

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH & GAME

Minutes of a Meeting of Council
held at the NZ Deerstalkers Hall, Wairere Dr, Hamilton,
on Saturday 11 February 2017 commencing at 11.30am.

PRESENT:

Chairman: M. Young

Councillors: C. Carey, D. Cocks, W. Howard, N. Juby, A. Kerr, C. Sherrard, B. Smith,
S. Smith, E. Williamson.

Staff: J. Dyer, A. Daniel

Visitors: P. Hardy (DoC).

1. APOLOGIES

P. Shaw, G. Annan, B. Wilson, D. Klee, M. Davis, A. Sintenie.

It was moved;

that the apologies be accepted.

B. Smith/Young CARRIED

2. POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM MEETING AGENDA:

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 5 DECEMBER 2016:

It was moved;

that the minutes of the previous meeting of 5th December 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

B. Smith/Young CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

None.

5 CORRESPONDENCE:

Counties Power are considering removal of their power-pylons on the Dean Wetland. It was agreed that they could be removed in the first ten days of April and after May.

A letter was received from Mr Dan Madsen regarding the adjoining property to the Piggott Wetland. Discussion ensued on the potential of F&G purchasing this land if the owners decided to sell.

It was moved;

that staff should check with LINZ to get an approximate value for the property. Mr Wilson to speak with Dan Madsen and arrange a meeting with the family along with Councillor Cocks to see if they want to sell and at what price, and get an agreement for first option to purchase the land if the family is willing to sell.

Cocks/Williamson CARRIED

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BI-MONTHLY REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Councillor Carey asked where the copper found in ducks was coming from. Mr Dyer answered that we don't know but it could come from copper sulphate getting into oxidation ponds.

It was agreed that staff should look into testing ponds and cost an investigation into finding the source.

- Pukekohe WWTP Tainui staff called Dr Daniel and would like to meet with staff as soon as possible to discuss a way forward with the WWTP consent.

It was suggested that:

- there was no need for a diffuser,
- offset mitigation in the form of purchasing adjacent land above (Chisnell property),
- include our land as mitigation in terms of wetland construction
- Mr Wilson to call Tim Manukau of WWTP to discuss.

Council rose for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed at 12.45pm

Councillor Juby commented that it was good to see a big turnout at the Lake Serpentine re-signing.

It was moved;

that the CE Bimonthly report and Financial Statements be accepted.

S. Smith/Cocks CARRIED

7. LAND AND WATER HABITAT TRUST:

After presentation and discussion it was moved;

that the Land and Water Habitat Trust Accounts be accepted.

Cocks/Williamson CARRIED

8. OSH UPDATE:

After presentation and discussion it was moved;

that the OSH report be accepted.

S. Smith/Cocks CARRIED

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Councillor B. Smith was disappointed that he was not informed about banding and so were others. It was suggested that Councillors should be informed via email or similar, the schedule should be added to the web page. Mr Wilson to discuss a plan with staff to promote participation and PR.

Mr Dyer mentioned a petition to firearms rules in terms of length. Councillors would like more information about rule changes. Councillor Cocks to keep Council informed and oppose any erosion of firearms use, including the potential to try to ban semi-auto shotguns. Mr Dyer to inform staff and Councillors of any changes.

Stuart Muir called Dr Daniel to ask the Council to leave ecotox bait stations after their work is done so he or the Franklin club can arrange to continue baiting four times annually. Dr Daniel followed up with a phone call confirming that staff time would not be needed. Councillors supported the idea and would like more information about who will run the program and of any cost. No staff time is available to support the programme.

Councillor Cocks asked if we could sell the Waikato Islands or trade them for other land like Waikare.

Mr Dyer announced he will be going to Northland wetland opening.

Mr Dyer updated that botulism is at low levels this year.

Councillors would like an update from Mr Wilson on the field trip for next meeting.

Councillor Juby mentioned he thought that we should have had fishing rule change on the agenda and Arapuni rule change was discussed.

Dr Daniel to produce a definition for lake stream boundary and if any of the Arapuni streams could be included.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2:35