	251	112	320
WRBA 86	382	185	558	398
WRBA 87	285	158	97	134
WRBA 88	266	133	157	104
WRBA 89	217	180	319	268

*These rankings show that there is much work to do. With very few exceptions internationally successful skiers have ranked inside the top 100 through most of their junior development. Strategies to develop more skiers to this level will be an integral part of the development plan.*

The table of rankings produced to accompany the report, was explained. Jim advised that it is his long term goal to have no triple figures in the table.

In the short term the goal is to qualify 3 athletes for the 2006 Junior World Champs, 4/5 for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games and 4/5 for the 2007 World Champs.

Jim was asked if selection would be discipline specific.

It is the NZOC that has the final call regarding the OWG. Other events are at the discretion of the selection panel and coaches.

## **6. Board Elections**

Roger advised that since the Agenda had been circulated Simon Mills has resigned as a Board member.

Nick Tapper's 1 year term ends at the AGM.

Nick has offered himself for re-election.

The nomination was put to the meeting.

As requested by the membership, the vacancy created by the resignation of Simon Mills will be held over until the SGM.

The meeting discussed the nomination and the process behind it. Peter Gendall advised that Whakapapa is concerned as to how the nomination process was dealt with. There is also concern that potentially the Board could, in the short term, be without a quorum following the resignation of S Mills and N Tapper's 1 year term ending at the AGM. It was restated that N Tapper has offered himself for re-election. Following discussion the meeting agreed that the nomination for N Tapper should stand and that he be re-appointed to the Board for a 3 year term. There was general discussion about Board related matters: the skill set required for the Board, continuity of Board representatives and the current wording/structure of the Constitution.

**Moved: J Sandford**

**Seconded: M Taylor**

That Nick Tapper be elected to the SRNZ Board for a further term.

**Carried**

## **7. Changes to the Constitution**

Roger spoke to the motions relating to changes in the Ski Racing New Zealand constitution as set out below:

That Clause 4.1 shall include definitions for:

*"High Performance Alpine Committee" means that committee of persons appointed by the Board to carry out such functions as determined by the Board.*

*"Panel of Selectors" means those Selectors appointed by the Board to carry out such functions as determined by the Board.*

That Clause 8.2b shall read:

*The Alpine Director, where appointed by the Board, shall be a **non**-voting "ex-Officio" member of the Board. Where there is no Alpine Director appointed an athlete or coach representative shall be elected as a member of the board.*

That Clause 8.6 shall read:

*Each Board Member other than the **Alpine Director and** Chief Executive Officer shall have one vote at Board Meetings. In the exercise of their vote members of the Board shall have regard to the interests of alpine ski racing in New Zealand as a whole, and where appropriate throughout the world.*

That Clause 8.9 shall read:

*The Board shall, at its first meeting following each Annual General Meeting, elect a Chairman of the Board from within the **four voting** Board members.*

That Clauses 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 be replaced by:

*11.2. Where an Alpine Director, a Men's National Team Coach and a Women's National Team Coach are employed they shall comprise the Panel of Selectors. Where any of those positions are not filled those holding any one of those positions shall recommend to the Board another to fill the vacancy on the Panel of Selectors.*

*11.3 The duty of the Panel of Selectors will be to select athletes for such teams, events, training groups and any other selection requirements called on by the Board from time to time including selection of the most improved athletes.*

*11.4 Selections made by the Panel of Selectors shall be reviewed by the High Performance Alpine Committee appointed by the Board on recommendations by the Alpine Director.*

*11.5 The High Performance Alpine Committee shall submit to the Board those athletes nominated for selection. Selection of athletes shall be ratified by the Board.*

*11.6 An athlete, who finds the selection decision to be unacceptable, may appeal such a decision to the Judicial Committee provided such appeal is based on either an allegation of actual bias or upon incorrect application of the Selection Guidelines.*

Roger advised the reasoning behind the changes is to remove the Alpine Director as a voting member of the Board thus allowing him to be directly involved with athlete selection. All proposed constitutional changes relate to this.

The team selection process was discussed. The Alpine Director has proposed that the Panel of Selectors will comprise, but not be limited to, himself and the 2 National Team coaches. There would also be a High Performance Committee; the AD envisages that the HPC should comprise the AD, two sports scientists and one or more representatives from the regional race programmes.

