



NZ Wilding Conifer Group

The Right Tree in the Right Place

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Wilding Conifer Group

Held at Rotorua at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology

on 26 November 2020 at 4:00pm

Present: Richard Bowman (Chair of NZWCG), Rob Young (Mackenzie Basin Wilding Trees Trust), Angela Johnston (Federated Farmers – also representing Jim Ward and Molesworth Station/ Pamu Farms), Peter Hore (Central Otago Wilding Conifer Control Group), Marcus Girvan (Boffa Miskell), Shane Grayling (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Nick Ledgard (WELRA), Craig Davey (Horizons Regional Council), Malinda Matthewson (Horizons Regional Council), Keith Briden (DOC), Sherman Smith (MPI), Kevin Gallagher (LINZ), Randall Milne (Environment Southland), Phil Murray (Central Otago Wilding Conifer Control Group), Ali Ballantine (Mid Dome Wilding Trees Trust), Ket Bradshaw (South Marlborough Landscape Restoration Trust), Darion Embling (Waikato Regional Council), Nicki Hughes (Waikato Regional Council), Benson Lockhart (Waikato Regional Council), Thomas Paul (Scion), Graeme Loh (Royal Forest and Bird Society, and ECO), Jono Underwood (Marlborough District Council), Rob Simons (Marlborough District Council), Clayson Howell (DOC), Willie Shaw (Wildlands Consulting), Don McKenzie (Northland Regional Council)

Apologies: Jim Ward (Molesworth, Pamu Farms), Hamish Roxburgh (Amuri Range Wilding Tree Trust), Graham Sullivan (Environment Canterbury), Steve Chandler (Tasman Pine / NZ Forest Owners Association), Duane Peltzer (Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research), Grant Hensman (Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group), Ray and Maree Goldring (WELRA)

Minutes recorded by: Rowan Sprague

Moved by Richard to accept apologies, **seconded** by Phil. **Passed**.

Minutes:

Item	Action Points	Timeline
1. Minutes of last year's AGM on 24 September 2019 Minutes of last year's AGM taken as read. Moved by Ali to accept meeting minutes, Seconded by Keith. Passed .		
2. Matters Arising None declared.		



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<p>3. Chairperson's report</p> <p>Richard read Chair's report (attached to these minutes)</p> <p>Moved by Richard to accept the Chair's report, Seconded by Jono. Passed.</p> <p>Ket acknowledged the great job Richard did on the TVNZ Sunday Programme about wilding pines a few weeks ago.</p>		
<p>4. Financial Report</p> <p>Kevin (NZWCG Treasurer) presented the 2019-2020 Financial Statement, noting that it did not separate out the finances of the NZ Wilding Conifer Group before and after it incorporated on 18 October 2019.</p> <p>Moved by Kevin to accept 2019-2020 Financial Statement, Seconded by Ket. Passed.</p> <p>Ali raised that we should send our invoices out earlier than last year.</p> <p>As per the NZWCG's Budget for 2020-21, It was noted that unless annual subscription fees are increased, the NZ Wilding Conifer Group will not have the funds to fulfil its tasks and role.</p>	<p>Rowan to circulate the pre- and post-incorporation financial statements to the members.</p> <p>Rowan to write a letter to all members about the annual subscription fees and will send invoices out by end of January</p>	<p>December</p> <p>January</p>
<p>5. Work Programme for 2020-2022</p> <p>The draft Work Programme for 2020-2022 was circulated with members in advance and presented at the AGM by Rowan. The members supported the priorities set out for the NZWCG, particularly with building relationships with community groups, iwi, and government agencies. The members recommended to emphasise the role the NZWCG fills in connecting research with operations and policy.</p> <p>Sherman acknowledged the two programmes (the NZWCG and the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme) working well alongside each other.</p> <p>Work Programme taken as read</p>	<p>Rowan to add in Connection to Research to Work Programme</p>	<p>December</p>
<p>6. Proposal to increase annual subscription fees</p> <p>Proposal circulated with members in advance and presented by Richard at the AGM. The role of the NZWCG has changed and grown with the</p>		



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<p>expansion of the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme, and thus the Group is seeking increased financial support from the members. The members were supportive of the proposal and members representing trusts suggested that the \$200 fee for trusts should be worded as the 'minimum contribution'. Trust members discussed whether the fee for trusts and community groups should be required instead of optional, and it was decided that the fee be kept optional, but very encouraged, for now.</p> <p>Moved by Richard to increase the annual subscription fees in the 2021-22 financial year in line with the Proposal.</p> <p>Ali amended motion that the Proposal be amended to say a minimum of \$200 is the fee for community groups and trusts, Amendment seconded by Richard.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Keith. Motion Passed.</p> <p>The NZWCG will look to secure continued contribution of \$40K for advisory support from the Governance Group of the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme.</p>	<p>Rowan will write a letter to all members advising that the annual subscription fees will increase in the 2021 financial year. The letter will describe the value which the NZWCG provides and the work we are doing.</p>	<p>December - January</p>
<p>7. Election of NZWCG representative to the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme's Governance Group</p> <p>Ali nominated Richard Bowman, Seconded by Keith. Passed.</p>	<p>Rowan to inform the National Programme that Richard has been elected as the representative of the NZWCG</p>	<p>December</p>
<p>8. Election of trust/ community group representatives the NZWCG's Management Committee</p> <p>All trust and community group members present happy with current representatives (Ket Bradshaw and Richard Bowman).</p>		
<p>9. Next Conference Location</p> <p>It was decided that Marlborough (Blenheim) will be our next conference location in September/ October 2021. Rowan will work with the South Marlborough Landscape Restoration Trust and the Marlborough Sounds Restoration Trust to start organising the 2021 conference.</p>	<p>Rowan will organise a meeting with Ket (South Marlborough Landscape Restoration Trust) and Siobain (Marlborough Sounds Trust) to discuss planning the 2021 conference.</p>	<p>December</p>



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<p>10. General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Partnership Project Fund: Ket raised a discussion about the Community Partnership Fund run by the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme. Community groups are wondering if they can apply for funding for maintenance work following currently funded projects. It was also questioned whether the National Programme could expand the scope of the funding to fund projects for more than one year and increase the amount available next year. Regional Council perspective of the CPPs is that they are a lot of work to project manage, so this needs to be passed on to the National Programme too. • National Environmental Standards-Plantation Forestry review: the Management Committee will work to be involved in the review. • Media and Comms – the members support the awareness and advocacy work of the NZWCG and emphasised the need for clear comms messaging and materials. Rowan will continue to work with the comms/ engagement lead of the National Programme to complement our respective engagement plans. • The NZWCG needs to have its own identity – the members support the NZWCG in creating its own website • Feedback on current conference – the community groups and trusts would like a way to share updates at the next conference. 	<p>Rowan to raise these points with the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme</p> <p>Management Committee will work with Te Uru Rākau on the review of the NES-PF</p>	<p>December</p>
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Meeting closed at 5:09pm