

Minutes GM 19 September 2022, LV RSL, 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Blackwood, Tony Dell, Tim Lewis – Zoom, James Mackay, David Travalia, Wayne Bellette, Andrew Hood – Zoom, Norm Cribbin, Dave Long, Ian Stokes, Tony Abel, Noel Wilson, Scott Haslock, Andrew Reed, Anna Bellette, Rob Dineen, Elliott Blackwood, Steve Butler, Michael Bourne, Paul Markey, Chris Medwin, Tim Urbanc, Tom Woolley – Zoom

Apologies: Glenn Cannell, Lyndon Cubbins, Craig Granquist, David Hemmings, Damian Hingston, James Jones, Stephen Luttrell, Brian McCullagh, Doug Miller, Douglas Mosenthal, John Spencer, Martin Exel, Mark Aspinall

Minutes GM 15 August: moved Tim Urbanc, second James Mackay

Corro in:

3 membership applications, below

Information about a new round of community grants

Emails from Randall Trethewie confirming the Fergus dates and providing new access information

Email from Peter Rasmussen re the Fly Fishers Club Cane Day on Little Pine 22nd January

Planning application and plans for Little Pine boat ramp

Tim Lewis negotiations re not-for-profit access to Microsoft 365

Corro out:

Thanks to Randall

Treasurer:

Date	Description	Credit	Debit
16/09/2022	Miller shack fees	\$15.00	
16/09/2022	Refund DOJ Association fees -Blackwood		\$68.00
16/09/2022	Shack fee Blackwood	\$15.00	
12/09/2022	AURORA AC 50211584		\$169.86
7/09/2022	Dividend MYSTATE LIMITED REF: SEP22	\$51.29	
5/09/2022	R Sellers Subs	\$50.00	
1/09/2022	Audit fee-Michael J Muller		\$643.50
31/08/2022	Spencer Shack fees	\$30.00	
22/08/2022	BOC LIMITED REF: 0001859018		\$7.34
20/08/2022	Smith – raffle tickets	\$20.00	
			Access a/c \$13812.35
			Term 1 \$7123.77

Arising: nil not covered in the following reports

Membership: 3 new members:

Elliott Blackwood nom Steve Butler, second Craig Granquist;

Alex Green nom David Young, second Andrew Reed;

Sam Crow nom Chris Medwin, second Wayne Bellette.

Elliott was welcomed and presented with his badge and key and spoke briefly about his fishing background and being lured to the dark side – fly fishing – by the Bibio Wizard Butler.

Activities:

4 Springs in hand, 8 at this point, probably accommodation for more if needed.

Lake Leake 10 booked, accommodation pretty much booked out, one additional option if required – talk to Wayne.

Tie-in shaping very well, dinner option max 45 available, Jason organising a casting comp for late Saturday. Scott Haslock has received about 60 flies to date for auction of Club box of flies.

Fergus as listed, new access info will be put on website.

Bothwell lakes still a little imprecise but likely to be much as normal – keep an eye on the website.

Cane Day Little Pine 22nd January – details will be put on website.

Casting sessions to recommence 2nd week of October, new venue – details to be circulated and placed on website.

Shack reports:

Miena: Tim has organised more wood and bought some tools. Working bee and introduction set for the Tie-in date.

Sorell: curtains hung by Messrs Butler and Granquist. Steve concerned the leak/seepage issues at heater flashing and roof screws probably need a roof plumber. Some concern re door lock stiffness – Tony to follow up with Tom Woolley. Wood needed before long – Tim U has some to spare, though the other problem is lack of storage space for it.

General business:

Little Pine boat ramp and parking: Several recent discussions with Neil Morrow on this (TD, TA). The meeting agreed the plan looks good and we'll support it to the Council. With respect to parking, Neil advises the level will be raised somewhat, but strategically the ramp/jetty are doable at this point, while expansion of the parking area would raise a raft of complicated issues and requirements.

Meeting agreed this seemed the sensible approach – the art of the possible. Parking can be addressed at a later date.

River access issues: David Travalia flagged issues at Tyenna of theft and damage, as well as potential questions of biosecurity. The general tenor of the discussion was recognition of the issues, the desire of this landowner to work things out as collaboratively as possible, and discussion of potential options. The meeting recognised the danger of knock-on effects – there are some 135 farm accesses in question statewide – if simplistic and overly-prohibitive solutions were to be imposed. Discussion covered use of tools such as QR codes and cameras – as to who is accessing and when – and biosecurity measures such as foot baths, promotion of fishing hygiene as per NZ and general fishing behaviour advocacy. Neil Morrow advises IFS have a biosecurity policy which appears to focus on stock diseases, at this point. The general feeling of the meeting was that this is clearly complex, there will need to be a number of responses, but that it is extremely important for the Club – and fishers generally – to try to stay ahead of the game, assisting identify the solutions rather than simply have them imposed. Any suggestions from members will be very welcome and this could include a small working group, if there is enough interest.

Sorell WMP and Silver Plains access: the WMP process appears to have reached an impasse, stalemate between irrigators and other users. We expect more information from AAT in the near future, but it appears their position with respect to acceptable maximum drawdowns/minimum water levels has hardened. Terry Byard will be a guest in the near future, but this awaits further developments. With respect to Silver Plains, negotiations with the Conservancy people continue but access remains unavailable. There are some glimmers of positive change, as yet only that.

Donation to Auckland club: the Club has donated \$100 to assist with their losses from burglary and associated insurance issues.

Guest speaker:

Tony Dell gave a wide-ranging and comprehensive presentation on Lake Sorell, generating plenty of discussion and numerous contributions from others familiar with the lake. There is a lot to take in and rather than summarise it, the Committee will get it up on the Club website. It will be a very valuable asset for future users. It's fair to say there is a lot of interest starting to build up – many thanks, Tony.

Meeting closed approximately 9.45 pm

Next meeting 17 October, 7.30 pm.