

Minutes

AGM MINUTES - LAKES WATER QUALITY SOCIETY INC.

10.00 am – 1 February 2021

Pikiao Rugby League Club Rooms, Mourea

PRESENT: John Gifford, Marcel van Leeuwen, Wendy Gifford, Stuart Corson, Mark Oliver, Fiona McTavish, Don Atkinson, Greg Corbett, Robyn Bridgman, Haydon Hurineu, Bob Armstrong, Cynthia Armstrong, Rowland Burdon, Francis Burdon, Craig Street, Elizabeth Miller, Nick Miller, Don Atlinoon, Sue La Roche, John La Roche, Richard Amery, Christine Amery, Jenny Dairly, Kevin Winters, Dave Donaldson, Geoff Rice, Ian Mclean, Helen Creagh, Rod Stace, Dr Ken Kennedy, G. Wallace, S. Chodant, A.R. Estcourt, Troy Baisden, Cr Lyall Thurston, John Mace, Colin Jackson, Dave Wilson, Mary Stanton, Jim Stanton, Phil Thomass, Bob Smith, Fisher Wang, Tania Tapsell, Te Taru White, Lesley Fitness (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Stewart Edward, David Hamilton, Gill Cossey, Grant Cossey, Lindsay Park, Pam Glenie, John Glenie, Todd McClay, John Green, Anne Green, Warren Webber, Althea Vercoe, Richard Vercoe, Mercia Yates, Sandra Kai Fong, Sandra Goodwin, Bronwyn Coombes, Warren Coombes, Libby Fletcher, Richard Noke, Paula Thompson

KARAKIA

- Ken Kennedy introduced himself and explained where he was from and the history of the people of his iwi
- He is a member of the Lake Water Quality Society Committee (Te Kahui Kounga Wai)
 - This is significant for why we are here today – it simply means our lakes are most important
- He welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave special thanks to the Councillors and Mayor, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and welcomed Troy Braisden
- He gave remembrance to those that have passed on over the last year

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

- John introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending the AGM
- He acknowledged the dignitaries present – in particular people from the Regional Council, Councillors and the Mayor, Community Board (Phil Thomass and Jennifer Rothwell) and Ian McLean

MINUTES

- These were circulated before the meeting and published to the LWQS website
- They were accepted as presented

Moved John Gifford– Seconded Don Atkinson

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- This was John's first annual report for the Lakes Water Quality Society. Copies were available at the meeting
- He reviewed the Highlights of 2020, the Focus Areas for 2020 (Lake Health, Lake Tarawera Complex, Biodiversity and Biosecurity), The Year Ahead and The Society
- The Society has adopted the Te Reo name "Te Kahui Kounga Wai" and he acknowledged Dr Ken Kennedy for the support in getting our Maori name finalised – we respect being able to be part of the Te Arawa iwi
 - The Society is in good heart and has a strong proactive committee – John thanked the committee for their input over the last year and their participation with Zoom hui
 - The group has worked as a team, sought consensus and at times agreed to disagree
 - We go into 2021 with a good balance sheet, a strong work programme and with strong member and committee support
- He thanked all the members for their interest and support for the work of the Society – this is greatly appreciated
 - It is with you and your support that we have a strong voice in a range of circles which in turn ensures that we have some influence
- He also acknowledged all the support we get from the range of relationships we have with different organisations: Te Arawa Lakes Trust, BOP Regional Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Local Community Boards, local ratepayers and community associations, NIWA, University of Waikato and the local community

Moved that his report be accepted John Gifford – Seconded Marcel van Leeuwen
Carried

FINANCES

- The Financial Report was handed out at the meeting – this is for the year ended 30 September 2020
- It was a non-symposium year for this year's financials
- Our Auditor from last year (Graham Pryor) has retired so the finances have not been audited
 - We will rectify in the new calendar year.
 - Our Constitution says that we must have our Financials audited each year by one or more suitable persons appointed for that purpose before it is presented to the AGM
- Total income for the year was \$51,083
- Total Expenditure \$32,557
- Surplus (Deficit) for the year \$18,531

Moved that the Finances be accepted Bob Armstrong – Seconded Don Atkinson
Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- The Committee will remain the same as last year for 2021
Chairman – John Gifford
Secretary – Lesley Fitness
Treasurer – Marcel van Leeuwen
Committee – Stewart Edward, Colin Jackson, Libby Fletcher, Stuart Corson, Richard Noke, Ken Kennedy, Jennifer Rothwell, Mark Oliver, Craig Street, Don Atkinson
 - John acknowledged Craig as the new Committee member representing Lake Rotoehu
- Moved that the Committee stay the same Elizabeth Miller – Seconded Phil Thomass
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Addresses

Doug Leeder – Chairman, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Nothing to report as Fiona McTavish will be giving a presentation

Steve Chadwick - *Mayor*

- It is important to have a Society like the Lakes Water Quality Society
- RCC is focussing on housing pressure
 - This has an effect on Lakes Water Quality Society with stormwater problems
- Fisher Wang has the role of looking at Climate Change
 - The Climate Change report has been released – hope it is considered
- Three Waters Hui – Zero 2 about Rotorua and BOP lakes is on 26 March 2021
 - Have talked to John about this and would like to have someone from Lakes Water Quality Society to attend
- There are a few big issues happening at the moment – would like to work on the Government issues as a local identity
- Looking forward to another symposium and working alongside Lake Waters Quality Society for another year

PRESENTATIONS

Catfish and Other Pests – Greg Corbett

Greg covered the following:

- New Regional Pest Management Plan
- Self-Certification and Compliance Inspections
- Catfish
- Catfish Killa's Programme
- Catfish Research to Date
- Sterile Male Biocontrol
- Lake Weed Control
- Wallabies management and control

Essential Freshwater Policy Programme - Fiona McTavish

Fiona covered the following:

- Plan Change 10: Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management
- Working together
- What's next in the freshwater space: Central Government's freshwater reforms 2021
- National Objective Framework
- Key Shifts
- High Level Timeline for the Essential Freshwater Policy Programme
- Engaging with LWQS
- Staying involved and keep up to date

What's Happening with Lakes Water Quality Society – John Gifford

John gave an overview on

- Recap of achievements and developments – 1960s onward
- Our environment in 2021
- Roles of LWQS
- Strategic reset

Copies of the presentation are attached to the minutes

Update on University of Waikato and what they are doing – Troy Braisden

- Important to think of science where we need this to get us through
- The biggest thing that has been done is the report on Tarawera for Restoration Plan has been completed
- Other reports on Lake Tarawera Catchment are underway
- Two PhDs are underway – Monitoring systems at Lake Tarawera has worked well
 - How can we set up other monitoring schemes?
- Will have a couple of small master's projects

- Hui Programme is up and running by Chris McBride
- Working on projects that link science to projects
- Looking forward to seeing what needs to be done
- Thanks for the support given – appreciate the Lake Tarawera Ratepayers Association

KARAKIA TO END MEETING

- Ken Kennedy ended the meeting and blessed the food that we were having for lunch
- Thanks again to everyone for attending

Meeting closed 12.25 pm

Signed by Chair (John Gifford):

Date: