

MINUTES OF THE 31ST AGM OF PROJECT TONGARIRO

(Tongariro Natural History Society Inc)

17th October 2015

4pm, Forest & Bird Lodge, Mt Ruapehu

1. Present: Attendance register circulated and attached at the rear of these minutes.
2. Apologies received:
Maureen Smith, David Jenkins, Helen McLean, Ralph Harris, Mark & Mary Hill, Dave Wakelin, Brian McKeon, Margi Keys, John Newton, Laurie Burdett & Ian Boyd
3. Minutes of 2015 AGM were circulated:

Motion: That the minutes for the 2015 AGM were a true and correct record.

Moved: Paul Green / Roy Dench

Carried

4. **Matters Arising** - Karen Williams (Past president) has confirmed that Ken Horner of Helliwells, Taranaki has agreed to become Project Tongariro's honorary Solicitor. Paul will confirm with him and pass on the society's vote of thanks for his generous offer.

Motion - that a letter of thanks be sent to John Nankervis for his long-term filling this role. Paul agreed to do this. Moved: Karen Williams / Bob Stothart.

Carried

5. Presidents Report

Paul speaks to his report

- Paul notes the great progress our 3 main conservation projects have made over the last year, especially in raising our profile and strengthening support from the local Taupo community.
- He believes that our next challenge will be to reconnect with the Ohakune community, by getting involved with a conservation project. Comments from the floor generally agreed with this thought. Paul acknowledged that since the GT & KGT Pilot programme has been generally successful, our focus needs to be back in our core-area of business - TNP.
- Paul notes that on-going funding for administration is still a challenge. However Bay Trust has provided a administration grant which will replace DOC's past financial support.
- Capabilities and capacity is also another area of focus Paul would like to work on. He has asked if Kim Manunui and Alexandra Hare (who is speaking to us tonight)

would join as Business Advisors, as they both have strong backgrounds, in their respective businesses, and are both passionate about TNP. A question from the floor asks questions if this is allowed in our society rules - Paul is pretty sure it is. It is also noted that currently our rules are quite 'messy' and require a good tidy up.

Motion: Karen moves that we request Ken Horner (new honorary solicitor) to conduct a tidy up and condensing of the society's rules, as well as bring it up to date in terms of language, the new Charities Acts and department names.

Paul seconds this. All in favor.

6. Annual Report

- Kiri speaks to the annual report - highlights:

Volunteer Programs - volunteer hours - turning volunteer hours into days is an especially great way to show potential funders the \$ contribution that our volunteers bring to our projects.

Biodiversity Interns - Kiri explains how this programme is a special part of her job as she gets to see how PT connects young adults to this region, and inevitably they return and make important conservation contributions.

Restoration Projects - Kiri thanks everyone who showed up today for the planting morning at Waitotaka 'D'. We managed to plant an amazing amount of plants! This area will become a show-case as it is easy to see from the road. We have some exciting planning happening at Rotopounamu forest with idea that we'd like to return the north island weka to this area. There's still a long way to go, including securing funding and consultation, but it's an exciting edition to our long standing and flagship restoration project.

Greening Taupo & Kids Greening Taupo pilot - Nina is on maternity leave and Robyn has ably stepped into this role. Robyn is an ex DOC biodiversity staff member so she has fitted into this role very well. We have received funding for the Upper Waikato corridor project that will see wilding pines being removed, with the help of Bike Taupo who will be the main contractor for this.

We have also launched the KGT pilot project with two kindergartens, two primary schools and one college participating. This pilot is based on the 'Kids Restore the Kepler' project in Fiordland. We have employed Amanda Jones as the coordinator and she's also the Enviro School's teacher in Taupo (part time) so this is a good fit.

PT is very grateful to the large array of partners GT has attracted, and this in turn has increased the project's sustainability.

Motion: That the Annual Report for 2014/2015 be received.

Moved: Paul Green / Shirley Potter

Carried

7. Treasurer's Report

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- Paul speaks to the finance report on behalf of who is absent.
- This year we have changed accounting firms to Beany.biz. They have been very helpful and knowledgeable. The financial report has been prepared by Beany.biz.
- Paul informs the meeting that Maureen will unfortunately be stepping down this year. We thank Maureen for her long years of service to the Exec Board, and that she will be missed.

Motion: That the Finance Report for 2014/2015 be received.

Moved: Paul Green / Frank Katavich
All agreed

8. Election of Officers

Nominations received:

1. *Paul Green - President - Karen Williams moved - accepted*
2. *Treasurer - no nominations - position vacant*
3. *Karen Williams - White / Williams Family's representative - accepted*
4. *Roy Dench - accepted*
5. *Shirley Potter - accepted*
6. *Lucy Roberts - accepted*
7. *Jason Cameron - accepted*

Nominations closed - all nominees accepted their nominations.

Motion: That the election of officers to the committee of Project Tongariro, Tongariro Natural History Society be accepted for 2014/2015

Moved: Bob Stothart/ Roy Dench
All agreed

9. General Business

- Honorary Solicitor - Ken Horner of Halliwells, Taranaki (as noted above)
- Life Membership nominations

Frank Katavich - nominated for his long time commitment both to the Exec Board (being a member) and to volunteering for Project Tongariro.

Motion: That Frank Katavich be made a life member of the society in

recognition for his outstanding commitment to Project Tongariro.

Moved: Paul Green / Karen Williams

All agreed

John Nankervis - nominated for his outstanding contribution to conservation in general, his contribution to the initiation of the society, his role as Honorary Solicitor and general strategic support.

Motion: That John Nankervis be made a life member of the society in recognition for his outstanding commitment to Project Tongariro.

Moved: Paul Green / Bob Stothart

All agreed

- PT Constitution review / tidyup of original typed document (as noted above and motion carried)
- Geyser Community Foundation Presentation by Karen Williams.
Karen gives a succinct description of how the Community Geyser Foundation works, it's aims and achievements. PT will be investing its memorial fund with this foundation to grow our Fund, to give us a platform to seek bequests from and to be a part of the Foundation's marketing and to be part of a larger pool of money earning interest for use by the society. Karen assures the meeting that as the representative of the original families, they comfortable with this move, and feel that it is a good time to 'try' something different with the fund, and that they are very happy with what the society has achieved so far.
Karen also points out that technically the society will not be able to show these funds as part of our financial position anymore, but that we can reference the memorial fund in all future Financial reports for the year ending. The society will continue to CPI the fund.

Resolution - that society moves it's 'Tongariro Memorial' funds to the Community Geyser Foundation for management.

Meeting closed at 5.35pm. Next meeting October 15th 2017 (32nd year)

Attendance:

Project Tongariro Annual General Meeting Attendance Register Saturday 17th October 2015		
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