There was a concern with regard to clause 11.2. Those selecting the teams are working directly with the athletes in the teams and there is potentially a conflict. There was also concern that the National Team coaches will not have knowledge of the younger athletes, and nor will the sports science personnel. The AD advised that he feels that the National coaches will know the athletes with potential. The floor did not agree, and felt that the proposal has obvious problems. It was suggested that the Selection Panel should comprise the Regional Programme Directors and the AD, and that there should be more regional input in to the younger teams. The AD advised that he would like to see the proposal adopted as it stands, but will discuss the Talent ID Programme further with the regional coaches over the next couple of weeks.

**Moved: M Taylor**

**Seconded: J Sandford**

That Clause 11.2 be adopted as originally proposed.

**Carried**

There followed some discussion about Clause 11.6. There was some concern regarding the application of the intent of the clause. It was agreed that the clause does now give the required powers with regard to bias and the incorrect application of selection criteria.

P Gendall advised he would like to see guidelines for selection to be added to the handbook.

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Oxnevad**

That all proposed changes to the constitution be adopted.

**Carried**

## **8. Regional Reports**

Attached

### **Canterbury Snowsports Association –Regional report to SRNZ**

- *The Canterbury Region has 4 race programmes, Team Hutt, Porter Heights, Mt Dobson and Mt Cheeseman.*
- *Team Hutt has approximately 65 athletes training this year. General training is based around 40-50 day programmes with FIS team training up to 75 days.*
- *Porter Heights has 15 athletes in two teams competing up to South Island and some to National level. There are also 50 children in the development squad which is very encouraging.*

- Both Mt Dobson & Mt Cheeseman and Mr Robert Snowsports have club Race squads and the fields are host to schools racing. Dobson had 180 skiers and 72 snowboarders at the one day Aoraki Secondary School Champs on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Queenstown Alpine Ski Team (Inc).**

*Report to the Annual General Meeting of Ski Racing New Zealand.  
Held 8<sup>th</sup> September 2005, 7pm Oakridge Hotel, Wanaka*

QAST has been a major beneficiary of the establishment of national development teams by Ski Racing New Zealand. The release of our elite athletes to these teams has allowed QAST to reduce the spread of coaching skills required and ease the political tension within the club surrounding the focus of resources on a relatively limited number of athletes.

QAST supports the comments in the Chairmans' report that in future Ski Racing New Zealand will look to develop programmes to assist younger athletes. As part of our strategy to promote and strengthen junior racing in our region and provide a larger base for the future we will be encouraging our members & staff to develop greater communication and co-operation with Wanaka Ski Club in order to further develop the inter field series to insure its continuation and growth.

This year has seen number of new committee members and it is encouraging to see new blood providing volunteer support at a committee level.

QAST senses a greater level of support from Southern Alpine Recreation Limited the relatively new owner Coronet Peak. The development in 2004 of a separate race and training arena in the rocky gully area, where this area is closed to the public until 11am is working exceptionally well and with the US mens team, as well as a number of other overseas teams training in the arena and competing in our Japanese Cup FIS races we have seen hugely heighten awareness of alpine racing in our area.

QAST is experiencing a period of head coach consistency at present with Maio Fuchs in a coaching roll last year and head coach this year and at least next. Consistency in this roll is fundamental for the ongoing development of our programmes.

Our financial condition is improving after a couple of years of decline and we have been successful in obtaining new sponsors in the form of American Express and Bendemeer AP Limited, a local property development to replace our previous sponsor, the 50K race event.

We have had an increase in athlete numbers with 78 local athletes and 21 overseas athletes training with QAST during the season an increase on last year.

Mark A Taylor  
Chairman  
Queenstown Alpine Ski Team (Inc.)

**TEAM TUROA ANNUAL REPORT**

**TO AGM OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND INC. 8 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Team Turoa Ski Racing inc. (Team Turoa) has had an eventful year.

From a training perspective since the last AGM the 2004 season finished well for our athletes. We also had good results.

Over the summer, several athletes travelled to overseas camps. Five or six joined John Armstrong's camp at Silver Star in Canada, 8 or 10 joined Simon Mill's camp at Montgenevre in France and one attended a QAST camp in Jackson Hole, Wyoming U.S.A.

Two of our athletes competed in the Whistler Cup and several competed at regional races in British Columbia, Canada, Spain, France, Italy and the U.S.A.

