**FISH & GAME NZ – WEST COAST REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2013**

**AT REVINGTONS HOTEL, GREYMOUTH AT 7PM**

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm with a welcome to members.

**PRESENT:**

Jan Derks, Dean Phibbs, Mark Smith, Bruce Erickson, Andy Harris (Chairman), Dave Heine (7.25pm)

*In attendance:* Dean Kelly (Manager), Rhys Adams (Officer), Leanne Johnson (Administration Officer), Sean Climo (Ngai Tahu),

**APOLOGIES:**

Rob Roney, Jean Willis, Gary Webb, Trevor Johnson (DOC)

A letter of apology was received from Gary Webb – Mr Kelly to check legislation for council meeting attendance. A discussion ensued regarding Mr Webbs attendance due to work related issues.

*Resolved: (B Erickson/M Smith), carried.*

***That the apologies be received and the council has no issues with non-attendance at council meetings by Mr Webb.***

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER:**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**MINUTES**

Mr Derks pointed out some grammatical errors in the Minutes

Resolved: (D Phibbs/J Derks), carried

**That the Minutes of the October 2013 meeting, with noted amendments, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

No matters were raised.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

2012 Council Elections review & recommendations – NZC

Mr Kelly commented that, the NZ Council has already discussed it, and had responses from some other regions. A request for feedback was emailed too late to get it to the previous meeting. Mr Phibbs stated that the instructions were not very clear, it required a cover letter. Mr Derks enquired about the response - is it intended to be individual or collective.

*Resolved: (D Phibbs/ J Derks), carried*

***That the Manager write to the NZ Council asking that any communications from the NZ Council requiring consideration or decisions be clearly stated on the initial correspondence****.* ***Also that if still under consideration the West Coast region would be prepared to respond to the correspondence regarding council elections.***

*Resolved: (B Erickson/D Phibbs), carried*

***That the inwards correspondence and petition regarding non-toxic shot be received.***

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr Kelly presented the bimonthly Financial Report noting that it was now produced straight from MYOB instead of combining two reports in excel, as has been done in the past. D Phibbs and M Smith stated that the report in this format did not contain sufficient information to accurately determine financial trends. Mr Phibbs offered to provide advice on MYOB reporting.

*Resolved: (J Derks/M Smith), carried.*

**That the Financial Report be received.**

# MANAGERS REPORT

Mr Kelly presented the bimonthly operational report. Mr Kelly expanded and received questions on;

* Access issue at Upper Crooked River - Mr Kelly provided an update and confirmed that a lock was still in place on a public road.
* Jet boats in small streams – Mr Kelly provided an update on the issue at the La Fontaine and Poerua Rivers.
* M Smith stared that he was pleased to see increased reporting regarding Health & Safety
* Regional Policy Statement – Mr Kelly provided an overview of the discussion document and stated that Fish and Game will be entering a submission.

Resolved: (D Phibbs/D Heine), carried

**That the Managers Operational Report be received.**

**NZ COUNCIL**

Mr Willis circulated a written report as he was unable to attend the meeting:

Mr Kelly provided some background to the setting up of a committee to review NZC finances. Mr Kelly stated that he had canvassed the other managers as there was no point in entering into a review without regional ‘buy-in’. Mr Kelly stated that he has provided some feedback to Mr Hall regarding the issue including some advice to get regional cooperation.

Resolved: (B Erickson/J Derks), carried

**That the NZ Council Report be received.**

# GENERAL BUSINESS

Wilderness Quest Ltd application for gamebird MOU and 2014 Game Season Notice

Mr Kelly provided a request from Wilderness Quest Ltd to enter into a new MOU for the Upland Game property at Haupiri. Mr Kelly also provided a draft 2014/15 gazette notice incorporating the Upland Game area.

*Resolved: (J Derks/M Smith), carried*

***That the Wilderness Quest Ltd application for gamebird MOU be approved and that the circulated draft 2014/15 gazette notice be recommended to the Minister.***

Enhancement Strategy

Mark Smith presented a pre-circulated final version of the revised Sportsfish Enhancement Strategy and provided a brief overview.

*Resolved: (M Smith/D Phibbs) carried*

***That the West Coast Fish and Game Council adopt the pre-circulated Sportsfish Enhancement Strategy.***

Adoption of Annual Report

Mr Harris presented the 2013 Annual Report. Mr Derks highlighted some spelling and grammatical errors in the report.

*Resolved: (J Derks/D Phibbs), carried*

***That the Annual Report be received.***

At 8:40pm the council meeting moved into a publicly excluded session to protect the privacy of an individual.

At 8:54pm the full council meeting resumed.

General Business

B Erickson remarked that he had received some angler feedback that Lake Moeraki was not fishing as it used to. A general discussion ensued regarding the status and history of the fishery.

D Heine noted that some anglers had been leaving filleted fish carcasses and offal near the Arnold River after the competition. Mr Kelly stated that he would ensure a note went out to all competitors and competition organisers before next year’s event.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman……………………………………… Date…………………….

**Annual Public Meeting**

**9:30pm**

**9:40pm closed**