

# OTAGO NATURAL HISTORY TRUST

## MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### DRAFT

Held at 7.30pm on 31st July, 2019 at the Marjorie Barclay Theatre, Otago Museum, Dunedin.

#### **Present:**

Colin Campbell-Hunt, Alister Robinson, Ross Smith, Amanda Symon, Alyth Grant, Geoff Plunkett, Brendan Gray, Tony Stewart, Jane Higham, Richard Higham, Terisha Hubbard, Marvin Hubbard, Mary Thompson, Francie Beggs, Kelly Gough, David Smith, Noelene Glass, Jim Glass, Alastair Sime, Sue Cathro, Bruce Cathro, Warren Hurley, Maree Johnstone, John Williams.

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

Colin thanked everyone for attending on a cold winter night

**2. Apologies:** Marian Hobbs, Marie Ballagh, Deb Wilson, Lyn Carter, Marguerite Smith, Jenny Bunce, Heather Hay, Hon David Clark, Jim Mann, Pat Dean, Phil Bishop, Debbie Bishop, Jean Fleming, Dave Browning, Judy Browning.

Moved: Alister Robinson, Alyth Grant: That the apologies be accepted.  
CARRIED

#### **3. Minutes of the AGM of 31st July, 2018:**

Moved: Alister Robinson

Seconded: Richard Higham

That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  
CARRIED

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

There were none.

#### **5. Chair's Report for 2018 -2019**

Colin Campbell-Hunt presented summary slides on his report for the year. The report is available on the Orokonui website. The report covered a year of progress in conservation, advocacy, education, volunteers, research, and infrastructure, concluding with a presentation on the Trust's "Strategy to 2030: Orokonui's Second Decade". Colin thanked the staff and volunteers for their contributions to another year of raising conservation awareness in our visitors.

Moved: Colin Campbell-Hunt

Seconded: Jane Higham

That the chairperson's report be received.

CARRIED

## **6. Annual Accounts:**

Consolidated accounts for Otago Natural History Trust, Orokonui Ecosanctuary Ltd and the Orokonui Foundation were presented by Ross Smith, Treasurer ONHT. These accounts are available on the website.

Highlights: Revenues have increased to \$1.165M producing a surplus after depreciation of \$66,000. Accrual of member subscriptions shows a decline for this financial year, the balance being carried forward to next year. Strong financial position: no debt and net current assets of \$646,000.

Moved: Ross Smith

Seconded: Alister Robinson

That the annual accounts be accepted.

CARRIED

Moved: Ross Smith

Seconded: Alyth Grant

That Price W Cooper be appointed as auditors for 2018/19.

CARRIED

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

Al Robinson, Chair of OEL, reported strong growth in visitor numbers and shop revenues, more modest growth in café revenues and sponsorships, and large falls in grants and donations (which vary with fund raising for capital investments). Total revenues increased by 3%. Making progress towards meeting target of holding cash reserves equivalent to 6 months expenses as protection against major disruption to assets and/or revenues. Al thanked all

staff and volunteers for their efforts, and our sponsors for their support over the year.

Moved: Al Robinson  
Seconded: Brendan Gray  
That the OEL report be accepted.

CARRIED.

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

Two current trustees retired by rotation after 3 years, and were nominated for re-election.

Moved : Colin Campbell-Hunt  
Seconded: Marian Hobbs  
That Tony Stewart be nominated for position of trustee.

CARRIED

Moved: Colin Campbell-Hunt  
Seconded: Tony Stewart  
That Marian Hobbs be nominated for position of trustee.

CARRIED

### **9. Changes to Trust Deed**

Recommendations from the Board of ONHT were presented to the AGM.

Moved: Ross Smith  
Seconded: Sue Cathro  
That, subject to Inland Revenue approval, the Trust Deed clause 4.7.3 be amended as follows: That the financial year end shall be 30 June each year.

CARRIED

Moved: Ross Smith  
Seconded: Colin Campbell-Hunt  
That the Trust Deed clause 4.7.4 be amended to include electronic bank transfers.

CARRIED

Moved: Colin Campbell-Hunt  
Seconded: Tony Stewart

That Trust Deed clause 5.1.6 be amended as follows: That the corporate category be discontinued and replaced with a concession category.

CARRIED

#### **10. Membership Fees:**

Following the recommendation of the Trustees, it was

Moved: Tony Stewart

Seconded: Ross Smith

That the individual membership subscription be increased to \$55 and the family membership be increased to \$70.

CARRIED

It was requested that members be advised of the change in subscriptions. In answer it was reported that all subscriptions are to fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> July, with subscriptions due prior to that date to be charged pro-rata for the balance of the year.

#### **11. General Business:**

None

#### **12. Guest Speaker.**

Elton Smith was unable to present his talk on Kaka at Orokonui, which was ably presented for him by Kelly Gough. Orokonui now has a nationally significant population of Kaka. In 2004 there were none on the South Island East coast. Orokonui Kaka have been banded from the beginning, including 45 Orokonui-bred juveniles. Nest boxes are now being deployed through the sanctuary. Our population is however growing slowly by comparison to that at Zealandia where proximity to Kapiti Island and Mount Bruce, and extensive predator control in Wellington supports the spread of the population beyond the fence.

Safety for Orokonui's population beyond the fence will improve as predator numbers are reduced and human provision of additional feed is well-informed. Stoats have been shown to be a particular risk to Kaka; rats and possums are less of a threat. Conservation staff now hope to track movements of Kaka beyond the fence, supported by volunteers, researchers and the local community, as a first step in making the population safer beyond the safety of the sanctuary.

Kelly was thanked for her presentation with warm applause.