

AGM Minutes – Sunday 31st July 2022 – 10.00am held at the Thames Sailing Club

PRESENT. There were 42 members for our AGM. List of names attached.

APOLOGIES

Bruce Bogan, Dave Nick, Trevor Johns, Phil Rowley, Mike Moore, Jim Stirling, Jeremy Spence, John Palethorpe, Stan Lowe.

Moved apologies be accepted Matt Juby second Eric Carter.

MINUTES OF 2021 AGM.

These were posted on line plus were distributed before 2022 AGM started.

MATTER ARISING FROM MINUTES .

Bruce Efford said that regarding monthly meetings minutes should be included in the news letter. Matt Juby then answered that this was bought up 2 years ago and was not from the previous years AGM.

Eric Carter confirmed it was and will look into it.

Matt moved minutes be a true and correct record. Second Eric.

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Eric Carter gave his report for the year 2022. Everyone at AGM received a copy of his report. He welcomed everybody to AGM. Thanked his committee and Ramp Wardens for their time and efforts.

Copy of speech attached.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Matt Juby presented the audited annual financial statements.

Stated we have 1285 members including 22 complimentary members. His report was given out to all that were at the meeting. Matt went through the report

Matt moved the report and accounts be accepted, Second by Rowan Christini. Report was accepted unanimously. Report attached.

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION-APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Summary of proposed changes to constitution - Document of The rules of Waikawau Boat ramp society (attached)

Matt went through all the changes in this document. moved rules to be altered Second Eric carried unanimously.

These alterations will be sent to Charitable services to see if we can get approved for charity status, IRD need notification of any changes. In the event the WBRS was closed down any reserves would go to a NZ charity.

Its the decision of committee to choose the charity.

Moved Eric second Matt carried unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER.

Eric welcomed John McEnteer. John is from local Iwi. He is CEO of Pare Hauraki - lead negotiator for Ngati Tamatera.

John spoke about himself and growing up in the district. He stated that the iwi relationship with the Waikawau Boat Ramp years ago was tense for various reasons. John was pleased to say now their relationship is good and that if Eric or Matt want to ring for any issues they are welcome at any time. With the change of local elections the situation could possibly change for the good. John said the relationships that iwi are involved with will be beneficial to Waikawau boat ramp. Eric thanked John McEnteer for coming.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT: Eric Carter - Nominated by John Sanford, second by Matt Juby

VICE PRESIDENT: JohnSanford - Nominated by Eric Carter, second by Allan Gamble

TREASURER: Matt Juby - Nominated by Eric Carter, second by John Sanford

SECRETARY: Eileen Ward - Nominated by Eric Carter, second by Bev Walker

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Bev Walker - Nominated by Eric Carter, seconded by Matt Juby

All above officers elected unopposed.

COMMITTEE :

Peter Hudson has given in his resignation today. All the rest of committee were willing to stay on again.

These are:

Rowen Christini

Greg Ward

Bill Malcolm

Bruce Bogun (co opted on liaison for trams)

Russell Waterhouse and the four above committee members were nominated by Eric Carter, second by Matt Juby

All above Committee members elected unopposed.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

1: As the boat ramp is financially strong, the committee put forward a suggestion to change the ramp fees for the next coming year to give something back to the members. Suggestion was to make the membership fee to \$50 per boat per year, \$100 for commercial boat operators, day passes stay at \$15 .

With this change, Matt is expecting membership numbers going from 1,200 to 1,500 or more.

Eric also commented on all the positive sides for this remit. Matt commented that it is unlikely to set us backwards and like to think that we would operate profitably but not to same extent.

Bruce Efford proposed to suggest that a new member pays a \$100 then the following year \$50. Like a joining fee. Matt responded that when the organisation was first set up members did pay a joining fee, that was applicable then. Changing of the fees gives members an incentive to launch boat three times, fee is paid for. In the constitution it says if you pay before the deadline you receive a discount up to 10%. Matt advised that when we are using outlets to sell our memberships that introducing a joining fee would be difficult to implement / problematic . Matt asked for any other question from floor.

Greg Nichol .Question . If club have that much money why don't you put it in to infrastructure like a 4 lane ramp. Eric replied In the Treaty settlement where our landlords are the council it's a two lane ramp. It will probably always be a two lane ramp. Has not seen a massive increase in volume at ramp. There is not room to have four lanes and it would reduce parking space. The river cannot handle more boats than it's got. Greg commented we're getting more jet skis. T hey are using the shoulder at ramp. Matt commented the committee tried to get toilets revamped last AGM but didn't pass as the floor said was council cost. We need to have council and iwi approval for anything we do.

It was asked whether the fee reduction was a trial. Eric said yes it will be reviewed every year at AGM.

Also it was raised whether the discount was necessary? Matt replied it was in our constitution to offer it.

What it does do is encourage members to pay early. Otherwise it does seem to spread out a lot through the year.

John Sanford. Supporting the remit if we don't get Charity status and we become liable for tax in the future, the increase in membership has a tax benefit. Subscriptions are tax free ,that's why we encourage everyone to become members.

Matt put forward that our membership be \$50 for standard boats \$100 for commercial boats \$15 for day passes for the coming year. Eric second the remit and it was carried unanimously.

2. In the committee elections it was brought up did we have any one amongst us who was qualified to be an honorary auditor. There were none. Matt therefore moved we continue to use Absolute Auditing again. Eric second and it was carried unanimously.

3. Floor Lloyd Downing Spoke about Lega Sea opposing the marine reserves and all the reasons why. He proposed we donate again this year \$5,000 to Lega Sea. Eric Second and it was carried unanimously.

4. Gerry. Question Did three water affect us. Eric replied nil affect at all. That is for drinking water, storm water and sewage concerns town only.

5. There was also a question around the state of the reserve -Eric replied as per usual where we have the licence to occupy on the reserve, we going to top holes up with soil, been too wet down there, plus we intend to put some mulch over the top of it and hope the grass will grow over it. Will be talking to John McEnteer about that in the near future. We are doing all the roads up again, we did the road up to toilet this year. We paid to have this done properly. John has allowed us to do pot holes and make it as safe as we can. Eric said also all that material that gets pulled out of the river has to be put back into the sea for nourishment. We have to do that, we are not even allowed a bucketful to fill pot holes or sell.

6. John Sandford asked about Honorariums. Matt replied, it was agreed at previous AGM that Honorariums up to \$8,000 be paid. Matt proposed to keep it the same. Eric seconded that. Carried unanimously.

7. Matt noted there was a member who put his apologies in, wanted know if we could have increased security by way of cameras. There have been cars broken into the last few months, plus honesty box has been targeted this year. The post by wardens area where they sell tickets has been knocked over. Mostly during week this happens when there are no wardens. Committee to look into this.

Eric asked if there were any other matters for general business?

Eric Carter thanked every for coming especially our Guest speaker John McEnteer from Pare Hauraki, fantastic to see him. Everyone to enjoy facility enjoy the food will catch everyone next year.

Meeting closed 1.23pm