

# NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS



## Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the NZFFA.

25 June 2022, North Canterbury Fish & Game Offices, 595 St John's Road, Harewood, Christchurch

**Present:** Peter Trolove, David Haynes, Steve Gerard, Tony Orman, Larry Burke.

**Club Members:** Paul Hodgson (NZSAA), Tony Humphries (NZSAA).

**Guests:** Charlie Baycroft

**Apologies:** Grant Henderson (Auckland), Ian Rodger, (Auckland), Sandy Bull (Gisborne), Ken Sims (Manawatu), Casey Cravens (Otago), Bill Southward (Rakaia Huts), Alan Strong (Chair NCF&G), Brett Bensemann (Dunedin), Ian Rodgers (Auckland), Andi Cockroft, Brendan Topp, Jason Foord, Peter Storey, Rex Gibson (CHCH), Colin Taylor (Nelson), Margaret Adams (West Coast).

**Motion:** Apologies be accepted (Steve/Peter) - Carried.

**Open Floor:** NZ Salmon Anglers Association spoke of the progress and work still to do in fish screens to prevent salmon smolt being sucked into irrigation take off races and the consequent enabling their return to the Rangitata River.

Charlie B spoke on the current political system and encouraged all anglers to join local political parties in order to influence the decision making process. He gave the example of the Christchurch East constituency – circa 60,000 voters with a Labour MP who have a Party membership of 186 with only 8-10 of those turning up for regular Party meetings. With these sorts of numbers the presence of only one or two anglers could have a significant influence on local Party decisions.

**Motion:** That Peter Trolove stand for the ECan local body elections in October 2022 for the: Mid-Canterbury / Ōpākihi Constituency. He will be standing as a representative of the NZFFA. (Peter/David) – Carried

**Action** David to identify which wards provide the best opportunity for Peter to stand in (Peter/David). Carried.

**Action:** Steve G and Charlie to help Peter in his campaign. David to explore banners and posters (Steve/Larry) Carried.

**Action:** Tony and Charlie to produce press release and notice to all members encouraging them to stand in the local body elections this October.

**Guest Speaker:** Rasmus Gabrielsson, Manager, North Canterbury Fish & Game. Rasmus highlighted the breadth of fishing opportunity in North Canterbury as well as the degradation of surface and ground water by intensive and unsustainable agriculture.

Rasmus updated the Executive on the legal challenge – establishing ECan's obligations under the Rakaia Water Conservation Order.

**Motion:** The Executive give a round of thanks to Rasmus for his informative presentation. (Peter/David) – Carried

**President's Report:** Peter gave a presentation on the Selwyn Waihora Zone Plan, using figures and data from an earlier ECan report. Peter defined the plan as a licence to obfuscate and pollute, setting nitrate and other pollutant levels above the NPS-FM limits in order to allow headroom for further pollution.

**Motion:** That the President's Report be received. (Tony/David) – Carried.

**Motion:** That the freshwater nitrate testing continue and be ramped up (Steve/Larry) - Carried.

**General's Report:** Andi presented his work for the year, including analysis of the web and facebook page popularity. Unfortunately, as Andi is now working long hours he is not able to dedicate as much time to NZFFA.

Andi re-iterated his plea to the Executive to provide material for the web site and newsletters. Andi also suggested offering limited free advertising to retailers as a lead-in to potential future sale of advertising space.

**Motion:** The Executive to formally recognise and thank Andi for his tireless work running the public face of NZFFA (Peter/Tony) Carried.

**Action:** Larry to approach CHCH Hunting & Fishing with offer of limited free advertising on our web site.

**2021 AGM:** Having been approved on-line in July 2021 the minutes were taken as accepted.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted. (Tony/David) – Carried.

**Financial Report:** David presented both the YE2021 and YE2022 accounts, noting that historical reconciliations needed correcting. Accounts now accurate and up to date.

**Motion:** That the Financial Reports be received. (Charlie/Peter) – Carried.

**Election of Officers:** The following nominations were proposed, seconded and carried:

President: Dr Peter Trolove

Secretary/  
Treasurer: David Haynes

Life Members: Tony Orman, Ken Sims, Sandy Bull, Ian Rodger

Executive: Charlie Baycroft, Steve Gerard, Larry Burke, Andi Cockroft, Brett Bensemman, Jason Foord, Grant Henderson, Casey Cravens, Margaret Adams, Peter Storey

### **General Business:**

Constitution: David spoke of necessary amendments to the constitution to better reflect our processes. The following were tabled:

- a) That there will be one bank signatory (David) with financial oversight by an additional two members of the Executive (Tony and Peter).
- b) That an additional line be added under 2 Purposes: *To highlight the importance of freshwater quality and quantity for the benefit of the environment and the health and recreation of the people of New Zealand.*
- c) *That the Executive be voted annually and not bi-annually as currently written.*

**Motion:** To approve the above changes (David/Steve) Carried.

**Action:** David to update and lodge Constitution on the Incorporated Societies Register

Membership: 2022/2023 Subscriptions as follows:

Gold:	\$200
Silver:	\$100
Bronze:	\$50
Individual:	Free
Corporate:	\$500 subject to conditions.

**Motion:** To approve the above subscription fees (Peter/Larry) Carried.

Scholarship: The agenda item was withdrawn.

Alternative  
Income  
Streams

Ideas proposed include seeking sponsorships, advertising for postal water testing and organising town hall days for private individuals as follows:

Gold member	free
Other members	\$5
Non-members	\$10

Action: Tony to write to Orvis enquiring as to funding NZFFA in return for their logo on our web site.

AOB: Tony spoke on the need to raise awareness of the adverse impacts monoculture pine plantations can have on rivers and lakes.

The executive extended their thanks to David for organising the AGM.

The meeting was called to a close at 16:30.

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