

5. Summary of 2014/15 Issues and Achievements

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

- **Elections** - Held in October with only 11 nominations received, therefore no election was required. Of those appointed, six were new Councillors but there had been one subsequent resignation of a returning Councillor. A co-opted member (Bruce Kelly) was appointed at the first meeting of the new council. M Clements, the past Chairman for 15 years retired. The voting for a permanent Chairman would be conducted at the Council meeting following this AGM.
- **New Building** - Progress had been slow through the design phase with the plans ready to go to tender and pricing which was required to be completed no later than early February 2016 to allow Council to give final approval at its February meeting. However, the Christchurch City Council had yet to approve the change of use resource consent.
- **Boggy Creek** - Sold to Department of Conservation earlier in the year with a condition of sale that unrestricted and free access would continue for the ten balloted hunting stands.
- **Licence Category Changes** - At a national level it was decided after considerable survey research to respond to a demand for greater flexibility in licence options. New categories include Local Area, Loyal Senior, Short Break (3 days) and Long Break (9 days). R Cullinane stated there had been considerable uptake for these new options, but overall the financial impact on income was yet to be determined.
- **Youth and Family Programme** - Funding had been a concern for the Programme however there was renewed confidence that funding would be more stable and on a permanent basis.

6. Presentation of the 2014/15 Annual Report

R Cullinane reported a financial surplus of \$245,000 and with various adjustments being made saw the overall spend come within budget. He explained that an error in reporting licence income sales in last year's financial statements had been corrected in this year's statements. This error occurred as a result of incorrect sales being reported to the region by the contracted sales agency. He also cited an error in the "Directory" (page 5) which had also been corrected. R Cullinane advised that the financial statements had been prepared for the first time in accordance with the new Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards.

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

The recipient for the 2015 Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Wayne Henwood.

8. Staff Presentations

Prior to the staff presentations, Cr Stuart took the opportunity to recognise the performance of the North Canterbury Fish and Game staff across the board and commended them on a positive financial result.

Staff then presented on their respective areas of responsibility;

- S Terry reported on trend counts and angler surveys. He stated that currently annual counts were being completed but this would be increasing to two next year as he felt that fish were being missed. Harvest trends were on par as in previous years. With changes in general habitat occurring and in conjunction with ECAN and

Central South Island Fish and Game, a three year project to carry out monthly water analysis to test for algies, nitrate levels etc. would be undertaken at a total of eight different sites.

- D Barr reported the loss of 90% of stock at the Isaacs hatchery due to the water flow inadvertently being redirected but stated the yearling enhancement programme was not affected. He thanked local commercial growers for their support in replacing 100gm salmon and assisting with stocking of the Groynes. R Cullinane stated the financial cost of this loss could be absorbed within the rest of the hatchery programme.
- D Barr stated he was concerned with the increasing population of paradise ducks with avian botulism not affecting populations as first thought. He stated that moving the paradise duck and black swan seasons to deal with the problem was in the initial stages of discussion. He suggested the need for better monitoring tools to gauge these populations was required.
- T Hawker stated that when currently doing the trout and landlocked salmon count around Lake Coleridge only one tributary was being monitored but would look at using other tributaries in future. Was pleased to see the population increasing for rainbow trout at Lake Coleridge. He stated that dydimo was having an affect on rivers and the number of trout in rivers.
- S Pearson outlined the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and spoke on the key outcomes for the following; Selwyn Waihora (CPW); Ngai Tahu / Balmoral decision, Grassmere Station, Mt Hutt Station, Kakapo Brook and Plan Change 4. He outlined the staff initiative for bi annual monitoring of selected indicator rivers looking at access to rivers and banks, data collection and reporting and advocacy.

Gavin James spoke on el nino events and the effect this had on returning fish in the past and would like to see staff take up reporting on these returns.

- Cr Robinson summarised the year's activity and presented a video showing the effect the Fish in Schools programme had on children and their learning within three Christchurch schools.

9. General Business

- Colin Eaton raised the sale of Mt White and Flock Hill stations and the need to work on covenants before the land was sold. R Cullinane replied this was already under action by staff.
- All Councillors introduced themselves for the benefit of the stakeholders attending.

Cr Brooks thanked those in attendance and wished all a merry Christmas.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.48 p.m.

Chairman

Date