

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2012 AT CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HALL, CHRISTCHURCH COMMENCING AT 6.45PM

1. Present

Councilors: Martin Clements (Chairman), Bruce Kelly, Stephen McNeil, Peter Robinson, Trevor Isitt, Cavan O'Connell, Serge Bonnafoux, Paul Farrow, Hamish Grieg, Brian Smart, Ken Lee
Staff: Rod Cullinane, Ross Millichamp, Steve Terry, Tony Hawker, Dirk Barr, Kelvin Wright, Debbie Ambler.
Public: A further 20 members of the public were present.

2. Apologies

Councilors: Malcolm Gilbert, Garth Free, Chris Goom
Staff: Scott Pearson
Public: Neil Goldie, Chappie Chapman, Tony Mottashed, Barry Cleghorn, Rob Clark, Peter Waldren

3. Welcome By Chairman

Cr Clements opened the meeting by summarising the Chairmans Report from the 2012 Annual Report, outlining the organisations activity during the year and issues that were faced. He outlined the staff changes that occurred throughout the year and thanked them for their efforts in times of hardship. Cr Clements then welcomed all attendees, and in particular the Council members who were either returned or newly elected to the meeting.

"That the apologies be accepted"

Moved: S Bonnafoux
Seconded: B Kelly Carried

4. Minutes from the Previous Annual General Meeting Dated 6th December 2011

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

Moved: B Kelly
Seconded: T Isitt Carried

5. Summary of 2011/12 Issues and Achievements

R Cullinane gave an overview of the years activities outlining:

- The difficult year due to ongoing earthquake issues; the sudden vacation of 3 Horatio Street and the challenges of working from home. He acknowledged staff and their spouses for the unsettling this has caused;
- The insurance settlement of the building and the CERA offer on the land;
- That the hatchery had experienced accelerated growth and thank D Barr and the band of volunteers for all their efforts over the past year. A new lease agreement for Montrose was due to be signed;
- Environmental issues were taking up quite a bit of time, and that a strategic plan for the type of issues Fish and Game would take on was being considered. He announced that S Pearson had taken over the role of Environmental Officer from T Hawker;

- That there had been a good turnaround in licence sales from the previous year and that the Hatchery income was good;
- He announced that the focus for the forthcoming year was to bridge the generation gap between anglers and shooters;
- That A Currie had been appointed by the National Office to the position of South Island Communications Officer to assist with the public awareness of Fish and Game.

6. Presentation of the 2011/12 Annual Report and Balance Sheet

R Cullinane presented the 2011-12 operational and financial reports to the meeting. He stated the accounts had been brought "in-house" and a new accounting system had been introduced which would enable more accurate reporting to be made. He thanked D Ambler for her efforts in setting up this system.

M Clements then asked for questions from the floor.

- After a question from D Barr, it was advised that Fish and Games had a good lease agreement at Peacock Springs and there would be no change in the agreement with the passing of Lady Isaac.

Staff were then asked to give an overview of their years activities:

- T Hawker - that as his new role as a field officer he had been involved with fish releases all round the South Island. He was pleased and looked forward to the forthcoming year with 80 - 100,000 trout being readied for release.
- R Millichamp outlined the successful process of the renewal of Ranger warrants and stated 7 new rangers had been appointed. That all prosecution cases were now being taken to Court and that fine payment would be more forthcoming rather than relying on the old reparation system.
- S Terry outlined the use of French students last year who completed a water analysis survey that concentrated on the Kaituna, Halswell rivers. He stated the current French student is concentrating his efforts at the Hatchery.
- A Currie introduced himself and outlined his role as the new Communications Officer as outlined above.

In answering questions from K Gibbs and B Southward, R Millichamp explained the increase in spending on Compliance was due to the significance being placed on ranging/rangers and the requirement of them to be better resourced so they can address the issues raised when on the job.

B Southward raised the issue of gallery fish screens south of the Rakaia Bridge and asked if Fish and Game were aware of the problem and suggested that electric fishing should be arranged to see if there was anything on the other side of the barrier. T Hawker responded that they had been there the previous week and stated that F&G would support any initiative in a proper monitoring project that would be started.

"That the 2012 Annual Report be adopted"

Moved:	B Smart	
Seconded:	B Southwood	Carried

7. Presentation of the Ian "Mac" McCrory Trophy

Martin Clements awarded the Trophy to Ron Stuart, thanking him for his tireless efforts working on the enhancement of the fishery and that for his efforts over the last 10 years. Rusty noted there was a need to get volunteers back as we appear to have very little now.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.35pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____