

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD
AT 10AM ON 21 MARCH 2023 AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND**

February Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Present: Owen Baigent
Jean Willis
Sebastien Den Doncker **Left 1.30 pm**
Tom Kroos **From 1pm**
David Haynes

Present Remotely: Guy Gardiner
Bill Cash

In Attendance:

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Lawson Davey	Field Officer
Jacob Lucas	Field Officer
Chris Golding	DOC 11.30 to Noon

In Attendance Remotely: Vaughan Lynn Field Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Ian McLeod, Felix Borenstein, Nick King, Steve Holmes, Keepa Timms (Ngai Tahu Representative)

C1/03/23 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED
D Haynes/J Willis
CARRIED

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

There was no change to the agenda order.

Items added under General Business – Guy Gardiner, - co-oping members to Council.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No changes to the Annual Agenda:

Fish Committee meeting 23 May 2023, time, and place to be confirmed.

Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest. No conflicts were identified.

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4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

C2/03/23 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE
MEETING.
J Willis/B Cash
CARRIED

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED
SCHEDULE**

No matters discussed.

6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted. Moved J Willis/D Haynes
It was agreed that the incident with the broken glass in the meeting room door did not require all
glass being replaced with safety glass at this time. If it happened again this would be reviewed.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

C3/03/23 MOVE THAT THE NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2022 AND
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
TOTTALLING \$333,718.60 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
D Haynes/B Cash
CARRIED

The Financial report was tabled and noted.

The manager reported that staff managed to get aerial spot spraying weed control completed for
the whole of Para Wetland. Due to great weather conditions, it was decided to complete as much
spraying as possible, by doing so the deferred works has now been completed and aerial weed
control will now be biyearly.

C4/03/23 MOVE THAT THE SPRAYING OPERATION IN THE PARA
WETLAND BE APPROVED, IT IS NOTED THAT THIS OPERATION
WAS AUTHORISED BY THE MANAGER AS AN EXTENUATING
MEASURE AND THAT THE NECESSARY MONEY BE USED FROM
THE BACK COUNTRY RESERVE TO FUND ANY BUDGET OVERRUN.
J Willis/D Haynes
CARRIED 1 Abstained

8. DOC LIAISON

Chris Golding was welcomed to the meeting; Chris updated the Council on the Department's
Animal Pest Control work and this year's 1080 drop schedule.

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9. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

1172 GAMEBIRD NOTICE

C5/03/23 MOVE THAT THE GAMEBIRD NOTICE BE APPROVED AS
PRESENTED BY THE GAME COMMITTEE.
G Gardiner/T Kroos
CARRIED

The Gamebird notice was approved with the following additions to last year's notice.

- An additional pheasant weekend (on publicly administered land) covering Opening Weekend.
- Extending the chukar season to allow flexibility around weather and access into Molesworth.

10. 23-24 OWP, BUDGET AND CONTESTABLE FUND APPLICATIONS.

C6/03/23 MOVE THAT THE 23-24 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AS
PRESENTED BE APPROVED
J Willis/D Haynes
CARRIED

C7/03/23 MOVE THAT THE 23-24 BUDGET AND CONTESTABLE FUND
APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED BE APPROVED
G Gardiner/T Kroos
CARRIED

11. CHAIR REPORT

The chair reported that he had attended the governors meeting in Wellington.

12. NZ COUNCIL REPORT

The written update on the NZC Meeting 161 was noted.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Gordon Wright – Acheron River Fishery – The manager to respond that staff will endeavour to drift dive the Acheron River this summer.

Kevin Williams – Lead Shot in Children's Shotguns – This was noted for information only.

Keepa Timms – Resignation as Ngai Tahu Representative – The manager to acknowledge Keepa's resignation and thank him for his contribution to Council, copying in Ngai Tahu, enquiring about the process of a replacement for Keepa.

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14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Guy Gardiner – Co-opting 2 new Councillors.

Guy spoke to his proposal of co-opting 2 Marlburians onto NMF&G Council, as there is currently only 2 from Marlborough on the Council and only 1 an active hunter. The Council unanimous supported this and the Manager was asked to write on behalf of the Council to both suggested parties and formally invite them.

MEETING CLOSED 2.48 pm

Chair *O. F. Rainger* Dated *30.3.23* 2023