

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE EASTERN BAY OF ISLANDS PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
HELD AT 5.30 PM ON SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014  
AT 439 MANAWAROA RD, TE UENGA**

**PRESENT:** 20 family member groups

**In Attendance:** Terry Greening (Community Board); Ruth Marsh, Chris Richmond, and Vicky Froude (Living Waters).

**Welcome:** Charles Kelly welcomed members and visitors and expressed thanks to Philip Yates for enabling the Society to hold its AGM at 439 Manawaroa Road this year.

**Apologies:** Colin and Jenifor Maiden, Graham and Lesley Gibbs, Giles Boundy, Anthea Dunning and Grant Beck, Brothers family, Sarah Yates, William and Sarah Yates, Freddie and Pam Graham, Leo, Jill and Joanne Dixon, Barbara Waller, Kate and Bill McKenzie, Carol Muir, Fleur Corbett (Project Island Song).

**Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;**

Minutes of last year's AGM had previously been distributed to members. It was agreed that the minutes could be taken as read.

**Matters Arising:**

The Chairman invited members to raise any matters from the minutes. No issues were raised.

**Resolved:** The minutes of the 39th AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved.  
Charles Kelly / Ray Meyer

**Annual Report:**

Activities in which the Society had been active in 2013 had been outlined in the Newsletter circulated before Christmas. Committee members were thanked for their contributions to the Newsletter/Annual Report.

**Resolved:** The Annual Report be received.  
Charles Kelly /Ray Meyer

A number of items were highlighted and individual Committee members spoke to these.

**Project Strip.** John Booth reported on a recent review of Project Strip. Project Strip has now been successfully in place for four years with support from several organisations and with John Booth's monitoring and oversight. Trapper charges are to rise in 2014 and with the current very low catches it was timely to review the best use of resources for Project Strip. Specialists from NRC and DoC advise that maintaining a strategic approach to trapping with some reduction in trapping sites would be appropriate. Ongoing monitoring of traps and catches would continue with

all trapping gear left in place, and any change in the pattern of catches would trigger an immediate review. The Executive Committee had met and reviewed options for Project Strip in 2014 and agreed to recommend a reduction in trapping. A copy of the Project Strip review document prepared by John Booth will be sent to all members.

**Resolved:** Commencing 1 March 2014, trap servicing will continue 2-3 weekly at only 38 trap sites and also at additional rat traps alongside areas with high biodiversity values.

CharlesKelly/BiddyWinstone

A further review of pest activity will be undertaken 12 months following the change in trap servicing.

Charles Kelly/ David Winstone

It was noted that trap servicing will continue to require a budget of approximately \$10 000 (incl GST) in 2014. In order to maintain two years of funds available for this purpose the Executive Committee advised that a 'top-up' of the Special Purposes Fund may be required.

**Resolved:** That up to \$6000 be transferred to the Special Purposes Fund from the General Fund if required.

Charles Kelly/Ray Meyer

**Weeds.** Sandra Scowen discussed progress with weed control. Weeds are included with the Mainland Pest Control group with the NRC having funded some herbicides. An application to the Bio-condition Fund has been made for some additional funding to assist with weed removal.

Special mention was made of the work of Malcolm McKenzie, Malcolm Waller and Philip Yates in weed control. Sandra Scowen was commended for her perseverance with specific areas of weed control, such as the removal of Pampas grass from Bentzen Drive and Parekura Bay.

Individuals requiring assistance with weed control should contact Sandra Scowen.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The accounts for the financial year ended 31 October 2013 were circulated to members present and will be placed on the Society's website. Tony Beckett presented the Treasurer's report. Subscriptions were received from 44 families/individuals in 2013 and it was noted that the 'audit review' by CR Wylie had been completed.

The accounts continue to show a complete segregation of the funds available for Project Strip (Special Purposes) from those for administration or general purposes with Project Strip servicing costs in 2013 \$8700.

**Resolved:** The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2013 be received and adopted.

Tony Beckett/Charles Kelly

### **Subscriptions:**

No change in the subscription/donation was proposed for the 2014 year.

The Executive Committee believed that the subscription for the 2014 year should continue to be set at \$100.00 pa/family; \$25.00 for administrative expenses and the balance of \$75.00 qualifying as a charitable donation.

**Resolved:** The family subscription/donation for the 2014 year be \$25.00 p. a. with \$75.00 p.a. a donation to Project Strip.  
Tony Beckett /Charles Kelly

### **Election of Officers:**

Succession planning for the Society's officers and Committees is an ongoing issue. Charles Kelly as Chairperson has been in the role for three years and signalled his intent to not continue in this role into the 2015 year. Margaret Horsburgh has resigned as Secretary from 2014. Charles Kelly thanked her for the work she had done in the Secretary's role. The Treasurer and Committee members were all prepared to continue in their roles for the 2014 year and Sandra Scowen has allowed her name to go forward for the position of Secretary. No further nominations were received.

#### ***Chairman***

Margaret Horsburgh took the chair for appointment of Chairman.

**Resolved:** Charles Kelly be elected to the position of Chairman for a further year.

Margaret Horsburgh/ John Booth

#### ***Treasurer***

**Resolved:** Tony Beckett be appointed to the position of Treasurer for the 2014 year.

#### ***Secretary***

**Resolved:** Sandra Scowen be appointed to the position of Secretary for the 2014 year.

#### ***Executive Committee:***

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are automatically members of the Executive Committee. Bryn Jamieson and John Booth would continue as members.

**Resolved:** Charles Kelly, Tony Beckett, Sandra Scowen, Bryn Jamieson, John Booth to form the Executive Committee for the 2014 year.

Charles Kelly/Margaret Horsburgh

#### ***General Committee:***

**Resolved:** The General Committee would be Sarah Yates, Kate McConnell, Lesley Gibbs, Lisa Markwick, Giles Boundy, Malcolm Waller and Phillip Yates.

Charles Kelly/Margaret Horsburgh

It is recorded that Richard (Blandy) Witehira had advised that he would again be available as a Liaison committee member to represent the

Patukeha hapu and Helen Harte had also agreed to remain as a Liaison committee member to represent the Ngati Kuta hapu.

**General Business:**

John Booth asked members if they would like to receive notification of meetings and copies of the minutes of the Mainland Pest Control meetings (four times a year) – Te Tangi o te Ata or ‘Dawn Chorus’. General agreement and John will circulate. Members not wanting to receive these can ‘opt-out’.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

**Confirmed: A correct copy of the minutes**

**Chairman** ..... **Date** ..... **2015**

Following the formal part of the meeting Sandra Scowen introduced Ruth Marsh as Chairperson of ‘Living Waters’. Living Waters is one of the working groups of the Bay of Islands Maritime Park. Ruth discussed the place of the Tangatapu wetland in the context of New Zealand wetlands overall and more specifically the greater Bay of Islands area. The greater Bay of Islands area must be considered as one system.

Chris Richmond and Sandra Scowen followed Ruth’s presentation with a presentation of the vision for the restoration of the Tangatapu wetland.

Terry Greening spoke briefly on the proposed Russell Future Plan indicating the intent for a plan to be developed which included the whole Russell peninsula. This would feed into the FNDC plans.