

Waikawau Boat Ramp Society Inc.

AGM.21st July 2024

Thames Sailing Club, Tararu

PRESENT

A list of members is attached to this report. Total of 31.

APOLOGIES

Lynn Griffiths, Bubs Pryor, Glenn Wilson, Rob Taylor, Don Finlayson, Emily Enderina, Don Chapman, Shane Hickman, Mike Harris, Vaughan De Groen, Rob Reihana, Rodger Swanson, Joe Dennehy, Phil Pawley. Shelly Harris, Trevor Disher, Bev Walker, Bruce Bogun, Muri Paki, Lloyd Downing. Judith Howard moved apologies be accepted. Seconded by Matt Juby.

MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

Copies of 2023 AGM minutes have been sent to all members online. Copies were also available at the meeting. Matt moved minutes taken as read and passed for approval. Seconded John Sanford.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES, NIL

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Eric welcomed everyone to the AGM. He thanked the Wardens for the excellent job they do. Special thank you for retiring Wardens Terry Hawkeswood and Rowan Christini. Special mention of the extra work Rowan did with Eric down at the ramp. Rowan was on the committee for 12 years. A full copy of the President's report will be attached to these minutes.

TREASURERS REPORT

Matt Juby presented the financial statements and the Treasurers report. Full details of this report will be attached to these minutes. Matt discussed the main revenue and expense items. Matt moved the Financial Statements and the Treasurers Report be accepted. Seconded by Eric. All were in favour.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

Nominations called for Committee and Executive. All elected representatives were elected unopposed.

PRESIDENT - Eric Carter - Nominated by Matt Juby, seconded Eileen Ward.

TREASURER - Matt Juby - Nominated by John Sanford, seconded Eric Carter.

SECRETARY - Eileen Ward - Nominated by Eric Carter, seconded Russell Waterhouse.

VICEPRESIDENT - Russell Waterhouse - Nominated by Eric Carter, seconded John Sanford.

REPRESENTATIVE from Trams at Waikawau Boat Ramp. Acting as their liaison. Eric Nominated Bruce Bogun Seconded Allan Gamble.

COMMITTEE

Kirsty Behl - Nominated by Matt Juby, seconded Eric Carter

Greg Ward - Nominated Matt Juby, seconded Eric Carter

Bill Malcom - Nominated by Matt Juby seconded Eric Carter.

Trevor Disher - Nominated by Allan Gamble, seconded Matt Juby.

NB. John Sanford resigned from the Committee. Eric Carter thanked John for his five years on the committee.

AUDITOR

Matt Juby, advised we have used Absolute Auditing for the last three years. Matt moved that we retain Absolute Auditing for the following year. Eric Carter seconded that motion.

HONOURARIUMS

Matt moved the amount remain at a maximum of eight thousand dollars, seconded Eric Carter. All were in favour.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Matt recommended membership fees remain the same as last year. \$50 per annum with a \$5 discount for those who pay prior to 30th September. \$15 for day users. Many questions were asked from the floor. Eric said most of them will be answered in general business. Matt deferred the vote on membership fees until the questions were answered in general business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

TOILETS.

Eric went on to say the current toilets were dirty and disgusting. The water bore has failed. Council paying \$500 weekly for water deliveries of approximately 8 to 10 thousand litres. People were using toilets when out of order. However, there were now iron gates put in place, to lock the toilets if out of order. Matt gave out pictures of the proposed new toilets, (concept drawing) with what is planned. Two toilets which are unisex, plus one for wheelchair access and one urinal. The total cost was expected to be \$750,000. The toilets have their own filtration system. Central Government has contributed \$450,000 via grants towards the toilets.

Eric went on to say he's asking for the meeting to support a \$300,000 contribution from our society to put towards these toilets, for their benefits and many others. It is estimated that ninety-five thousand people use these toilets per year.

If toilets only cost \$700,000, the boat ramp will only have to pay \$250,000. If toilets cost \$780,000 Council would pay the extra \$30,000.

