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**Minutes AFTR Committee Meeting**

**Date:- Friday 20th March 2015**

**Time:- 9.00 am start**

**Location:- 223 Taupahi Road, Turangi (Neville Young host)**. **Quorum is 5**

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| **Committee Member** | **Present** | **Apologies** | **Other** |
| Gary Brown | 🗸 |  |  |
| Warren Butterworth |  | 🗸 |  |
| Virginia Church | 🗸 |  |  |
| Sam Coxhead | 🗸 |  |  |
| Stuart Crosbie | 🗸 |  | Chair |
| Richard Kemp | 🗸 |  |  |
| Kent Price |  |  |  |
| John Toogood | 🗸 |  | Treasurer |
| Eric Wilson | 🗸 |  | Secretary |
| Neville Young | 🗸 |  |  |
| Sam Stevenson | 🗸 |  |  |
| Guests: Mark Cosgrove, Kim Turia, Michel Dedual Mark Venman, Todd Baldwin WRC, Simon Stewart. | 🗸 |  |  |
| **ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS** |
| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Content** | **Link/Action** |
| **9.00** | **1a. Apologies and Welcome****1b New member** | Sam Coxhead, Simon Stewart, Invited guests welcomed.That apology be accepted.**Proposed: Gary Brown Seconded: Virginia Church Carried:****Motion:**That Sam Coxhead be co-opted to the committee.**Proposed: Richard Kemp Seconded: Sam Stevenson Carried:** |  |
| **9.05** | **2. Simon Stewart report** | Simon Stewart gave an interim report on his research 1 year into a 3 year study.Key items of research to date:* High chlorophyl layer is just below the thermocline which is the area of greatest food richness for life in the lake. The lake water is very clear and not nutrient rich.
* Year 1 of a 3 year study has been completed.
* 50% of field work completed
* Field work has involved collecting samples, algae and zooplankton at different depths.
* Also collected are smelt, bullies and kakahi which have been kept in containers to measure nutrient excretion so as to understand the interaction between nutrient cycling and food web dynamics.
* Water quality (temperature, electrical conductivity, ph and chlorophyll a data) collected at different depths using Biofish sampling. A contribution from MRP in this section of work and from MRP financing this part of the study.

A question and answer session followed.Simon thanked for his presentation. |  |
| **10.40** | **3. Minutes of 22nd November Meeting** | **Motion:** That the 22nd November 2014 Committee Meeting minutes be confirmed **Proposed: Gary Brown Seconded: John Toogood Carried:** **Business Arising out of Minutes:*** Communications. Agreed that all would contribute to the blogs by sending articles or topics for inclusion, as the blog is in place of newsletters.
 | [Item 3](Item%203%20Minutes%2022nd%20October%202014.docx) |
| **10.50** | **4. Correspondence** | **Inwards and Outwards** **Motion:** “The Correspondence be received”**Proposed: Sam Coxhead Seconded: John Toogood Carried:**  | [Item 4](Item%204%20Correspondence.docx) |
| **11.00** | **5. Finance Report** | **Finance Report** **Motions:** * That accounts paid are approved and the Finance report received
* Accounts approved for the Annual Report
* That we now have 3 domain names for Tongariro river the third being tongariroriver.nz

**Proposed: John Toogood Seconded: Sam Stevenson Carried:** | [Item 5](Item%205%20AfTR%20Financial%20Report%20as%20at%2015%20March%20%2715%202014.xlsx) [Item 5a](Item%205a%20TRT%202014%20accounts.pdf) |
| **10.10** | **6. Annual General Meeting** | Annual meeting* 18th April 10.30 am Tongariro Lodge
* Committee to find a new President before the meeting
* Members of current Committee are willing to continue.
* Committee meeting on the 18th at another venue.
* Annual report approved.
 | [Item 6](Item%206%20Annual%20Meeting.docx)[Item 6](ANNUAL%20REPORT%20FOR%202014%20-%20Draft%202.pdf)b |
| **11.15** | **7. Membership** | Few 2015 Subs paid though only 1 blog requesting subs. To date.Secretary will email members advising AGM detail, pdf of membership form and pdf of nomination form for committee.A written copy for members without an email address to be posted. | Discussion |
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| **ISSUE FOCUS** |
| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Content** | **Link/Action** |
| **11.30** | **8. Report** | Todd Baldwin, WRC manager for Works spoke of his role with regard to the Tongariro River.* To maintain protection for Turangi to a 1:100 year flood.
* Requires all vegetation in the flood path to be less than 1.5 meters, Spraying is taking place now.
* Willow re-growth is being sprayed. Saw willow as a danger to river control through its choking of the channel.
* The absence of larger floods has enabled seedlings to establish and make removal necessary.
* Hopes to move upstream to the area of the Admirals pool to eliminate weed growth, Willows and Pines. Action is to protect the cliff face at the Cicada pool.
* Willingness to talk about the problems seen by individuals.
 | [Item 8](Item%208%20WRC%20Taupo%20Report.docx) |
| **11.45** | **9. Environment** | John with DOC is to do a helicopter survey of work still to do with pine eradication programme. Trees missed and dealing to seedlings which quickly establish. | Verbal |
| **12.15** | **Meeting closed** | Neville and Valerie May thanked for hosting the meeting |  |