

WELRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1 November 2011

Venue: Alpine Room, Lincoln University,

Present: David Hewson (ECan), Ray Goldring (Chair) , Dean Turner (DOC), Maree Goldring (Secretary) Nick Ledgard, Kelvin Taylor (Independent Environmental Contractors) , Steve Palmer (ECan), Marion Boyd.

Apologies: Mark Fraundorfer, David Morgan (LINZ) James Hoban (ECan), Chris Stewart (DOC), Dick Moore, Darrin Woods (Consultant) (Nick/Ray)

Welcome: Chair welcomed those present

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM were passed as true and correct.
(Maree/David)

Matters Arising:

1. Highway group now on mailing list
2. Charities Commission sorted - next annual report due. Financial report ready.
3. Still no response from Ngai Tahu.

Financial Report:

- Tabled.
- The ECan transactions will also be included in the spreadsheet to show total spending on operations.

Moved: accepted subject to the above addition and the bank statement (David/Ray)

Financial General:

- BDO Spicers as auditors for coming year. (Ray)
- Funding opportunities for the coming two years; Letter to LGB discussed and letters from Solid Energy or money on statement as deposited required, (Ray), plus ECan's commitment (David) for the LGB final decision to give grant.
- Flowchart for approval/payment process presented. ECan - as chart then sent to Steve for final approval.

Moved: WELRA financial control flowchart be accepted with amendment that ECan invoices be sent to Steve for final approval (David/Steve)

Chairpersons Report:

This was tabled.

Moved: That the chair report be accepted: (Nick/Maree)

Matters Arising:

Chainsaw ring barking on large D. fir seems to be successful.

How can we get commitment from DOC and ECan to remain?

Moved: we send copy of chair's report with covering letter re appreciation of contribution from these organisations, referenced back to their commitments of working with community groups. (Nick/Maree).

ECan Report - Errol Barnes (recently retired) will be completing ECan's final report - to be presented at a later stage.

Election of Officers

Chair - Ray Goldring - (Nick/Steve)

Secretary - Maree Goldring - (David/Nick)

Treasurer - James Hoban/Marion Boyd - (Ray/Nick)

Executive - Nick, Chris Stewart (DOC), Pete Wakefield, David Hewson ECan, Marion, Boyd, Jack van Berkel- subject to Jack's permission. (Ray)

Nick expressed thanks to Ray (Chair), Maree (Secretary), David, Donna, James (fundraising).

Maree thanked Dean for flexibility and work into the management of the contractors.

Meeting closed at 11.40 p.m.

Maree Goldring

Secretary

APPENDIX TO AGM

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Woods Report - Full revised report to be available in the next fortnight.

Spraying - Spray trials were discussed. Grazon formulas successful. Need to order sprays now but until funding is confirmed, difficult. Chemical can be bought now and resold if funding does not go ahead. Dean to investigate quantity once Darrin's revised report is complete. **Steve to investigate ECan's pricing re Grazon.**

Pete Raal (DOC scientist - chemical specialist) to be asked to visit and advise on best chemical use.

Purchase of Chemicals: Dean to identify areas for spraying and match to requirements of spray. David, Dean and Steve to make changes in light of Darrin's revised report. Keep to schedule as planned re David's report, but make changes with Lotteries funding. Good justification necessary.

Helicopter work - Mount Hutt has been selected. Improving delivery via booms development.

Wilding control programme - subject to Darrin's report.

Nick mentioned the need to re-treat cleared ground on Helicopter Hill until no more regrowth. Upwind side essential.

Logging Programme:

ECan consents required - wetland consideration - trees must be felled so they don't fall in wetland.

SDC - require resource consent for logging; Some larch may be left as well as a row of ponderosa to 'take all practicable steps' to reduce visual impact as per required by the SDC Resource Consent.

Contract with Hayden Trans Pacific Forestry to be finalised. **Dean to supply copy to executive.**

Grasshopper protection programme:

Implementing programme next. Pete Raal needed to advise on control methods for fine spray control, particularly on bluffs.

Ray to talk to Gerry re hedgehog control in site. Simon Morris has other areas he can show us have specific flora and fauna in area.

Cave Stream project

Section of Darren's report - Immediate Steps. - will include map.

Restoration Planting:

Nick suggested replanting with beech over a period of several years. Suggest approach organisations to offer funding such as Flock Hill Holdings.

Moved: that we have a programme for replanting 500 natives indigenous species over the next few years. (Nick/Maree) Chris and Nick to talk to DOC nursery. Ray to talk to Flock Hill.

Web Site:

Any material is appropriate to put on this. Feel free to contact Jack at University (webmaster).

Sign:

Temporary Sign to be erected for Solid Energy to erect re their work in the area. Then we should look for other possibilities re other organisation involvement.

Pamphlet:

Maree to make, email to Steve re printing.

Bird Survey - 21st- 23 November. Help needed. Contact Nick.

Selwyn/Waihora Zone Committee supports wilding control in the Waimakariri basin - send letter that WELRA supports this (4.3?) Need to establish liaison with that group. Ray to write.

Monitoring of success:

Transects count wildings within two metres each side to compare over a period of several years. Nick will put in these lines, GPS, compass bearing.

Pinox

Working with Andy McCord since 2004. Happy Grazon with closed canopy, but Pinox should be used with small trees so there is very little collateral damage to natives. Need to look at what has been done and make assessment. David keen to continue to work with this - suggest 10 hectares in an appropriate place - consult with Darrin. Take Pete Raal up to see trials from last year.

Meeting ended 1.22 p.m.

Maree Goldring

Secretary.

ACTION LIST

- **Steve** - to investigate ECan's pricing re Grazon.
- **Dean** - to supply copy of logging contract to executive.
- **Ray** - to talk to Gerry re hedgehog control in site
- **Chris/Nick** - to talk to DOC nursery re trees for site restoration.
- **Ray** - to talk to Flock Hill re funding, tree plantings & their contractor
- **Maree** - to make pamphlet and email to Steve re printing
- **Ray** - to write letter to Zone Committee supporting the project.
- **Nick** - will put in transect lines, GPS, compass bearing
- **David** - to arrange to take Pete Raal up to see spraying trials from last year.
- **Ray** - to liaise with Simon Morris re other flora/fauna protection sites
- **Ray** - to check if Jack is willing to be on the Exec Committee
- **Ray** - to write ECAN and DOC (incl report) appreciating their support
- ~~Ray - to check where SE funding is~~
- **Ray** - minutes of AGM (and other meetings) to SDC
- ~~Ray - to adjust Financial Authorisation chart to include ECAN invoices & the date~~
- **Ray** - to forward AGM minutes and chair report onto Jack for website

(NB - ~~crossed through~~ tasks have been completed.)