Eric went on to say it was unlikely that Council would be offered the \$450,000 again from this government if the toilet proposal did not proceed.

Matt read out what is included in the budget of the \$750,000.

1. Demolition and decommission of existing toilets. (Happen after toilets are built.)
2. Design of the wastewater disposable field system.

3. New bore
4. Site surveying
5. Geo technical investigation
6. Site establishment
7. Fencing
8. Construction and installation of the toilet facility
9. Heavy duty standard concrete walls stainless steel fittings
10. Service connections, installation of waster disposals field system
11. Land scaping planting, archaeological assessment, lwi engagement building consent, resource consent. MSQA and project manager.

Matt noted what everyone is contributing to. IWI is contributing the land, Central government put up \$450,000, the council are doing the planning for the toilets but are also responsible for the upkeep and of the toilets while it remains accessible to the public and Waikawau Boat ramp Society to contribute \$300,000.

Eric has been working with Iwi for five years and after a lengthy meeting last week with Eric and Matt, John McEnteer sent an email giving high praise to boat ramp society in what we are doing regarding help financing the new toilets.

Judith Howard asked the question is there any formal commitment from Iwi to us to continue for a length of time. In a phone call to Matt last week a member asked a similar question re any guarantee that we will still be there after the land transfers back to Iwi.

Matt replied. We don't have a guarantee. But what we have received an email from John McEnteer, documenting what we had covered in the meeting and what Iwi's expectations are. If we fund the toilets to value of \$300,000 then they are willing to change the route that comes into boat ramp from the road. John has given us approval to run the path in. Agreed to have it eight meters wide (2 lanes) and be metaled. The route will go past the metal dump, right to the river, then comes round past the container. John has acknowledged that the toilets will take a number of parking spaces, so has made provision for additional parking outside the licence to occupy area. Matt has been advised that the treaty settlement states that there will always be a boat ramp at Waikawau so the toilets will be there for future boaties.

Eric explained that the way John McEnteer was talking. We have done a great job with the river. The Awa (river) is safe, the Moana (ocean) is safe, the whenua (land) is safe.

Matt read out correspondence from members encouraging the committee to go ahead with the new toilets. The emails also praised the boat ramp society on how well we run everything.

John Sanford asked if the bore was going to be deeper. Eric replied it was going to be 80 metres deep.

Eric moved we give Council \$300,000 a donation to put toward the new toilets. This was seconded by Tim Garrett.

Matt explained to members that the \$300,000 would be a conditional donation. If they don't spend it all, it comes back to the boat ramp society. This will be done in writing with our Lawyers, the first \$450,000 spent on toilets is from the government.

John Sanford thanked Eric and Matt for all their work on this, going back as far as five years. John acknowledged the good rapport they have with Iwi. The Societies reserves are adequate to fund this donation.

Eric put it to the vote. All were in favor.

Eric thanked everyone for their support.

LICENCE PLATE RECOGNITION

A company from Auckland called Stellar will put up a camera. It's a pole in the ground and as you back down the ramp, your number plate will be photographed. The number plate will come checked to see if they are a member. If not, the person has 48 hours to pay. If not paid in the time frame, they will receive a penalty. Works the same as the road tolls. Members will be allowed to register two vehicles as long as proof of ownership. Stellar is going to take 15 percent of a day pass. It's an administration cost. Stellar gets \$6 (incl GST) for every membership fee.

Eric explained in full.

1. Live stream Camera.
2. Date you paid goes for a year. Pay same date following year.
3. Parking Ambassadors.
4. No more cash at boat ramp.

A discussion then resumed on membership fees. Eric moved that they stay the same as last year, seconded Eileen. Passed unanimously.

A member asked about rubbish bins and whether we would get them back at the reserve. A discussion was held - reasons were given absolutely no rubbish bins. The boat ramp has been litter free since they were taken away.

Eric nominated Rowan Christini for life membership of the Waikawau Boat Ramp Society in recognition of his services to the Society. Seconded Russell Waterhouse. All were in favor.

Meeting Closed 11.45 approximately