

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2016
AT CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HALL, CHRISTCHURCH
COMMENCING AT 6.41PM

1. Present

Councillors: Trevor Isitt, Malcolm Gilbert, John Cumberpatch, Denis Kelliher, Ron Stuart, Alan Strong, Craig Maylam
Staff: Rod Cullinane, Debbie Ambler, Scott Pearson, Steve Terry, Dirk Barr, Emily Arthur-Moore, Richard Cosgrove (South Island Communications Advisor)
Public: John Hodgson, Paul Hodgson, Kevin Lloyd, Greg Terras, Larry Burke, Martin Burke, Geoff Clark, Keith Gibbs, David Kirkness, Steve McNeill, Owen Young, Ray Dillon, Peter Maguire, Bill Southward, Phillip Musson

2. Apologies

Councillors: Peter Robinson, Ken Lee, Bruce Kelly
Staff: Tony Hawker, Ryton Barr.
Public: Gavin James, Peter Morgan

3. Welcome By Chairman

Cr Isitt opened the meeting by thanking and then inviting the attendees to stay on for the Council meeting which was to follow the AGM.

"That the apologies be accepted"

Moved: Cr Stuart
Seconded: Mr Young Carried

4. Minutes from the Previous Annual General Meeting Dated 16th December 2015

"That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record"

Moved: Cr Cumberpatch
Seconded: Cr Gilbert Carried

5. Summary of 2015/16 Issues and Achievements

R Cullinane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened his summary by thanking staff and Councillors for their hard work over the past year. He then outlined the highlights of the year:

- **Matters affecting the Region** - 1. Water – the lack of rainfall and consent use for water take; 2. Threats to habitat through intensive farming practices; 3. Ban on winter fishing to protect our resource. Initially this was viewed negatively by stakeholders but now seen as a positive step. This position to be reviewed when next Regulations review carried out.
- **New Building** - Building on target with a moving in date of April/May 2017. Funding for project coming from cash reserves and Insurance payout and likely to come in on or close to budget. R Cullinane stated stakeholder assistance would be sought when landscaping and paths were due as there was little money in the budget to complete these..

6. Presentation of the 2014/15 Annual Report

R Cullinane reported a financial deficit of \$172,000 but explained that there were a number of factors to be taken into consideration: There has been a 5% decrease in licence fees, and notwithstanding this there has been an increase in levy payments to NZC; spending with the Fresh Waters Programme and Whiskey Creek have been classed as expenses whereas in reality this expenditure comes out of reserve funds; and with depreciation being a book entry only, he was pleased with the overall outcome..

“That the 2015/2016 Annual Report be adopted”

Moved:	Cr Stuart	
Seconded:	Mr Young	Carried

7. Presentation of the Ian “Mac” McCrory Trophy for Volunteer of the Year

The recipient for 2016 was Mr Dave Denton. The trophy will be presented to Mr Denton at the February 2017 Council meeting due to his unavailability to attend this meeting.

8. Working with Nature Awards 2016

S Pearson gave background to the Awards and stated that due to the strong nominations this year, a runner up for the Award was initiated.

Glen Herud – runner up – produces organic milk from a mobile micro dairy unit of 55 cows, that is able to be moved from farm to farm to keep the environmental impact to a minimum.

Phillip Musson – winner – dairy farmer who has taken a long term view of profitability and sustainability. He has built a feed barn that collects effluent which is stored in a sealed pond. A spring fed stream on the property had been planted, and he has also fenced and planted along Powells Road Drain and is encouraging other local farmers to do the same.

9. Presentation from NZC

R Cosgrove outlined that he had made a presentation on behalf of NZ Fish & Game Council to Cr Robinson as a previous Chairman of the NZC. This presentation had been given to all former Chairmen.

10. Staff Presentations

- R Cullinane – plans for the interior and exterior of the new NCF&G premises were shown. The existing dwelling on site would be rented, with the rent funding the upkeep of the property.
- S Pearson - Spoke on some of the environmental issues undertaken in 2015/2016. These included high country intensification, Kakapo Brook, stock exclusions, erosion of banks along side streams and rivers and good management farm practices. He stated that NCF&G is working well with other agencies on matters such as water quality projects, inventory of all water recreation areas in the region for example.
- S Terry - Spoke on spawning results at Lake Coleridge with evidence suggesting the spawning rates were on the improve.
- D Barr - Gave background to Whiskey Creek and on the work completed to date. Official opening to be held on 17th December with the transfer of 30,000 chinook salmon smolt to the site. D Barr acknowledged and thanked the volunteer force on the work completed.
- S Terry - Outlined the different processes used to monitor the NC F&G salmon fishery. These included;
- Aerial surveys during spawning time;
 - Phone harvest surveys;
 - Monthly exercise to study water quality and invertebrates;
 - Working with landowners on education of life streams and rivers;
 - Fish screens – trialing fish screens and educating other agencies on their use. General discussion followed on guidelines for building and use of fish screens, their effectiveness and how they are inspected. Wording in new consents granted for water use does not include “live fish testing” which is seen as a problem. Staff are currently working with ECAN towards a joint approach on monitoring of fish screens.
- E Arthur-Moore - Spoke on ECAN’s enforcement of stock exclusion rules; fencing waterways and the removal of sediment in waterways. Projects currently in the planning stages are changing the shape of Snake Creek to enhance and protect habitat; creating an enhancement project in conjunction with DoC to repatriate the Powells Road and Days Road Drain to its former state as a significant spawning area. She then showed a video on the work carried out on the Wairarapa Stream to remove sediment.
- Cr Isitt - Outlined the Fresh Waters Programme. New initiatives included education seminars; the possibility of making Rotokahatu an extension of the Groynes Fishing Lakes and currently investigating the establishment of a new fishing zone in eastern Christchurch. Cr Isitt explained Fresh Waters was actively seeking sponsors for projects and that there were high profile Trustees coming on board in support of the Programme. That one fish tank will be going into the Discovery Room at the Canterbury Museum

11. General Business

- Was there going to be a Dairy Compliance Report?
- If stakeholders were concerned about any issues within the NCF&G region, they have the opportunity to attend bi-monthly Council meetings.
- Tagged trout Rakaia River – feedback good so far. Due to migration, valuable data would not be available for another year.

Co-opted Member

“That Phillip Musson be co-opted onto the NCF&G Council”

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

Chairman

Date