

Travis Wetland Trust

Minutes of 27th Annual General Meeting

24th October 2019

Venue: Travis Wetland Education Centre

Present: Sean Ward, Wayne Hill, Dave Evans, Joe Greenaway, Eleanor Bissell, Denise Ford, Sue Britain, John Skilton, Carol Ryan, Deidre Johns, Colin Meurk, Colleen Phillips, Bruce White, Kenny Rose, Robbie Hewson, Helen Harkess, Isabelle Newton, Bruce Craig, Tony Christan

Guest Speaker Nick Head

Apologies: Phil Teague, Grahame Bell, Tineke Witteman

Minutes of the 2018 AGM: Sean moved that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted, Sue seconded

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2018 AGM.

President's and Chairman's Report: Sean presented his report – as attached

Correspondence:

In: None

Out: None

Financial Report: Dave Evans presented an audited account of the Trust's financial position (attached). Dave moved that the accounts were a true and correct record Sean seconded. Dave noted membership income down and field guide sales had declined. Field guide is 15 years old and requires refreshing or replacing with a smart phone app. \$432 spent on workday supply (gumboots for volunteers). The Charlie Catt memorial seat was largely paid for by a \$1000 donation received for that purpose in last financial year. Trust paid for plaque and preservative oil.

Accounts for payment Denise reimbursement: \$92.79 Walking Festival BBQ, Dave reimbursements: \$143.60 Newsletter postage, \$89.35 printing brochures, \$143.75 Christchurch Community Accounting. Dave moved accounts be paid seconded by Sue.

Conservation Report: Eleanor presented – attached

Election of Officers: Sean called for any nominations to the Trust board, Bruce Craig nominated himself, Sean seconded. The standing board were nominated moved by Sean, Dave seconded. The board being: Colin Meurk, Sean Ward, Dave Evans, Denise Ford, Joe Greenaway, Phil Teague, Eleanor Bissell, Sue Britain, Deidre Johns, Wayne Hill, Carol Ryan.

Membership Levy No proposal to change membership levy left at \$10.00 waged, \$5.00 unwaged, \$15 family.

Parks Ranger Report: Big thank you everyone, thank Trust for being guardians of the park – Kay Holder passes on her thanks. Thanks to Manuka group Eleanor, Shona, Al, plus Wayne's Wednesday group. John's report is attached.

General Business

No general business

Meeting close 7.41 pm

The AGM was followed by supper and the guest speaker – Nick Head, CCC Ecologist. The Ecological Emergency declared by the Christchurch City Council

Travis Manuka Group Report – Eleanor Bissell

Throughout the year we have continued to manage the special plants plots. This involves constant clearing of exotic weeds which include seedling willows, ivy, birch & honey suckle. We have appreciated the involvement and advice of Ranger John's Technical Group which includes our super tireless advisor Colin Meurk and now we are so lucky to have Nick Head too. We value their knowledge, expertise and guidance. This area is habitat for invertebrates and is managed as 'organically' as possible.

As time permits, we endeavour to keep the four open viewing spaces along Sanctuary Villas section of the walk way in good shape. Ivy, blackberry, convolvulus, as well as other weeds continually challenge us. The plots add to the biodiversity to remind us of what the original vegetation may have been like.

We continue to work with and are ably assisted by Craig's Ideas [I H C] team with plant propagation and maintenance along the Mairehau Dunes and other areas of the Wetland.

Conservation Volunteers:

It is great to have them involved at the Wetland. They work on weed control and have planted carex at Mairehau. They have another work day planned for December. Thank you to organiser Donna; is always a fun as well as a worthwhile work time.

Wayne's Wednesday Weekly Willing Workers:

We begin fairly early and supposedly finish early p m with coffee and a recap of the day's endeavours. We are allowed a brief lunch break! Early 2017 work began on a special lizard habitat. It was inspired by the Halswell Quarry rock piles, which were replaced when this building was repaired after the quakes. Planned by Dr Colin Meurk a mounded rock habitat has been established. The back breaking part has been cheerfully managed by Ranger Kenny Rose. [We couldn't have done it without him!] He was ably assisted by Ranger Dave along with Blair & Hannah the last two being capable Summer Staff. Huge thankyou's to them as the construction involved dragging placing substantially sized heavy stumps & large logs from the beach as well as adding and stacking heavy rock also from Halswell Quarry. Kenny also sourced the amazing old totara posts! Craig's Ideas team helped with construction by adding suitable soil and watering the plants we have established. All plants have lizards in mind so provide shelter and food. Skinks have been spotted there!

The Dripping Bore has been worked on over the past year with the establishment of many small N Z plants locally uncommon due to habitat loss; once again our adviser has been expert Colin. When a bellbird is spotted bathing in the ponding part or sparrows are lined up waiting to have a turn at bathing we have our rewards. We also assist with weed control and maintenance around the Ed Centre as well as at Mairehau Rd. Big thank you's to the 'Group'. Is great to have Ranger John come along as his time allows so we can all work cooperatively and discuss what is to be done and the best methods to use.

Thank you, Ranger John, for your valuable input to our projects. You always listen and advise.