

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL** on **8 Dec 2021** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

<b>Name:</b>	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 9 December 2020
<b>Time:</b>	6:31 pm to 7:33 pm
<b>Location:</b>	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
<b>Board Members:</b>	ALAN STRONG (Chair), DAVE COLL, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT, CHRIS BRANKIN
<b>Attendees:</b>	REX GIBSON, STUART HENDERSON, DEBBIE AMBLER, EMILY ARTHUR MOORE, RASMUS GABRIELSSON, TONY HAWKER
<b>Apologies:</b>	BILL SOUTHWARD, GRAEME NAHKIES, STEVE TERRY, DANIEL MAXWELL, KEN LEE
<b>Guests/Notes:</b>	Richard Cosgrove (National Communications Advisor), Carmel Veitch (NZ F&G Accountant), Bob Loasby, James Parbery, Ron Stuart, Martyn Baker, Marian Baker, Ian Forsyth, Wayne Martin, Craign Thomas, David Kirkness, Keith Hawkins, Adrian Bell, Tony Hallams, Keith Hayward, Brendon Topp, Larry Burke, Ken Lloyd, Greg Tarras, Geoff Clark, Nick Moody, Colin Eaton, Dave Dockery, Mike Ager

## 1. WELCOME

### 1.1 Welcome Introduction

Cr Strong welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Points raised in his introduction were;

- That Councillors completed their second year of a three-year term;
- Even though Covid 19 effectively shortened the fishing season and threatened to cancel the game bird season, Councillors and staff worked hard over lockdown to effect a change to the start of the game bird season that managed to have a slightly shorter season;
- That a Ministerial Review of Fish and Game was currently underway. NCFG spent two very positive days with the Reviewers relating to roles of Councils. Final recommendations are expected early next year (~Feb 2021);
- That the National Fish and Game Council was currently completing a resource allocation review to address funding and budget allocations to regions;
- That the McIntyre Bequest has been fully reinstated;

- That NCFG were working with the NZSAA and landowners on a restoration project in the headwaters of the Rakaia which would restore spawning and rearing habitat using funds from the McIntyre Bequest;
- That under a new salmon management regime the season bag concept has been approved by the Minister of Conservation, and the drafted regulations will now need to go through Cabinet before coming into effect;
- Council has been working on initiatives such as participation, diversity of representation on Council;

That staff be congratulated for operating within the 19/20 allocated budget

## 1.2 Confirmation of 11 December 2019 AGM Minutes



### Confirmation of Minutes dated 11 December 2019

**“That the minutes from the 2019 AGM be confirmed”.**

**Decision Date:** 9 Dec 2020  
**Mover:** REX GIBSON  
**Seconder:** TREVOR ISITT  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 1.3 Confirmation of the 2019/20 Annual Report

As the Annual Report was not being confirmed during the Council meeting held earlier, the following motion was put;



### Confirmation of the 19/20 Annual Report

**“That the 19/20 Annual Report be accepted”.**

**Decision Date:** 9 Dec 2020  
**Mover:** RICHARD O'KEEFE  
**Seconder:** DAVE COLL  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 1.4 Presentation of the 2019/20 Annual Report

C Veitch stated that;

- A surplus was posted of \$54,998 against a budgeted deficit of \$65,228.
- Overall income was \$79,000.00 ahead of budget but licence income was down by \$127,000.00 due to Covid 19;
- Under and overs regarding Expense categories were explained.

Cr Strong stated that Council had adopted a Statement of Purpose and Priorities that outlined the five key priorities Council thought were important and drove the workplan for staff operate to. The following are the five key priorities;

1. Priority habitats have been protected from further degradation;
2. That key stakeholders be more engaged;
3. That Council demonstrate it is in a positive, sustainable financial position;
4. The North Canterbury salmon fishery had demonstrated credible signs of recovery;

5. That North Canterbury Fish and Game Council has a relationship with Iwi in its region consistent with its obligations to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Cr Strong thanked C Brankin, as the Iwi representative to Council for his work to date in bringing both entities together. R Gabrielsson thanked all staff, C Veitch and Cr O'Keefe for the work completed throughout the year.

### **1.5 Presentation of the Ian "Mac: McCrory Volunteer Trophy**

R Gabrielsson spoke on Covid 19 and of the need to cut spending which led to Dave Kirkness offering his services for free regarding the upkeep of the NCFG grounds.

D Kirkness thanked the Council for the Award.

### **1.6 Presentation of the CEO Award**

For the assistance in communicating Councils' decision on closing hatcheries and the reasons why, Adrian Bell was given the CEO Award. A Bell stated many had helped him (e.g. Ross Millichamp and Larry Burke), and that he appreciated R Gabrielssons' assistance as well.

## **2. General Business**

### **2.1 General Business**

Points raised;

- R Stuart raised the following proposals:
  - Explore options to rear and imprint salmon smolt/fry at the confluence of the Kaiapoi River to enhance angler catch using the McIntyre Bequest for funding;
  - National organisation change to merge regions, not have 12 separate regions;
  - Get rid of the National Council;
  - Identify and publicise the wheelchair platform at McIntoshes;
  - Levies to NZC unnecessary.
  - Use 595 Johns Road for regional head office should a merge of regions occur.

Cr Strong stated that several of the items mentioned by R Stuart was currently being dealt with by the Ministerial review, which is out of North Canterbury's purview. He confirmed that once the Ministerial review was completed, a public meeting would be held in North Canterbury region to inform stakeholders about the report findings.

R Gabrielsson started that NCFG was currently establishing better partnerships/relationships with agencies including Ngai Tahu, Ecan etc.

C Brankin stated that both Ngai Tahu and NCFG are both working on aligning mutual points such as water quality and quantity, and habitat protection and understanding each other's points of view.

- Cr Coll was introduced as the NCFG NZC representative.

- Fish Screens and Irrigation Takes – R Gabriellsson stated that several interested groups were working well together to address compliance issues, Ecan’s lack of compliance at management level. T Hawker stated the industry was manufacturing new designs and suggested that Ecan’s give their staff better support. L Burke spoke on NZSAA’s win with the Rangitata court appeal relating to river flows and stated the next river the Rakaia River was their next target study.
- R Gabriellsson spoke on a successful Trout Festival, the new Backcountry Fishery Endorsement for the upper Waiau Uwha, Hope and Hurunui (both north and south branches) rivers. He also asked for stakeholder input to assist in the development of the Sports Fishing 10-year Management Plan, which will get underway in 2021.

### 3. Close Meeting

#### 3.1 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_