

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT
10AM ON 22 JANUARY 2024 AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.**

Present: Owen Baigent
Jean Willis
Bill Cash
Ian McLeod **Left 1pm**
Guy Gardiner **Remotely**
Felix Borenstein
Carey Cudby

In Attendance:

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Lawson Davey	Field Officer Afternoon
Jacob Lucas	Field Officer
Chris Golding	DOC 11.30 am to 1 pm

1. APOLOGIES Nev Gane, Steve Holmes, Darran Kerei-Keepa (Ngai Tahu Representative, Nick King. Sebastien Den Doncker, Tom Kroos.

C1/01/24 **MOVE** **THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED**
 F Borenstein/B Cash **CARRIED**

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

No urgent business was identified. Approval of the Game Notice was brought forward to before approval of the Accounts for payment.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No change to the Annual Agenda:

Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest. No conflicts were identified.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

C2/02/24 **MOVE** **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2023 MEETING**
 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE
 MEETING.
 J Willis/F Borenstein **CARRIED**

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5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

It was noted that there has been no reply from the Whale Trail to our letter concerning the licence to occupy to cross the Fish and Game land title west of the rail tracks.

6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted. Staff were asked if the risk register was up to date and available for inspection, staff advised that it is updated as new risks are identified and is available at any time for inspection.

7. 2024 GAME NOTICE

C3/01/24 MOVE THAT THE 2024 GAME NOTICE BE APPROVED WITH NO CHANGES OTHER THAN DATES FROM THE 2023 NOTICE
G Gardiner/I McLeod CARRIED

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

C4/01/24 MOVE THAT THE DECEMBER 2023 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING \$63,666.38 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT
F Borenstein/G Gardiner CARRIED

The Financial report was tabled and noted.

9. REMUNERATION POLICY

C5/01/24 MOVE THAT THE REMUNERATION POLICY AS PROVIDED BY NZC BE ADOPTED AS THE NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY
J Willis/G Gardiner CARRIED

10. DOC Liaison

Chris Golding attended the meeting and updated the Council on various topics, including access to the Branch while logging was taking place, Councillors expressed concern that nothing tangible has come of the discussions to date for midweek access to the Branch fishery.

Bowscale Tarn access for people with mobility issues can apply to the DOC Renwick office for a permit.

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11. FISH & GAME ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGY 2023-2028

C6/01/24 MOVE THAT THE FISH & GAME ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGY 2023-2028 AS PROVIDED BY NZC BE ADOPTED AS THE NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STRATEGY 2023-2028
F Borensen/I McLeod CARRIED

This region hopes all other regions will also adopt the National Strategy.

After lunch Councillor Ian McLeod left the meeting. Due to no quorum, it was agreed that general discussion on the rest of the items of the agenda could take place and Councillors comments would be passed onto NZC on the various draft policies tabled at the meeting.

12. NZFGC – DRAFT HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES

No comments to pass on to NZC on this draft.

The question was asked does Fish & Game have insurance that covers governors?

13. NZFGC – DRAFT PREVENTION OF BULLYING & HARASSMENT POLICY AND PROCESS FOR MANAGING BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Legal advice – Good Employer Obligations - Noted

Happy with this draft.

14. NZFGC – DRAFT DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROCEDURE

Happy with this draft.

15. NZFGC – DRAFT GOVERNANCE CODE OF CONDUCT

Discussion on points 1.7, 5.2 and 7.3 were held and NZC will be asked for clarification on 5.2, and it may need to be reworded for easier understanding, it was also felt that 7.3 hinders the ability for good robust debate. This Council would like to see a second draft of this paper.

16. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The Manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

17. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair reported that he had attended the Blenheim Kids Fish Out Day on the Taylor River, and expressed his appreciation to Councillor Guy Gardiner for organizing this event which was a PR winner.

Bryce Johnson was welcome to the meeting and sat in for the rest of the meeting.

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18. NZ COUNCIL REPORT

There had been no NZ Council meeting since the last report.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to note.

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A paper that the F&G Otago Manager presented to his Council before the last elections was tabled on Number of Members on Council, the chair asked that everyone consider this as he would like to discuss it at our next meeting.
- Councillor Gardiner requested that some Council meetings this year be held in Blenheim as had happened prior to COVID, it was agreed that if a quorum could be guaranteed then this would be considered, and we would aim to hold 2 meetings a year in Blenheim.

MEETING CLOSED 2.40 pm.

Chair *O. F. Burgeni* Dated *18 - 3* 2024.