

**Minutes of the eighth Annual General Meeting of  
the Otago Natural History Trust  
held at 7.30pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2010  
at the Marjorie Barclay Theatre  
Otago Museum, Dunedin**

**1. Present**

Members: Neville Peat (acting chair), Les Cleveland (Patron), Chris Baillie (general manager Orokonui Ecosanctuary), Ralph Allen (past chair), Phillipa Wilson, Colin Campbell-Hunt, Murray Robertson, Lindsay Dunlop, Jane Higham, Alison Cree, Tony Stewart, Angus McMillan, Alyth Grant, Jean Fleming, Helen Jappy, Jean Bretherton, Jo Norfield, Dylan Norfield, John Ravenwood, Ian Sime, Janet Ledingham, Andrew Noone (chair Orokonui Ecosanctuary), Annette Riley, Ken Drew, Bruce Cathro, Alan Mark, Pat Mark, Graeme Leith, Sue Hensley, Claire Freeman, Jules Radich, Sylvia Sander.

**2. Welcome**

On behalf of the trustees Neville Peat welcomed members and called for apologies.

**3. Apologies**

Stewart Harvey, John Scandrett, Carolyn Edwards, Graeme and Judy Cook, Gaye Jamieson, Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki, Suzanne Ellison, Sue Cathro, Marie and Rob Ballagh, Joan Dutton, Billie McLeod, Lala Frazer, Scott Gray, Sue Murray - Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, Kerry O'Carroll, Suzanne Schofield and family, Tanya Tankard, Colin Weatherall, Jim Wilson, Julia Wilson.

The apologies were accepted.

**It was moved (Neville Peat/Ralph Allen) that the apologies be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Minutes of the AGM for 2009**

**It was moved (Neville Peat/Colin Campbell-Hunt) that the minutes of the seventh Annual General meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2009, be approved as a true and accurate record.**

**CARRIED**

**Matters arising.** None

## **5. Chairman's Report**

Ralph Allen presented the Chairman's Report for the year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

**It was moved (Ralph Allen/Neville Peat) that the Chairman's Report be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

Neville Peat thanked Ralph for all of his work in establishing the Ecosanctuary and expressed a wish that Ralph will continue to provide advice in the future.

Andrew Noone spoke about Orokonui Ecosanctuary Ltd (OEL), its directors, its role and the importance of attracting visitors for financial viability.

## **6. Annual Accounts**

Attendees had been provided with the audited consolidated accounts and Chris Baillie read a summary of these which had been prepared by Carolyn Edwards, director of OEL.

Total income for the year was \$2,054,508. Total expenditure was \$553,833. The Trust now has total assets valued at \$5,553,926.

**It was moved (Colin Campbell-Hunt/Kelvin Lloyd) that the Annual Accounts be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. Election of trustees.**

Three trustee positions were available for election and nominations had been received from Alyth Grant, Graeme Leith and Neville Peat. Each of these nominees spoke to the attendees about their background and involvement in the Ecosanctuary.

**It was moved (Chris Baillie/Jenny?) that these nominees be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Election of auditor.**

Neville Peat stated that Polson Higgs is our current auditor and provides good value in auditing both ONHT and OEL accounts.

**It was moved (Neville Peat/Jean Fleming) that Polson Higgs be re-appointed as auditor for 2010/2011.**

**CARRIED**

### **9. Membership Subscriptions**

Neville Peat noted that subscriptions had been unchanged for two years. He said the Trust Board had recommended the following changes:

- Individual: increase from \$25 to \$30
- Family: increase from \$35 to \$40
- Community Group: unchanged at \$55
- Corporate Group: unchanged at \$255
- Life: increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

**It was moved (Les Cleveland/Ralph Allen) that these new membership subscription levels be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

### **10. General Business**

10.1 Colin Campbell-Hunt described the new memorial prize that has been established by Otago University in memory of Diane Campbell-Hunt. The prize is for post graduate students who undertake topics related to Otago's threatened species.

10.2 Ralph Allen nominated Stewart Harvey as an honorary life member in acknowledgement of his instrumental role in establishing the Ecosanctuary – amongst other things, he has been treasurer since 2004, prepared the budgets for the feasibility study, recruited support from the Southern Trust, Otago Regional Council and other major sponsors, developed Memoranda of Understanding with NHNZ, Otago Museum and University of Otago, and has assisted with annual operating budgets.

**It was moved (Ralph Allen/Kelvin Lloyd) that Stewart Harvey be elected as an honorary life member of ONHT.**

**CARRIED**

*Kelvin Lloyd gave a slide show presentation about landscapes and native flora of Stewart Island.*

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**