

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS (INC.)



Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of NZFFA.

19 June 2021, Fish & Game Offices, 66 Champion Rd, Richmond, Nelson

Present: Peter Trolove, David Haynes, Andi Cockcroft, Steve Gerard, Brett Bensemann, Colin Taylor, Tony Orman, Zane Mirfin.

Club Delegates and Members: Jean Willis, Michael Stevenson (Nelson Trout Fishing Club), Michael Stoneley, Carey Cudby, Bill Cash (Marlborough Freshwater Anglers Club), Alan Simmons (Turangi), Jim Hilton, Lindy McGill.

Apologies: Grant Henderson, Ian Rodger, (Auckland), Sandy Bull (Gisborne), Alan Rennie (Canterbury)), Ken Sims (Manawatu), Casey Cravens (Otago), Malcolm Francis (Wellington), Larry Burke (Canterbury).

Motion: Apologies be accepted (Brett/Steve G) - Passed.

Notices of General Business

CORANZ Report

Minutes of 2020 AGM

Motion: Minutes to be accepted (Brett/Andi C)

Actions Arising from 2020 Minutes

- Brett to contact Paddy Gower - done but no go
- Letters to Colin T, Graham C and Brian C re resignations- done
- Freshwater Policy - done and on web site
- Tradable water rights article - done
- Business card for Peter T - done
- Pre-election strategy - done
- Letter to Min on Con re private access - not done
- NZFFA submission on F&G Review - not done
- Newsletter production- done

- Contact Jim Ayers re artwork - not done

Financial Report

Received: (David H/Andi C)

President's/Annual Report

Discussion centred around water testing and improving comms with clubs as MFAC was not aware of the testing we are doing.

Nitrate testing gives us the opportunity to earn income.

Zane questioned whether we can protect our tester, as a major asset, from any future legal action. .

Motion: David H will discuss options with his accountant concerning options to nitrate tester from potential legal actions (Zane M/Tony O)

Received: (Peter T/Zane M)

Election of Officers

President: Peter Trollove (Tony O/Brett B)

Treasurer: David Haynes (Peter T/Steve G)

Secretary: David Haynes (Peter T/Steve G)

Committee:

Steve Gerard (Central South Island), Andi Cockroft (Wellington), Larry Burke (NZ Salmon Anglers), Zane Mirfin (Nelson), Brett Bensemann (Otago), Casey Cravens (Otago), Colin Taylor (Nelson), Grant Henderson (N Island).

Life Members

Tony Orman, (Marlborough), Sandy Bull (Gisborne), Ian Rodgers (Auckland) and Ken Sims (Manawatu) are automatically attached to committee.

Co-opted:

Alan Rennie (Canterbury), Rex Gibson (Canterbury).

Remits & Input from Club Members

MFAC recommend NZFFA go and meet with clubs and talk about what we are doing (nitrate testing, for example)..

MFAC thinks clubs are not aware that we are here and what we do.

Mike S - We need to get our newsletter out to all clubs. This is the best form of communication.

Alan S says NZFFA is the national presence for clubs.

Mike Stoneley suggests we must drive people to our web and facebook site, stressing our achievements.

Jean W suggests we reach out to different demographics. Peter retorted that the way the fishing is going in Canterbury there will be no fishing for anyone.

Jean W - NZFFA should put out positive messages.

Tony O, Alan S, Peter T and Colin T spoke of the adverse impact of forestry on rivers and the coastal environment.

Peter spoke of ECan's excessive use of Glyphosate across and in the entire lower Rakaia River.

Brett told of Tautuku's grandad bringing grand kids into fishing initiative.

Guest Speaker

Chris Cornelisen, Coastal Marine Scientist, Cawthron Institute

Spoke of his growing up in Chicago and fishing the Great Lakes and his travels post-education fishing and working. Came to NZ 2003 to Otago Uni doing food web work in Fiordland. In 2005 Chris moved to Cawthron.

Spoke of the complexities of expert witnesses and the need to develop alternative RMA processes and the benefits of examining ecosystems more inter-dependently, rather than project by project.

Cawthron marine work is from mountains to the sea.

Chris showed two projects - one is precision aquaculture technology (robotics, AI, remote environment monitoring, etc). Other project is freshwater, marine inter-relationship. The Motueka inter-catchment management project sought to find the effects of upstream activity on the coastal environment. He followed a flood event from the Sherry River to 6km out to sea and showed a multiplicity of events and stressors lead to sediment plumes - dredging sea beds, removal of rough substrate sea floor and winds and tides do more to stir up sediment than flood events.

The NZFFA thanked Chris for a stimulating and informative presentation.

General Business

- **Water Testing**
- MFAC and NTFC agreed to ask their committees to become river sampling volunteers. Zane will drive the NTFC.

- Zane and Peter to liaise with Cawthron re water and aquatic environment testing opportunities.
- Brett to ask Tautuku AC for water testing volunteers. Brett to ask COGS (Dunedin & Canterbury) for funding our current water testing.
- Zane & Peter will sample TDC tap water in Richmond for Peter to analyse.
- David H to publish water sampling protocol on-line.
- Peter to negotiate with Greenpeace re future testing charges.
- **Membership & Subscriptions**
- **Motion** - David, Peter, Andi C to form sub-committee to resolve membership subs for individuals and clubs. (Tony O/Dave H).
- **Sponsorship & Charitable Status**
- Andi C's proposal on benefit sharing of fund raising.
- **Motion**: Andi attain charitable status for NZFFA(Andi C /J Hilton) 4 for, 4 abstaining, chairman's casting vote was for.
- **Motion**: Andi's fundraising initiative adopted (Peter T/Steve G)
- **Motion**: Members feedback projects for funding opportunities to Andi (Tony O/Dave H).
- Steve G, c/o Future Rivers Trust, has offered funds to NZFFA for valid projects.
- **Fish & Game Review**
- **Motion**: NZFFA delegation comprising Peter, Andi C & David H to Minister of Conservation to express no government representation and licence holders to be consulted on Review recommendations (Tony O/Steve G).
- **Motion**: Publish results of survey data and comments (Peter T/Brett B)
- **CORANZ**
- Andi reported on the CORANZ year.
- **NZFFA Review**
- Discussion on name change. No decision made.
- **Motion**: To set up a media sub-committee for newsletters and press releases, etc comprising Colin T, Tony O, Dave H, Peter T (Tony O/Brett B). New email address media@nzffa.com.
- **Motion**: Tony O and Zane to write press release for Crimpy's paper, Waimea Weekly, Nelson Leader, Nelson Mail, Scoop on NZFFA AGM in Nelson (Zane M/David H).

The meeting extended their thanks to Rex Gibson for taking on the secretary role and Serena for her excellent food and help throughout the day.