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If you are unable to attend a meeting please phone Graeme if he has not already phoned you.

If you are on duty, please organize a replacement.

Otago Peninsula Challenge

It would be very hard to find a better project than the *Otago Peninsula Challenge*. Although raising money for worthy causes is something Lions Clubs do well at, we should be reminded that there are a number of *community values* that we should be strengthening. For me the OPC just ticks all the boxes. On the day there was ample evidence of the strong partnerships forged with sponsors, community groups, Mountain bike Otago, Athletics Otago, Peninsula landowners, businesses, environment groups, etc. – the list goes on. But most of all the spirit of the event was captured with the public. From the serious competitors to the recreational walkers, the chance to traverse our own idyllic Peninsula backyard is something special. Seeing the big team entered from the Physiotherapy Department gave us an idea for marketing future events - targeting the social clubs of various businesses and institutions!

A very special thank you to Peter Notman and his team for making the event so successful. To add an extra bonus, we picked up the Trustpower Community award in the *Sport and Recreation* category for last year's event.

As we come to the end of this Lions Year, it is helpful to reflect on the general strength and direction of the club. Our club seems to be in good heart, and we have actually increased our membership. I know we took a vote on not participating in the CEP programme, but I feel we should still have some type of review even if we undertook this on an in-house basis. – maybe something to reflect on?



Our decision to hold the event this year in May certainly paid off with Sunday 12th May providing the best weather to date. However, had it been the weekend before or after I wouldn't be writing quite so positively.

Our committee will hold a debriefing shortly and we will sort out the date for next year.

We are also meeting again with DOC to see if we can finally get the go ahead to build a new track out of Boulder Beach which will allow us to redirect the course for next year. If we get this approval it will mean quite a commitment for the club but we are looking for another good project to work on so it would be great and a chance to promote our club to the public.

As well as the great weather it was really encouraging to see so many Lion's members and their families helping on the day.

Once all of the invoices have come in I will finalize the accounts for this years event and then we can sort out where the profit goes.



THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE OTAGO PENINSULA LIONS CLUB HELD ON THE 16th 2013

PRESENT: G. Ashton; D. Crerar; G. Garside; T. Fogarty; M. Harbrow; I. MacKay; A. McCauley; B. Milner; S. Moodie; T. Mulder; G. Murray; B. Nelson; P. Notman; G. Paterson; E. Robertson; G. Samuels; M. Scott; P. Standing; J. Ware; R. Willcocks.

President John welcomed a big turnout of members.

APOLOGIES: K. Ashton; A. Duncan; R. Lunn; D. Murray; G. Sneddon. Agreed.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Peter S.

MINUTES: That the minutes as distributed in the Bulletin were a true and accurate record." (m) D. Crerar. (s) P. Standing and agreed.

MATTERS ARISING: Peter still to get an answer regards the sign on Portobello Road. Bren N said the cost of Hi-viz jackets range from \$10--\$16. Iain MacK has put a suitably worded plaque on a large pot (for the miniature Kowhai tree) to be presented to Connie Wright. Mark S has worked out a cabinet plan for Defibrillator. Meeting decided to get two made.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS: 1 Blind Foundation (thank you.); 2 Raeowna Rush (re members attending the training evening.) 3 Kids Foundation (thank you.); 4 Lions International. 1-3-4 Received and tabled. 2 Three members will attend.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS: 1 Monthly Reports. 2 Bulletins; 3 Office-bearers course.

FINANCE: Andy McC reported that: Project \$ 551 and Admin: \$ 1700.

REPORTS:

R&R CHALLENGE: Peter N said the 7th. event was very successful both entry, 560 and weather wise. Very happy with the response from club members and families. Some comments were, not enough advertising, should encourage corporate groups to enter. More photographers on the course. T-shirt sales. Members were "challenged" to bring forward ideas for the next meeting. Avoid Mother's day. Gross entry fees around the \$26000 mark. Will be at least a month before final results are known. John W suitably thanked the team for all their efforts.

WHOSE COMING TO DINNER: Peters S said he would like at least four hosting venues and one final destination for all to assemble for desserts. David C volunteered his home as the final dessert venue. Members decided the whole evening courses be Potluck. 15th. June to be the date. Peter and Garry P will be in touch with members.

HEADS UP FOR KIDS: John W said the vibes were that response hasn't been so great at this stage. He has tins etc. if members can locate a suitable position.

OFFICE-BEARERS COURSE: Garry P said Darren M and himself attended the day course. Found it good to meet up with fellow Lions, but found the course slow going, having done it before.

TRUST POWER AWARD: Tom M said Peter S and himself attended the recent award evening and were pleasantly surprised to find the club had won the Sport and Leisure Category. A certificate and \$ 500 was the result. Peter suitably replied.

GENERAL: 2nd. VP: E. Robertson (m) J. Ware. (s) P. Standing. 3rd VP; G. Ashton. (m) G. Paterson. (s) B. Nelson. Bulletin Editor: D. Murray (m) G. Ashton. (s) T. Mulder. Bren Nelson to assist.

The meeting then moved into committee and out again.

David C reported on his visit to the Taieri Club. His talk was about people taking more responsibility for their own and public health. At least 100 in attendance. Taieri is a large club and he was most impressed. John W explained the CEP programme. After some discussion R. Willcocks (m) and A. McCauley (s). "That the club will not continue with the programme at this stage." Agreed. Brian M said that Beth Garey had reached her finance goal and will be going to Iceland. She has promised to give a talk once she returns.

Members asked to be on the lookout for a suitable building for the Fertilizer Drive. Tom M will handle all the returning cards.

TAIL TWISTER: Steve had a good evening catching out the more recreational members of the club.eg. If a bike rider falls, the following rider should take note. Should not spray oil on the Peninsula. For one who promotes safety, should not be seen, by on coming traffic, with the Hi-viz jacket tied around the waist. Reason for not training as hard is to avoid heart problems.

President John asked members if they wanted to hold a Business meeting after the "Dinner". Answer yes so next meeting will be June 20th; he then closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Next Meeting 20th June

Greeters: Darren Murray and Garry Paterson

We will have Christine Garey as our speaker for our next monthly meeting, which will also be our changeover night.

Chris is deputy Chairperson of the Otago Peninsula Community Board, and she has been involved in some innovative community initiatives, especially in Broad Bay, she is an enthusiastic person who passionately believes in the value of supporting local communities. Chris will also bring us some very good news about a young woman we financially supported a while ago.

John



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Remember this little effort one Saturday morning at Graeme's gaff*? Notable for the fact that nobody lost any fingers!



* That one was for you Greg!

"Where's your bicycle Vicar?" I said, because it was the first time I had seen him walking in 10 years!

"Don't know, I think it might have been stolen, but I will get it back on Sunday" he replied. "At my next sermon I will go through the ten commandments. When I get to 'thou shalt not steal' God will sort it out, I've got faith"

The following week, sure enough he was riding the bike again. So I asked him if the ten commandments thing had worked as planned: *"I got as far as thou shall not commit adultery...then I suddenly remembered where I left the bike."*

Q: Why do runners go jogging early in the morning?

A: They want to finish before their brain figures out what they're doing.

Q: What do you get when you run in front of a car?

A: TIRED

Q: What do you get when you run behind a car?

A: EXHAUSTED

