

## OTAGO NATURAL HISTORY TRUST

### Minutes of the 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7.30pm on 26 July 2017 at the Marjorie Barclay Theatre, Otago Museum, Dunedin.

#### **Present:**

Colin Campbell-Hunt, Alister Robinson, Errol Nye, Carolyn Campbell, Jane Wilson, Chris Baillie, Marie Ballagh, Helen Jappy, Alyth Grant, Denise Hesson, Philippa Wilson, Alan Mark, Pat Mark, Ruth Houghton, Graeme Leith, John Bartlett, Bruce Cathro, Sue Cathro, Mike Hazel, Claire Freeman, Alastair Sime, John Kaiser, Wendy Harrex, Terisha Hubbard, Marvin Hubbard, Alison Cree, Andrew Noone, Kelvin Lloyd, Graeme Berry, Tony Hunter.

#### **1. Welcome:**

Colin extended a warm welcome to all members who had ventured out on a wild night.

#### **2. Apologies:**

Ken Drew, Nola Metzger, Lala Frazer, Claire Hagglund, Francie Beggs, Rose Clucas, Marian Hobbs, Jean Bretherton, Ross Smith, Heather Hay, Doug and Barbara Holborrow.

It was moved by Sir Alan Mark and seconded by Alyth Grant that the apologies be accepted CARRIED

#### **3. Minutes of the AGM of 20 July 2016:**

The minutes, having been on the website in advance of the meeting were taken as read.

It was moved by Alister Robinson and seconded by Errol Nye that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. CARRIED

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

The questions was raised whether we were aware that DOC funding would not be continuing. The answer was no, we did not.

#### **5. Chair Report for 2016 - 2017.**

Colin Campbell-Hunt read his report for the year. This is available on the Orokonui website.

It was moved by Colin that the chairperson's report be received CARRIED

#### **6. Annual Accounts**

These were presented by Alister Robinson (Treasurer of OEL) in the absence of Ross Smith (Treasurer ONHT) who is overseas. These are available on the Orokonui website.

#### **A summary of Alister's interpretation of the accounts:**

- Visitor revenue (ticket sales, café, shop, venue hire) has increased.
- DOC grant income will cease this year.
- Donations similar to last year if exclude extraordinary \$100,000 donation from one member last year..
- Sponsorship is increasing to compensate for grants which are increasingly competitive and insecure.
- Volunteers continue to make a significant contribution of over 12,000 hours per annum.

We are in a strong financial position, but need to build reserves for asset replacement and extreme events.

It was moved by Alister Robinson and seconded by Errol Nye that the audited annual accounts be accepted CARRIED

It was moved by Alister Robinson and seconded by Marie Ballagh that PWC be re-appointed as auditors.  
CARRIED

#### 7. **Orokonui Ecosanctuary Ltd. (OEL) report.**

Andrew Noone, Chair of OEL, reported on the work of the OEL for the year, summarised as follows:

- Andrew thanked Colin and Alister for the extraordinary work they'd done recruiting new corporate sponsorship.
- We have a comprehensive OH&S Policy and Procedures and have had only minor accidents.
- Kiwi experience that doesn't compromise our values is still being worked on.
- Nature Play area now open
- Car Park is being extended.
- There is a better spread of visitors throughout the shoulder seasons which is reflected in visitor revenue.
- Orokonui Challenge successful and will be an annual event.
- Culvert upgrade complete and review of major water gates yet to be finalised with consultants
- Marketing working with partner stakeholders and increasing social media.
- There are 3 new directors; Sharon van Turnhout (Chief Financial Officer University of Otago), Rosie Clark (corporate solicitor Gallaway Cook Allan) and Brendan Gray (newly retired professor of Marketing University of Otago). Resigned directors, Glen Alexander and Tony Hunter, had been with the Board since 2007.
- Orokonui is blessed with extraordinary staff and volunteers who are committed to the vision.
- The General Manager will hand over gradually to a new person who will be appointed soon.

Questions raised by Graeme Leith:

- How many fenceposts left? Answer – between 600 and 1,000.
- Consider selling square metres of land as another fundraiser.
- Calder Stewart, who is a new sponsor, could be used to provide replacement pieces in a calamity.

Colin thanked Andrew and Chris for their good work.

#### 8. **Election of Trustees:**

One vacancy has arisen from Kelvin Lloyd's resignation. No nominations were received for that vacancy. ONHT has the power to appoint 1-2 trustees for one year who would then need to be elected at the next AGM.

#### 9. **Membership Fees:**

It was moved by Colin that:

- That membership fees for the following membership categories be increased by \$5: individual (to \$45), family (to \$65), concession (to \$35), not-for-profit groups (to \$60). CARRIED
- That membership fees for corporate groups increase by \$25 (to \$300). CARRIED
- That the life membership fee increase by \$50 (to \$1050) CARRIED

#### 10. **General Business.**

None.

#### **Guest Speaker**

On his retirement from the Board, Kelvin Lloyd gave a presentation on what has been achieved since the beginning of the Ecosanctuary project in 2003.

Colin presented Kelvin with a canvas of a tree fern photographed in the sanctuary.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed ..... Date .....