

# **AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council at the NZ Deer Stalkers Hall, Wairere Drive, Hamilton on Saturday 3 December 2016, commencing at 2.00 pm**

### **PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** M. Young

**Councillors:** G. Annan, D. Cocks, W. Howard, N. Juby, A. Kerr, P. Shaw,  
C. Sherrard, S. Smith, E. Williamson.

**Staff:** B. Wilson, J. Dyer, D. Klee, M. Davis

**Visitors:** P. Hardy (DoC), J. Atkinson.

### **1. APOLOGIES:**

P. Fuller, G. Brocklehurst, R. Atkinson, C. Carey, B. Smith, A. Daniel,  
A. Sintenie.

It was moved;

**that apologies be accepted.**

**S. Smith/Cocks CARRIED**

### **2. MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2015:**

It was moved;

**that the minutes of the Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting on the  
5 December 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**Cocks/S. Smith CARRIED**

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Discussion ensued on the proposed 1300 section subdivision at Te Kauwhata and the potential impacts on Lake Waikare. Mr Wilson agreed that staff would closely scrutinise any such application.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the auditor of Council's accounts had agreed to a reduced fee for the auditing of the Land & Water Habitat Trust.

In reply to a question from Mr Atkinson, Councillor Sherrard replied that the introduction of the new licence categories had not resulted in a reduction in lapsed licence sales but that new anglers were contributing to an increase in the sales of short-break licences.

4. **ANNUAL REPORT:**

It was moved;

**that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council be adopted.**

**Annan/S. Smith CARRIED**

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mr Atkinson expressed his considerable concerns over the purchase of the magazine 'Fish & Game' by the NZF&GC. He especially emphasised his concern that the purchase contravened the legal statutes that prohibited F&G from making a profit.

Mr Atkinson observed that while the magazine was world class in regards to fresh water fishing it had little of interest to game bird hunters.

Councillor Sherrard reported that there had been no prior consultation with regional councils over the purchase due to commercial sensitivities.

Councillors agreed with Mr Atkinson that the purchase of the magazine raised issues regarding the lack of consultation and the potential ongoing liabilities.

It was moved;

**that the NZF&GC be informed of the concerns arising from the AGM in regards to the purchase of the 'Fish & Game' magazine, especially the lack of regional consultation, legality of the purchase, and the potential for ongoing liabilities.**

**Atkinson/Cocks CARRIED**

Mr Atkinson thanked Council for the financial assistance in clearing up willow blockages on the Upper Ongarue River.

Councillor Annan reported that the landowners at Toa Bridge were now giving access to some local anglers.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2.45pm.