

CONFIRMED MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL



At the **NCFG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **7 Dec 2023** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Thursday, 17 November 2022
Time:	6:38 pm to 7:35 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), DAVE BARRON, DAVE COLL, KEN LLOYD, NIALL COSTER, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Apologies:	GRAEME NAHKIES, CHRIS BRANKIN
Guests/Notes:	Staff - Lyndon Slater, Emily Craig, Harry Graham Samson, Jonathan Larrson, Larry Burke (NZSAA), W Eastwick, Bruce Kelly (Rakaia River Fishing Promotions), Dave Dockery, Arthur Allington, Andy Sheppard (Canterbury Fly Fishing Club), David Kirkness, Bob Loasby, Karl Krauze

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by the Chairman to the 2022 Annual Public Meeting

Cr Strong welcomed Councillor's, staff, and the public to the 2022 Annual Public Meeting to Report on the 2021/22 Statement of Financial Performance and the year that was.

1.2 Karakia

R Gabriellsson gave the Karakia

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora!

Translation:

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

1.3 Confirm Minutes for the 8 December Annual General Meeting

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2. Meeting Business

2.1 2022 Statement of Service Performance

Cr Strong started by introducing new staff members for NCFG. Points outlined in his summation were;

1. High Country Water and Wetland Project (HCWWP) is currently being undertaken at the east branch of the headwaters of the Glenariffe stream and stated he looked forward to future improvements for juvenile salmon rearing and spawning success at this site;
2. The land purchase for this salmon reserve site was nearing completion;
3. Thanked Councillors for their personal time taken with council matters and stated every councilor attended all meetings held in the year.
4. The Audit Report reported a surplus of \$187,000 but special circumstances relating to reporting on the HCWWP "Jobs For Nature" project funded by the Ministry for the Environment brought this down to an actual surplus of \$91,000.
5. Pleased that staff delivered services whilst staying within budget.
6. Pleased to have a healthy cash flow state.
7. Reserves down by \$30,000 due to HCWWP - and that in line with Council approval the McIntyre Reserve will be depleted to purchase the land along parts of the Glenariffe Stream.

Cr Strong congratulated all on a fantastic outcome.

2.2 Volunteer of the Year Award 2022

R Gabelsson gave a brief background on the Volunteer of the Year Award and then presented the Award to Bob Loasby who has been a volunteer Ranger for 25 years.

B Loasby thanked Council and to Cr Isitt for his assistance over his tenure. He finished by saying that the current-ranging team was the best he has seen in years.

Motivation for awarding of the 2022 Volunteer of the year trophy to Bob Loasby:

Bob has been a stalwart of the North Canterbury Fish & Game Ranging team for over 25 years.

Unfortunately, some recent knee surgery has meant that Bob is not as mobile as he would like to be for ranging and he has handed in his warrant after many years of dedicated service.

His wisdom, sage advice, and experience have helped countless new rangers to Fish & Game over those years, and he has helped out by being a member of the Compliance Review Committee which provides advice on prosecution decisions.

Bob has also helped out when North Canterbury Fish & Game has needed an extra set of hands, be it fishing competitions, fish salvages, or angler education.

His support has not gone unnoticed, and for that, we wish to thank Bob by awarding him with the Volunteer of the year trophy.

2.3 Staff / Guest Speaker Presentations

R Gabrielsson introduced the year that had passed, and then provided an opportunity for all attending to watch a video on "the year that was with NCFG".

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1. Concern was raised about the safety of staff whilst on ranging duties especially if they were alone. It was noted that the current ranging team was more than competent and fully trained on how to deal with such issues.
2. Trustpower water flows to Lake Coleridge were currently being worked through with ECan who are the regulators on the Rakaia WCO and it was announced that court proceedings to further clarify the regulator's responsibility for monitoring compliance with WCO values would be undertaken by NCFG and other statutory bodies by the end of the year.
3. The status and shortcomings of Queens Chain / public access to waterways across the region were raised - it was noted that staff is working on identifying ways to protect and improve public access and that a link from Walking Access NZ is available on the NCFG website.
4. Back Country Endorsement - a commitment was undertaken to explore ways to have any special endorsements added to the fishing licence card at the point of purchase.

3. Close Meeting

3.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____