The 2005 season has seen a significant change in the delivery of race programmes on Mt Ruapehu. The operating company, Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Ltd, (RAL) amalgamated the two company-owned but separately managed competitive programmes into one. Turoa Competitive Centre and Whakapapa Competitive Centre are now managed under Ruapehu Competitive Centre led by Programme Director John Armstrong.

In addition to administrative support, John employed a Head Coach for each of Turoa and Whakapapa. Each of those coaches leads a team of fully qualified race coaches.

All our E, K and regional FIS athletes are training under the Turoa Head Coach and his team.

National FIS athletes from both Turoa and Whakapapa are being trained as one group; 6 from Turoa and 9 or 10 from Whakapapa led by two race coaches under guidance from John Armstrong.

This system has worked well.

In addition there has been better whole-of-mountain use by both Turoa and Whakapapa athletes. A lot of early season racing took place at Turoa until the Whakapapa snow built up.

Early season races have produced good results for Team Turoa athletes. We've had particularly fierce competition in the J1 and K1 classes.

Good race sponsorship organised by RAL has seen a good range of prizes for our athletes but we are concerned about the lack of a cohesive, long term, strategic approach to development steps for our E and K class athletes in particular.

We are very pleased that Jim Davis' report focused on solutions for a number of these concerns and encourage Jim to develop those plans before the head coaches go overseas in spring.

We have 35 registered ski racers in Team Turoa this year up from 28 last year. And this, despite losing 3 athletes to Wanaka and half a dozen others to changes in family circumstance.

In October 2004, we arranged shared use of a clubhouse for Team Turoa. This is a former gymnasium, an Ohakune building owned by the Masonic Lodge. We share use with a pre-school gymnastic group who only need the building one morning in school weeks. As our use is weekend and school holidays, the sharing works brilliantly. Having use of the building has been great for our athletes to have an in-town base, and building parent communications through occasional parent and athlete get-togethers over a barbecue and a lemonade or two.

Our clubhouse has been used for team captain meetings and is available for use by visiting teams.

We have invested in a significant range of stretching tools such as Swiss balls, therabands, skipping ropes etc. With the trampoline, rings, vaulting horse and beams in our clubhouse, our athletes have a good base of tools to use for dryland training.

Traditionally we have also used the Ruapehu College gym but that has been undergoing refurbishment and extension this season and will not be available to us again until mid September.

Our National FI athletes group have shared the use of Whakapapa Snow Sports impressive new gym in National Park. We are very grateful to WSS for allowing us to share use of this facility.

Our Skiers Edge machine (owned by SRNZ) has been reasonably well used. We have agreed that it should be moved from the club house to the WSS gym to get greater utilisation.

In terms of funds our club isn't seriously well endowed but we have net funds of some \$25k.

We sold our club van at the end of last season and entered into a contract with a local shuttle company (Matai Shuttles) for transport facilities for the club. This has worked exceptionally well for our athletes.

We have recently purchased a luggage trailer ex Super Shuttles. This will be used for safe transport of gear for races and will also be a source of rental revenue, for Team Turoa.

We are very pleased that SRNZ sorted out its administration problems and appointed someone who could ensure the organisation was managed properly.

We are also very pleased with the appointment and arrival of Jim Davis and look forward to strong national programme direction from Jim.

After this "settling in" period, over the last 18 months or so, we look forward to good things from the management of SRNZ.

While we also appreciate the handling of a fair range of difficult issues by the Board of SRNZ, it's no secret that we've not been happy with several governance issues. We've aired our concern over these and look forward to better financial reporting and financial management, better member communication and much more democratic governance of the organisation.

We are disappointed that the Nationals have had to be moved north but certainly look forward to welcoming you all to our ski field.

If any other athletes, clubs or teams need help of any kind when in our neck of the woods, don't hesitate to contact us and we'll do whatever we can to make your visit run as well as possible.

John Sandford

President

Team Turoa Ski Racing inc.

