

# **WELRA AGM 17th September 2013**

## **ECan, Lincoln Offices, 11.30 a.m.**

### **Present**

David Hewson (OPUS), Darrin Woods (Consultant), James Kilgour (DOC), Jocelyn Muller (ECan), Ray Goldring (Chair), Nick Ledgard (Braid), Maree Goldring (Secretary), Jenny Ladley (University of Canterbury)

### **Apologies:**

Duane Peltzer (Landcare), Chris Stewart (DOC), Peter Dawking,(WERC), Marion Boyd, (Arthurs Pass Community Association), Mark Fraundorfer, (Flock Hill), Dick Moore,(NZCT), Kevin Dunn, Sue Hall

*Apologies accepted. Nick/Darrin*

**Mention was made of the sad loss with the passing of Bob Leonard, one of our establishing member and our inaugural treasurer.**

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Moved:** as a correct record, except for changing the spelling of Darren to Darrin.

*Jocelyn/James*

### **Matters Arising**

- Ngai Tahu – when we have an application which is appropriate to run past them, will do so. David. Field trip – do we need contact Ngai Tahu to give invitation.
- Funding available: \$80,000 – to be discussed during exec meeting.
- Monitoring – Thomas Paul (SCION) reviewed monitoring – setting up a standardised system for wilding monitoring. We can feed in measurements directly to him and he can feed data back to us.

### **Action List from last AGM/Executive meeting.**

- ♣ Beech planting – to be sourced, and an area defined. **Nick** to investigate.
- ♣ Future funding applications are under way.
- ♣ A copy of the report will be sent from this year.
- ♣ The monitoring programme is under way with Duane and Nick.
- ♣ WERC has been established as a sub committee.
- ♣ Mapping – Jocelyn to investigate updating of mapping and make sure Ray is involved in any field trip.
- ♣ Ray created map to keep updated with volunteer groups coverage.

### **Finance:**

#### **Presentation of annual financial transactions:**

Accounts still with accountant

Income: \$198,196.13

Expenses: \$186,923.11

Current balance \$34,188.60

### **Budget for the coming summer 13/14**

- \$5,000 Flock Hill
- \$1,833.98 T/F remains
- \$20,000 ECan –DOC contract management fee needs to be taken out of these funds. This fee is \$10,000.
- \$3,000 - \*approximate remaining funds from \$11,000.00 from the \$65,000 last season from ECan
- \$9,479.49 MFE (\$4,553.60 remaining from milestone 1 and \$4,945.89 remaining from milestones 2-4 MFE)
- \$90,000 MFE for 2013/2014 season

**Total= \$129,313.47**

Auditors – To be investigated by our treasurer and accountant to nominate an accountant and will get our interim approval until the next general meeting.

*Moved: Ray. Passed*

### **WERC financial:**

Income        \$2,735.00

Expenses     \$2,625.35

Balance:        \$491.65

Signatories for WERC: They perceive that there are too many restrictions with the current system. Suggestion is to enable WERC to access account online by including the WERC chair as a signatory. An invoice will have to be presented for payment, and then authorised by second existing WELRA signatory.

**Motion:** that Chairperson of WERC be appointed as signatory of WERC account. *David/Maree – Passed* **Ray**

For invoice payments, Chair - Peter Dawkings - to set it up then contact a WELRA signatory to double sign.

Funding opportunities for the next two years: Donna to progress through list of funders that Lyndsey had created.

\$35,000.00 Transpower funds for contractors

\$12,780.00 Transpower funds for coordinator work

### **Reports:**

Chair: *Moved that it be accepted. Ray/Nick. Passed*

University – Jenny now the main contact and member.

### WERC:

Nick reported on progress for WERC. Current focus on the wasp control project in the eastern Craigieburn Range.

Control Costing (DOC)

James/Darrin

WELRA to send a letter to DOC bosses reinforcing the need to continue the pressure on wilding control on estate. (Nick/David) **Ray**

Darrin:

Overview of last year, looking at next season, as per his report. (put on website?)

Still serious work to do.

Nick – note first hit control in these figures.

**Election of Officers:**

Chair: Ray (Darrin/Nick)

David thanks Ray for chairmanship and taking it on for another term.

Secretary: Maree (Nick/Darrin)

Treasurer: Jocelyn (Ray/Maree)

Executive: Nick Ledgard, David Hewson, Marion Boyd, Chris Stewart, Darrin Woods, Jenny Ladley, James Hoban, James Kilgour, Steve Palmer.

**Moved:** *Darrin/Jenny - Passed*

**General Business:**

Grasshopper protection programme in Broad Stream: David may be able to get funding to tidy up.

WERC application

Meeting approved that WERC apply for funding of up to \$10,000 from the Canterbury Community Trust for continued wasp control at Craigieburn/Castle Hill for the summer 13/14. *Maree/Jenny - Passed*

AGM closed 1.00

M. Goldring  
Secretary

# General Meeting:

## **Wilding Control Programme 2013/14 (Darrin)**

- ♣ Revised priorities and allocate budget.
- ♣ Few stands completed:
- ♣ Elephant Hill reprioritised for DOC.
- ♣ Work to be done on Flock Hill Stream.
- ♣ Introduced a new funder – Transpower may be funding work to \$5,000
- ♣ Still about \$300,000 of unfunded work to do.
- ♣ Flock Hill - \$18,000 for disking flats themselves. \$5,000 to be used as we wish. Suggested face above Craigieburn Cutting.
- ♣ NZTA - \$5,000 of control work within 20 metres along road corridor.
- ♣ Query commercial harvesting – David talked to TransTasman Forestry – if they get more work up there will harvest Corsican.
- ♣ Shelter belt – on Craigieburn Station. TTF will do if it can be sorted.
- ♣ NZTA – use this year to tidy up, and use next year to look at shelter belt.

Costs look lower than budgeted due to the basal bark spraying. Aerial spraying cost gone up a little, but within initial estimate.

**Broad Stream Grasshopper** – no funding. Monitoring plots in there? **Nick**

### **Field Trip:**

Programme to be worked out and sent around.  
Funders to be invited, and other organisations.  
Lunch at Flock Hill

### **Sign – under way**

**Generic Safety Management system for WELRA and WERC.** – being worked on by **Ray**

**\$2,000 of Xtree** (10 x 20l containers) – some thought as to what to do, as it was a gift. (Won at Wilding Conference in Richmond)

Darrin – donate some of it to Flock Hill??

Combination – FH – 5 drums, two at a time. Keep half for selves and others.  
Aerial wandung augmented with ground based basal? Darrin.

### **Finance:**

**Accounts for payment** – Richmond conference – petrol and accommodation, payable to Ray and Maree. *David/James – Passed*

**Jenny** – Getting Angus's contribution to field trip sorted. **Maree** to email him.

### **TASKS:**

- **Jenny and Ray to meet**
- **James and Ray to meet**
- **Darrin and James and Ray forthcoming programme**
- **Letter from Ray to DOC**

- **Jocelyn, Ray and Maree to work on programme for field trip**

**Darrin – one day left of available budget.**

Ray reported about the proposal to have national strategy on wilding pines, resulting in a pool of funding available for us to draw on. Scion working with Ministry of Primary Industries.

Meeting finished at 1.40 p.m.

M. Goldring  
Secretary