

WELRA MEETING ECAN CHRISTCHURCH

27th March, 2014

5 Sir William Pickering Drive, Burnside

1.0 Present: David Hewson, Jocelyn Muller, Ray Goldring, Maree Goldring

2.0 Apologies: Darrin Woods, Nick Ledgard, Chris Stewart, James Kilgour, Jenny Ladley, Steve Palmer

3.0 Minutes:-of previous meeting 17th September 2013 accepted.

Moved Jocelyn/David

4.0 Matters arising:

- ♣ 4.1 Sign - details will be available to coordinate with contractor and Ray to install it, to ensure it is in correct place.
- ♣ 4.2 Field Trip: - good feedback, weather an issue. More Zone committee members would have been good. Representative was impressed.
- ♣ 4.3 Xtree - 10 containers left. Will do a trial on fan across Lake Pearson, spray marking as well. CPIT students intending to go over to cut trees down.
- ♣ 4.4 Website - Jenny and Ray met re website and wildings by Cass River.
- ♣ 4.5 Trip with James into Flock Hill revealed increasing problems in the back areas.
- ♣ 4.6 DOC - letter and reply.
- ♣ 4.7 Broad Stream - 2 traps - one stoat caught.

5.0 Correspondence:

In

- ♣ DOC - reply - Andy Roberts supporting wilding programme.
- ♣ Auditors - signatures to progress
- ♣ Transpower - Community Care Fund - rejection for application for funding.
- ♣ ECan - Immediate Steps funding - Cave Stream face project money still to be used. Jocelyn and Ray to follow up.
- ♣ DOC - card for being finalist in 2013 award.

Out

- ♣ Letter to DOC - Ray

6.0 Finances:

6.1 Audit - query - 10% increase from last year. Some funders require auditing as well as accountant services, so we need to have both in case..

6.2 Current status:

\$67,969.90 Balance. No invoice yet from ECan for repayment. \$42,371.90 inc GST will need to be repaid to them.

Balance \$25,325.06 (including \$5,000 from Flock Hill)

Operations update as at March 2014 (James Kilgour)

- ♣ \$125,587.55 spent to date.
- ♣ \$95,599.76 MFE. \$4,590 remaining
- ♣ \$18,886.16 ECan. O K4 K1
- ♣ %11,101.63 DOC Q&A5

6.3 Accounts for payment: Darrin, and travel expenses for Goldrings for conference in Richmond. Moved Jocelyn/Maree

6.4 Next GST due - April.

6.5 Transport Agency put \$5,000 year into fund. To be spent within 20 metres of road. Ray to see James - to be done by end of June. (James Ballard OPUS). **Ray to do a map of areas to be targeted and send to David.** Potential between old environment education centre road and Cave Stream campsite.

Issues arise due to the quality of mapping received from contractors causing difficulties for the ECan GIS staff.

6.6 Future Funding/Applications:

- ♣ Pacific Development Trust funding application gone.
- ♣ ECan - \$20,000, \$10,000 of that is DOC management fee.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Flock Hill - Ray has been trying to get hold of owners of lease. Unsuccessful attempts to talk to directors. Vince Saunders put him on to Richard Hill, who was not responding either. Finally got hold of Richard last night. Outlined dire situation for funding. Need to find alternatives for funding. In 10 days time general manager coming out. **Ray asked to meet with them** - long term commitment to station? Need money from them to deal with wildings.

Wilding strategy - will help determine responsibilities for central and local government.

May need to meet with University to find out their commitment and if necessary urge them to apply for funding as well to deal with problem.

At some time will run out of money and only be supported by volunteers.

Next year will focus on blanket spraying everything, no ground contractors. (Ray).

7.2 DOC managed estate: On going. Areas around Craigieburn skifield - DOC looking at spraying trees around lodges. Also Helicopter Hill needs looking at again. Next volunteer group going into Corner Creek.

7.3 Broad Stream - 2 stoat traps are in place and being maintained by Wilderness Lodge. Need to check wilding re-infestation. **David to put a proposal and budget through.** LINZ could be approached again.

7.4 Volunteers - **Jocelyn will discuss with other ECan staff** how to support this programme beyond the current management structure. Good to get a third one. David suggested the Narnia Road where the stockyards are.

7.5 Survey Transects - Nick unavailable. Corresponding with Dwayne, and keen to get under way.

8.0 WERC

WERC - functioning. Wasp programme on hold this year. Looking at other projects. Chris Stewart working with them on these

9.0 General Business

9.1 MFE - next milestone (2) due on 22nd April. All on track

9.2 Draft Wilding Strategy out - can make comments - through as WELRA let Ray know and send through as a group submission or individual. Ray to send reminder email re that.

9.3 Long Term Strategy - blanket spraying next season and funding in other ways, meeting with Flock Hill Holdings.

9.4 Wilding Conference in Rotorua 7/8 April. Will see if Nick is going, supporting his costs. David/Jocelyn

9.5 Website - agreed that ECan will take over and Jocelyn liaise with web team manager to switch over from University of Canterbury to ECan. Jocelyn happy to manage it.

9.6 Field day - potential for another one later in year..

9.7 Zone Committee - meeting will be attended as soon as possible to outline the difficulties the wilding programme faces re funding..

9.8 Funding - David talked about ramping up the fundraising potential. This will need to be done but will wait to see what the outcome of Flock Hill meetings is.

10.0 Next meeting - end of July to strategise our profile and how to deal with the funding needed (\$1.5million.)

Meeting ended 12.55

Maree Goldring

Minute Secretary.