

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Fish & Game NZ, Southland Region Council meeting held at the Council Office at 17 Eye Street, Invercargill on Thursday 10th August 2023.

Present: Lindsay Withington (Chair) Michael Hartstonge
David MacGregor Lyndon Norman – via Zoom
Mike Turner – via Zoom Corey Carston
David Linklater Craig Horrell
Dave Harris

In attendance: Zane Moss, Ben Febery, Cohen Stewart

Steve McCartney (Minutes).

Members of the Public: Nil

1 Welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.35pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2 Apologies:

Stevie-Rae Blair.

Moved: D Harris. Seconded: M Hartstonge. Carried.

3 Declarations of Interest:

The individual member declaration of conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda had been circulated to members before the start of the meeting.

Any conflicts were noted by the Chairman.

4 Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the public meeting held 1st June 2023 were considered.

Resolved M Turner/M Hartstonge: That the minutes of the public meeting held 1st June 2023 were taken as read and were a true and correct record. Carried.

5 Notices of Motion

Health & Safety Report to 31st July 2023.

The Council Health & Safety report for the period was attached to the agenda for consideration. All known hazards were listed in the Southland Health & Safety Plan.

The meeting was advised that the health and safety plan had been reviewed and that the H & S Plan is provided to external contract providers, feedback from whom indicates our plan is satisfactory for their purposes.

Resolved M Hartstonge/C Horrell: *That the Health and Safety Report to 31st July 2023, be received and accepted.* Carried.

6 Staff Report

Upper Mataura beat delineation.

Ben presented a powerpoint presentation on this matter.

Case for it – Angler satisfaction

- Angler conflict
- Designated waters licence, angler displacement on the Oreti river
- Issues with parking in gateways
- Anglers walking across paddocks.
- Feedback support for a beat system.

There is now 87 km's of managed water from the Ardlussa bridge to Roberts Creek divided into 42 beats (average length of 2 km/beat) including 2 on the Brightwater plus 5 open reaches.

Map presented showing beat and access points. Each beat will have its own sign with instructions and map with boundaries. Also looking to produce large maps to be erected in the local towns showing the beat system.

Pioneer – licence to Occupy Land Agreement (Monowai Jetty)

Discussion held re need to revisit construction costs as they will have risen and look at funding options. SFGC insurers (Aon) had previously advised that the jetty could be covered under existing asset classes for a premium likely less than \$1,000, should we choose to seek cover.

Resolved D Harris/M Hartstonge to accept draft Licence to Occupy land Agreement.
Carried.

7 Memorandum of understanding between Southland and Otago regions

Resolved M Turner/D Harris to accept MOU as drafted.

8 Potential Sale of Mandeville Pond site

Moved to enter Public excluded session.

Resolved M Hartstonge/C Horrell

The Hokonui Runanga were grateful to receive but declined SFGC's offer to purchase the pond site. Options for disposal are.

1. Place on open market
2. Approach the adjacent landowner with an invitation to purchase.

The current valuation (\$80,000) held could be offered to the landowner for purchase price indication purposes.

Moved to have the manager approach the site's adjacent landowner re offer to sell.

Resolved D linklater/D Harris.

Resolved M Hartstonge/D Harris to move meeting into public.

9 Waituna boat ramp

The ramp is classed as a wetland utility structure that can be maintained as a permitted activity, without resource consent.

The manager had approached the area manager for DoC re proceeding without the need to undertake a concession process. That approach was viewed favorably, but waiting for a formal response. Site works would include excavating the channel, disposing of spoil off site and installing sediment barriers. Cost to be covered by funds held from a donor.

10 Council information reports

Letter from Corina Jordan clarifying the approval process and priorities in respect of Licence Fee, Sports Fish Fees and Forms Notice and Anglers notice together with the implementation of the Designated Waters licence system.

11 Administration Reports

Cost of insurance raised. C Carston enquired if insurance was likely to be done on a national basis. The Admin manager advised that cyber cover was arranged on that basis but Fire and General cover was still each regions care.

Reports accepted.

12 NZC Update

Councilor Harris advised that the Future Finance committee continue their work on the budgeting system. Remuneration policy discussions continue. Future Structures committee still looking into regional structure of 7 regions.

Items for next meeting

Iwi Liaison.

Swan egg harvest.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____