### **Report on Wanaka Ski Club for SRNZ Meeting**

1. *The Club has 237 members for the current year and has been engaged in a number of activities ranging from Masters to Junior skiing. The Club this year celebrated its 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a major function at Oakridge, which highlighted the history of the Club and also Treble Cone. The Treble Cone Ski Academy, being our principal training provider had over 80 athletes in their programme this year, although a good number of these were from overseas and it has been disappointing not to see a growth in local numbers participating. Also over 30 masters are training and racing at Treble Cone.*

*Unfortunately, due to inclement weather conditions in the Southern Lakes, there has not been the usual full programme of racing in the region. However, as the ROC for Cardrona and Treble Cone, we have conducted some very well run races under the control of our Race Committee.*

2. *The WSC is concerned about changes being made to the Constitution of SRNZ, prior to the AGM, and supports the letters from Team Turoa and Whakapapa to the Board.*
3. *Whilst it's noted that in excess of \$300,000 is being spent on salaries for Alpine Director/CEO/Coaches to basically support an athlete base of 10 or less at National level, we have grave concerns as to the future depth of athletes registered with SRNZ and the support given for junior skiing.*
4. *We are very concerned about the lack of communication from the Alpine Director to all regions, training providers and athletes. There should have been a much greater effort on his part, of encouraging greater participation at Junior level. With the tremendous growth in Freestyle skiing, we believe SRNZ has a major task ahead of getting greater participation in ski racing in order to be able to get future funding and sponsorship for the sport.*
5. *We also express our concern over the lack of consultation with SRNZ regarding the regional competitions.*
6. *We strongly support the current structure of SRNZ and congratulate them on the path that has been planned.*
7. *Wanaka Ski Club is supporting our Olympic potential athletes and has become very enthusiastic after Micky Ross's results at Coronet Peak.*
8. *We look forward to a better snow year next year and completing all the races in the area.*

*Whakapapa Snow Sports Inc  
Report To SRNZ AGM 8 Sept 2005*

*WSS is in great shape.*

*We have approx 60 athletes enrolled in ski race programs, ranging from E1 level to FIS senior.*

*11 coaches are employed at Whakapapa led by John Armstrong, Head Coach and Todd Haywood, Whakapapa Coordinator.*

*A high percentage of our athletes have enjoyed Northern Hemisphere training Dec/Jan at Silver Star.*

*WSS enjoys a great relationship with Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) who own the field operation at Whakapapa and run the race programs. We enjoy close cooperation with Team Turoa.*

*Developments in 2005 include a gym at National Park, a joint development with RAL who own the*

*premises and WSS who have purchased weightlifting gear, mats, bikes etc. the gymnasium is an integral part of our long term aim to provide our athletes with more facilities and is an adjunct to our academy program (begun this year) which offers tutors, classroom space and other facilities to enable promising young secondary school athletes to maintain their education whilst skiing through the winter term.*

*We look forward to a good ski racing season and thank SRNZ for organizing the race calendar.*

*Peter Gendall  
President  
Whakapapa Snow Sports*

## **9. Appointment of Auditor**

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: M Taylor**

That Terry Coyle be appointed as Auditor subject to the fee being agreed to.

**Carried**

## **10. General Business**

### **Setting of Fees**

There was some general discussion about fees.

It was noted that the member organisations do not pay a membership fee to SRNZ, however they do register athletes. The Associate members do not register athletes with SRNZ. There have also been requests for membership from schools, and an appropriate fee should be set for these two groups.

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Oxnevad**

That the Athlete Registration fees remain unchanged and that a fee of \$150.00 for Associate Members and \$50.00 for Schools be adopted.

**Carried**

R Pettit requested that a review of the Entry Level fee structure be undertaken prior to the 2006 season.

### **Membership**

There was further discussion about school membership. It was agreed that the CEO would progress discussion with the NZSSSC and also investigate the Primary/Intermediate school situation.

### **Skiers Edge Machine**

The contract that is in place with SRNZ was raised.

The meeting was advised that a second machine, under the terms of the existing agreement, would be sought.

Team Turoa endorsed the success of the machine.

### **Media/marketing**

This was raised from the floor.

The Board and management are fully aware that this is an area that requires work over the summer.

Tony advised that an important part of our marketing strategy is to attract new junior athletes to take up racing. This needs to be done in conjunction with our member organisations into whose programmes the new athletes will go. Member Organisations were invited to forward their marketing ideas/proposals for attracting new athletes and how they would like SRNZ to assist.

It was agreed that more coverage on the North Island especially Auckland is required.

There have already been discussions about this and, in conjunction with VW, it will be progressed over the summer.

### **Snowvision**

The Board was asked what sort of relationship SRNZ currently has with Snowvision.

The Chairman advised that there is no contractual relationship with Snowvision at present.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm

**Signed as a true and correct record:**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_